

Minutes for
Tappan Zee High School PTSA Meetinll
TZHS Library - June 13, 2011

1. Call to Order - 7:30pm

17 members in attendance

2. Principal's Report

- Smoke Free Cars - no smoking in a car with anyone under the age of 18 - Rockland County Law.
- Science Research class will run next year for new students and classes will run for those already taking it. Will be alerting all students that class is available.
- BLT - extra curricular activity code book for non-credit bearing activities -looking at code to improve it. Will be in the handbook for the next school year.
Time commitment & priviledge to join clubs. Will be monitoring attendance on powerschool.
Accountability with coaches & cuts. Leadership accountability (captains & officers)
Why allow students to play/lead if they are not attending class?
Kids can accrue cuts quickly, what is the "magic number? Letter doesn't come until 8 absences.
Can a "pop-up" be put in attendance program that alerts parents or teacher that certain # has been reached?
Note: If lead in play can't take part - we need to start using understudies.
- As of today, text books have been handed in. Discussion: They should not have been asked for until after finals. Rosemary Pitruzzella stated the a practice was established in 2006, that books should not be asked for. Students are to be given an option to turn in or keep till after exams.
- Prom - no problems.
- Mrs. Gevargis will be returning July 1st.

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 -Jane Casey; 2nd Motion - Ann Marie Kugelman

5. President's Report

Scholarship

\$460 balance. Need to make formal presentation of the PTA ideas to PTA group at a meeting in the fall 2011.

Project Graduation:

- o Donations - \$13,000. \$3,900 expensed to date. \$1,200 coming in from June balloons. Last years number of orders was 246. This year: approx 300.
- o Bought game station (x-box). Block Buster donated 10 games & Certificates for free movie that were put in goody bag.
- o Yankee themed basket put in raffle in Denise Jensen's memory
- o Committee in "good shape" right now.

6. Discussion

- Disinfecting of gym equipment. Q: Is there a policy? A: Students are asked to clean. Sometimes they don't have time. Equipment is cleaned quarterly and at the end of the year by school staff. Suggestion: Signs should be put up in weight room and gym about cleaning equipment.
- Clarification requested for Roles & Responsibilities for club officers & advisors etc. Trying to tighten up Honor Society Community Services. Clarification: Student Organization "governs" & manages overall clubs.
- School doesn't teach "Civics". Suggestion: We should have a voter registration drive.
- AP Exam results in September. No more January Regents. This is last year for Foreign Language.
- Barbara Gould reporting on "Bully, Bullied & the Bystander" program given at Rockland BOCES. Only three staff members from SOCSD attended - disappointing.
 - o Program consisted of Verbal, Physical, Relational- teams, clubs, etc (systematic shunning). Discussed 7 kinds of bullies. Handed out copies of materials. Very important concept - "Conflict resolution is not an answer because bullying is not two way"

7. Adjourn

- o Motion made to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 19,2011