

**Minutes for TZHS PTSA Meeting APPROVED
September 10, 2012, TZHS Library**

1. Call to order 7:07pm
2. Introductions – New Asst Principal Richard Neidhart introduced himself, will be alternating at meetings with Mrs. Gevargis. In attendance, Maureen Aitchison, Marta Rodriquez, Evan Karzhevsky, Ron Shapiro, Jennifer Amos, Juliet Gevargis, Amy Appell, Kathy Mart, Nicole Glazer, Connie Carroll, Marybeth Carly, Colleen Meehan, Mary Paul, Denise Maguire, Anne Schlinck, Mary Ryker, Michelle Jones, Moira Byrnes, Kathy Dellacava, Elayne Armaniaco, RosemaryPitruzzella
3. Principal's report
 - School year has started out well Freshman Orientation was smooth
 - Pre—testing for Teacher's Professional review started immediately – providing the starting point for assessing teachers, and the finishing tests will be given in the spring, tracking growth and progress.. Testing will take place on at least 50% of each teachers student body (all regents students are given the pre-tests). Scheduled to be completed by 9/14, give or take a day or two, with each class having lost 1 teaching day.
 - Speaker Thomas Grimes will speak at next PTSA mtg, change of date to October 17th at 7pm, will speak on internet safety. That day is also the Sr. Picnic, Freshman Awareness day (team building activities) and Soph and Jr. testing
4. Asst. Principal's report
 - STAR is being used for the PreTest evaluations for all 9th and 10th grade students. STAR is also used for mandated Learning Center students and will hopefully be a tool that can be used to show student progress so that they can “test out” of mandated Learning Center
 - Picture Day moved to 9/19, 20, 21 Soph Ring sales days 9/12, 13, 14 It's a fundraiser for the Soph class
 - Parent Workshop for College scheduled for 9/20, 7:30pm
 - Meet the Teacher 9/27 evening
 - Club sign ups 9/28 in cafeteria hoping to get meeting dates for the year for each club and post them on the website
 - 10/11, English Honors society induction
 - 10/12 progress reports will be available
 - Teacher Mr. Robinson arranged speaker at Dominican College on 9/10/12 re: 9/11 and the role of the FAA. SS students invited.
 - Questions for administration:
 - What are enrollment #'s – Answer: approx 1160
 - PE Rubric – What is the logic behind a grade for effort in PE?
 - Voter registration and civics – are they being spoken about in SS classes?
5. Approval of Minutes from June:
Ron Shapiro made motion to accept June '12 minutes, Denise McGuire second, unanimously accepted.
Motion carried
6. Treasure's report – Kathy Mart (past) Cindy Yee (current)
See attached Proposed 2012-2013 budget
Motion to accept the proposed '12/'13 budget as presented – Ron Shapiro, seconded Amy Appel, unanimously accepted. Motion carried
7. Committee reports
 - Project Grad –Nicole Glazer video from class of '12 shown, Volunteers/Community all made great efforts to provide fun safe and well attended graduation night celebration
 - Scholarship Committee report – 46 essays rec'd, 14 scholarships of \$350 given.

8. President's report
 - Dr. Mitchell monthly meeting was postponed, Mary announced interested parties may want to attend the board mtg on 9/20. On the agenda is school start time changes. Discuss studies suggesting older students directly impact achievement. Everyone should attend, listen participate as they begin this discussion of research, as well as transportation savings. PTA will blast email about the topic
 - Discussion regarding Lenz and Lenz ensured regarding whether PTSA will hold sessions on SAT review course, awaiting facilities answer if can be held in the high school
 - Drop off in the back working better – question regarding late students, where is the drop off and when to cones in the front driveway get moved? Answer, 7:20-7:25am
 - 10/24/12 Liam Frawley asking parent support for speaker in the evening – Vicky Compton. Rockland Family Shelter presentation about abusive relationships
 - Further discussion items
 - Discussion about teacher and students attending meetings. Teachers as presenting curriculum, students to speak and ask questions on other students' behalf. PTSA needs to be more inclusive of teachers and students
 - Openings on some committees – need volunteers, particularly for June Balloons, Project Grad, Meet the teacher night, and Yankee candle fundraiser

9. New business
 - Healthy food act enacted, controls portion sizes. Lunch prices went up due to ingredients
 - Suggested topics for future meeting:
 - PTSA suggestion box for student questions/how do we bring student to the table and make sure they are validated
 - Prom, day of the week change/thoughts
 - Fence installed on the field, why? Contact facilities
 - Start times Researcher may be available as a speaker for all PTA's to sponsor
 - PTSA needs to be proactive in voicing objections to "party bus" trips as well as other illegal activities.

10. Motion to adjourn at 9:06 pm Denise McGuire motioned Marta Rodriguez seconded.

Respectfully submitted
Maureen Aitchison