

Minutes for
Tappan Zee High School PTSA Meeting
TZHS Library - April 11, 2011

1. Call to Order - 7:39pm

2. Principal's Report

- Handed out list of up-coming dates.
- Trips leaving this week for foreign countries - Italy, France, Spain and China. Approximately 130 students traveling on school sponsored trips abroad.
- Regents Week - Some regents got snow out. Rescheduled regents will be taken in the spring.
- Mrs. Amos gave glowing reviews of the HepCat night at TZHS. Very entertaining and enjoyable. "Fun, Cool, packed with great talent. Nice mix of adults and students.
- Spanish Honor Society Induction last week.
- Heroes to Cool Kids - training tomorrow. 4/12/11
- Another program bridging HS to younger grades will be a group of students teaching five languages to 1st & 2nd graders at TZE. Group of alternating students to go to TZE 4 afternoons a week afterschool to teach 4 languages and sign language.
- Question and discussion: *Why is library closed when full classes go there to use the computers? And why is it currently being closed periods 7, 8, and 9 for Yoga classes?*
There are students who want to go to library during lunch to do work, or athletes who need to complete homework during open time during the school day because they have practice afterschool.
Mary Carley states that her daughters notices it happens often with one particular English class.
-- Why can't the class utilize the computer lab, which often appears to be empty a lot of the day?
~ -- Why can't Yoga find a more appropriate space for their class to enable students to use library?
What are other options? Where can students go?
Principal Amos states that much of the problem is that when a class comes to the library, that the librarian is teaching the visiting class and can't manage the other kids in the library at the same time. They are often unruly and loud because unfortunately some go during lunch to socialize instead of actually do work. Therefore it has become necessary to close it to other students.
Perhaps the students can go to the Learning Center.
Suggestion: Post a note on the door "*Only students doing work can enter*" to ensure the students know that only quiet study is accepted.
- Question and Clarification about receiving "Absence letters" in the mail. What do they mean? Is there any action needed? On HS website homepage is a link to "Minimum Attendance Procedures" that discusses all specifics of missing days of school, etc.
- Review of "Anxiety & Stress ..." Speaker. Many felt the speaker was vague. Sense that people wanted more definitive advice. Not much time at end for questions.
- Principal Amos reported they have found an excellent "Safety Social Network" speaker that will be speaking to students in the fall.

3. Treasurer's Report

Handed out monthly treasurer's report. Reported update on incoming Scholarship funds. Current total is \$2,924. - which includes the \$475 profit from the "Girl's Night Out" dinner held at Del' Arte Restaurant.

4. Approval of Minutes

1st Motion -Kathy Mart; 2nd Motion - Mary Beth

5. **President's Report**

Project Graduation:

- o Voted on artwork for shirts and program.
- o April 25th Posa-Posa Dinner Fundraising Night for Project Grad. To send reminders to membership via email with flyer attached.
- o June Balloon letter to go out with Parent letter, Project Grad & Prom Permission slip and rules.
- o Roseanne Clifford sent out volunteer letter to all people that expressed interest in serving.

PTA Council:

Council did not accept pending motion for SEPTA to become a committee on PTA Council.

Budget:

- o Budget Hearing - May 10th, 2011
- o Budget Vote - May 17th, 2011

2011-12 TZHS PTSA Slate:

- o Trish Bakker & Mary Paul- Co-Presidents
- o Amy Appell - Vice President
- o Connie Carroll - Vice President
- o Kathy Mary - Treasurer
- o Open - Recording Secretary
- o Laura Neuendorf - Corresponding Secretary

Motion to approve: Trish Bakker Seconded: Mary Beth Carley

Vote: Unanimous approval

6. **Committee Reports**

Scholarship:

- o 27 Essays submitted.
- o Donation letter to go out with a HS mailing as last request for donations to fund

Curriculum:

- o Topics of Discussion: 6th Math Textbook adoption; Handwriting without Tears; Orton Gillingham Reading Textbooks.

7. **Old Business**

- BLT Committee continuing to work on language for Extra Curricula Code of Conduct Book. To be included in next handbook

8.

New Business

Question on how students get onto the VAASA Club? (Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse)

Students visit schools and talk to 2nd & 3rd graders. The students get trained by Mr. Altman.

Girl Scouts will be accepting book donations on Thursday from 3pm - 6pm. |

Staff Appreciation Day is May 3rd. Looking for people to bake goods for HS staff.

- Pride Survey - discussion on how survey is supposed to be delivered. A parent reported that one teacher made students tell them what their answers were verbally instead of being written confidentially. Parent asking for clarification if this is how it should have been administered. |

Principal Amos tabulating data from the survey regarding drugs/alcohol, etc. to be reported at a later date. ~

9. **Adjournment**

Motion - Trish Bakker

Seconded - Kathy Dellacava

Next Meeting: Monday, May 12, 2011