

Minutes for  
Tappan Zee High School PTSA Meeting  
TZHS Library - March 19, 2012

1. Call to Order - 7:05pm

2. Introductions

3. Principal's Report

- Principal Amos gave a brief overview on the smart board of where to locate happenings of the TZ Home Page.
- Leo's collecting books
- Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - SIT Science Engineering Expo in Westchester
- 3/31 - "Faces of Radio" Radio personalities interview other radio personalities @ TZHS  
DECA Team going to Rochester.
- WWII Speaker to sophomores re: Liberation of prisoners & giving the message of "be kind to each other". Students were mesmerized and very attentive to the speaker.
- Regarding the death of TZ student: Quincy Marie Hedges. Counseling announced on the website and was offered during winter break. It was also posted on Facebook, and other social media avenues. The services were utilized by community.
- Section basketball game. Bus with students went to the game, approx. 300 students went to Sunday's game. It was noted how well behaved the TZ attendees were. The group was accommodating to move for a man who requested the group to sit during the game. Question: were there chaperones for athletes? Yes, team coaches were their chaperones, and the cheerleader coaches were their chaperones.
- Office Hours Update: Mrs. Amos spoke to teachers. Due to the change in contract, the teachers have the choice to move hours and communicate it to the students weekly .
  - / This was a lengthy conversation with majority of attending parents not happy with hours not being set at beginning of semester. (and noted other parents not at the meeting also complaining) .
  - / Hours are open for students not in a specific teacher's class .
  - / Parents having trouble with planning for students' schedules with the new floating hours .
  - / Mrs. Amos quoted a parent who like the new system .
  - / Q: Who keeps track of hours? Are teachers completing required hours? ....
  - A: No tracking of hours, it is done on good faith by the teachers .
  - / Contract requires six hours of "Professional Responsibilities" which specifically support students. May include: updating Powerschool, returning parent phone calls, or office hours.
- Posting of grades - teachers only required to post grades at quarterly progress report time periods. Parents frustrated with "lag" time because it may not be an accurate depiction of how a student is achieving.
- Does the school do anything for the kids in the play who stay until 9-10pm each night to get their homework done? ... Students are responsible to get it done.
- A parent felt that the drug awareness assembly gave kids more info on "how to" rather than "how NOT to" do drugs. Could a notice be sent out to warn parents that the assembly will be held so they can talk to their children before the assembly is held? Perhaps have a parent or two come to the assembly so that there would be another perspective of its effectiveness?

4. Assistant Principal

- Blood Drive 3/8 was dedicated to Quincy Hedges, it was a very successful drive: over 200 pints of blood were collected.
- Kevin Kiernan did a marketing presentation. (Principals & members of cabinet) Faculty sees someone doing something kind & they recognize it.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

January Minutes approved: Motion: Michelle Jones, Seconded: Amy Appel. Motion carried.

February *Minutes* approved: *Motion*: Michelle Jones, Seconded: Amy Appel. Motion carried.

6. **President's Report**

- Need to approve nominating committee: Evan Karzhevsky, Michelle Jones, Kathy Mart, Denise MaGuire, Cindy Yee. Current by-laws require 3 board members (exec committee & committee chair) and 2 from general membership.
- Motion to amend by-laws to be 2 from the exec. Board and 3 from general membership. Motion made by: Michelle Jones, Seconded by: Mary Paul, voted on & motion carried.
- Scholarship: \$2700. So far. Selling water at all dance festivals to raise money.
- Project Grad - Donation letter went out. Received \$3,800 in donations.
- TZ Senior night at Boulder stadium - 6118. \$15. Seats & hot dog/chips/soda. We keep \$5 of ticket price.
- Oak Tree Inn - Lea Sophia jewelry party and hostess jewelry would be donated back to Project Grad to be used as raffle prizes. Will hold off planning this.
- . BLT - three groups:
  1. Looking at Honors AP - what supports the kids need.
  2. Social & emotional needs - what does school have in place?
  3. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation - what can be done to make it more effective?

Adjourn

Next meeting: May 21,2012 -7:00pm (Principal's chat scheduled for 6:00 -7:00pm)