

Minutes for
Tappan Zee High School PTSA
Executive Committee Meeting - TZHS Library
February 28, 2011

1. Pre - Meeting - Principal L Amos

Presented Respect & Foster Respectful Learning Environment / Character Education presentation.
Can review Character Ed Link on Website.

2. Call to Order - 7:35pm

1st Motion - Patsy Burke; 2nd Motion - Trish Bakker
Introductions made around the table because new face attending.

3. Principal's Report

- Discussion of Basketball Sectionals. Who is paying for the "Fan" busses? What budget is it coming out of? Cost? Seating? Chaperones on busses? Etc. Rosemary Pittruzella attending meeting said she would find out.
- Superintendent's Conference Day. Using new technology, Giving "SMARTBoard" Training for areas of Social Studies, Science, and TA's.
 - English Teachers to go over "CORE" standards. Aligning curriculum wi "College" and "Career Ready"
 - Math Teachers also aligning curriculum to new standards.
 - Guidance working with Naviance, trying to make college applications accepted "on-line", but challenge is: it needs to be a secure process regarding confidentiality. They are working on the program.
- Regents Week - Some regents got snow out. Rescheduled regents will be taken in the Spring.
- Discussion of SRO's role in recent under-age drinking arrests out of school. 10 Pearl River students arrested at Horse/Jockey, then TZ student arrested at different location.
 - Q: What is the SRO's role with outside infractions? Very grey area. SRO can inform child's guidance counselor of an issue, counselor can then approach student.
 - Current issues: 8th Graders hanging out at CL drinking; students congregating behind Oranetown florist and Louie's. "Packs of kids". Drugs being sold up & down Western Highway from a van. Student Drivers playing "chicken" on Erie and W.Highway.
 - Letter sent home from SOMS & CL principals about students congregating after school. Can we alert parents through PTA? Possibly meet with the Police Department and PTA Presidents? Get a letter to the editor and/or article put in the Our Town.
 - Key way to combat the issues is AWARENESS to parents and the community.

4. Assistant Principal

o Handed out calendar of dates.

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5. Approval of Minutes

1st Motion -Denise Maguire; 2nd Motion - Amy Albers

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6. Committee Reports

PTA Council:

- o Slate Wide open for new officers.

Fundraising:

- o Investigate a \$1,000 grant the Allstate offers
- o Louie's Ice Cream. Owner offered opportunity to do Monday evenings in Apr, Mayor June. PTA supplies volunteers, and an Adult Supervisor. Also would allow PTA to sell water. Louie's would donate 30% of profit for the night.
Suggestion to do it on a religion night.
Discussion about whether or not this is a good idea considering earlier discussion about students loitering around that location. However, point made the Adult supervision would be required if a fundraiser were to be scheduled. No decision made about moving forward.
- o Restaurant Dining fundraiser. T. Bakker contacted DelArte about dinner out to fundraise for scholarship, waiting to hear confirmation from the restaurant.
- o Offer Defensive Driving. District parent offered to teach class. Either Monday or Wednesday from 6pm - 9pm, or a Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Or offer a course on-line. Discussion about his asking price. Could Trish Baker ask if he would lower the cost? Possibly also offer selling a bagged lunch at a price to make more profit?

Scholarship:

- o Water/Concessions sold at the Section Basketball Games. Baked goods, hotdogs, water, etc. donated after an e-mail with a request went out. Profit approximately \$1,000.
- o Committee to sell at upcoming dance festivals.
- o As stated above, possible Dining Night Out to be scheduled.
- o Told Guidance that no money in account this year again for Guidance Awards.
- o Currently "grooming" new members
- o Sub-Committee to be formed for fundraising
- o Need to check w/ Vicki Caramante @ SOCES and also SOMS for potential donations.

Project Graduation:

- o Sent 452 letters to all HS families
- o 760 Business letters went out
- o 200 pieces of mail to send bulk
- o Last student meeting - 100 students attended! Large attendance attributed to Scholarship Facebook account that was created.
- o Art contest kicking-off for the T-shirts and program. Due Date is before next meeting:3/23
- o Comedian Booked from NY: Andy Hendrickson. Other entertainment is Jousting, human fusball, photo booth, etc.

Curriculum:

- o February 17th. D. Armananiaco handed out Minutes which are also on-line.

March 29th Speaker: Coping with depression rescheduled for.

March 12th_ Central Hudson Legislative Breakfast

March 19/20th Education Conference Lobby Day

Next Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2011