

TZHS PTSA Minutes  
Monday, November 15, 2010  
TZHS Library

Call to order 7:30pm

Motion to accept By-Laws – Kathy Mart  
Seconded – Jane Casey  
Vote: Unanimous – 11 votes

Principal's Report:

- Thank you for breakfast on Teacher Conference Day, Nov 2
- Superintendent Conference Day: New Technologies discussed – Google Earth, Docs, Movie Maker.
- Curriculum planning
- J. Amos wanted to know how PM Parent/Teacher Conferences worked for parents. Questioning if they are too random because no appointments are necessary. Parents attending confirmed that they work well. All seem to be able to fit in all teachers within the two hour time period, and that the wait on line outside the classrooms is not too long.
- Acoustic Underground. Very successful, amazing talent. It is a very entertaining evening for all – parents, teachers, students.
- College Info Night. It was a full house – plus! Four to five colleges attended to talk about various parts of the college application process. Very willing to answer questions.
- Fall Play

Asst. Principal:

- Handed out quick reference calendar of dates for Nov & Dec.
- Discussed Field trips and the necessity to make up gym even for “excused absences”
- Discussion of cell phone use and restrictions. Students suggested to request permission to use office phone instead.

Treasurer's Report:

Ideas for fundraising: Sell water at Dance Festivals and graduations. Need to look at dates for all of the dance festivals and set up a schedule. Need volunteers to sell. Need a memo to Liam about opening the concession stand and touch base with SOMS to have enough water.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes.  
Motion to approve – Mary Carley.  
Seconded – Patsy Burke

#### President's Report:

- Project Graduation: First meeting will be in early December. Any student is welcome. Student Surveys to go out in January. Donation letters to go out in February. Over Thanksgiving holiday, committee to take advantage of sales and purchase prizes while prices are good. Please send e-mail to pta membership, that ALL students are welcome to partake in planning of the event.
- Need to send reminders to all to vote.
- Nominations committee. Volunteers:
  1. Elaine Armanianco – Chair
  2. Mary Beth Carley
  3. Michelle Jones
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ (can be on executive committee)
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ (can be on executive committee)
- Founders Day. December 10<sup>th</sup> due date for nominations. Encourage students to make nominations. Suggestion to have announcement made at school. Nominations forms available on-line.
- Joe Ehrman Presentation. (Presentation on defining masculinity/femininity, acceptance of all, etc)  
Student session: 60 students attended.  
Evening session: not very well attended, approx. 20 adults attended.  
Coaches/teacher session/ working lunch with guidance: 60-70 attended.
- Heroes and Kids. 60 students applied. Starts tomorrow (Nov. 16)
- Big Brother/Sister Program. Dr. Lee @ TZE is trying to establish a mentor program for academically struggling students or even other issues. Wants to partner high school kids with TZE kids. 40 kids have volunteered – Ms. Farrish has the flyer.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Council – Discussed “Just between friends”, a Nat'l PTA Database program. Ask Ann Vaccairo Teich to come in and talk about liability to pay people to do jobs for PTA.
- Membership – Ask Jennie Benecke why staff doesn't come to meetings anymore. Perhaps is we discuss curriculum at some meetings and advertise it prior, then maybe they would be more interested in attending. Maybe if a google docs survey is done to find out why people would or wouldn't join. Advertise what PTA does and show people what we're all about.  
Also why doesn't guidance department join? Where is the partnership? PTSA supports the union, however it doesn't seem that the union (or union president) endorses the PTA.  
Maybe if we went to faculty meetings with a list of programs that we fund, volunteer for, and support, then we may get some more interest from other staff.