

**Minutes for TZHS PTSA Meeting
June 10, 2013 TZHS Library**

1. Call to Order: 7:09

2. Introductions

3. IN ATTENDANCE: Maureen Aitchison, Mary Beth Carley, Jennifer Amos, Richard Neidhart, Kathy Mart, Mary Paul, Janet Dayson, Anne Schlinck, Mary Ryker, Kathy Dellacava, Gina Ironside, Denise Maguire, Elayne Armaniaco

4. Principal's Report Dr. Amos

-Academic Reception held 6/3 for Fr, Soph, and Jr's – top 20% (weighted avg) recognized for achievement. 55% attendance by Freshmen, about 50% of Soph's and Jr's. Changed from light refreshments beforehand, awards, and then dessert, to awards ceremony and then desserts afterwards

-Spring Concert was well attended and showed the many talents of the students. Question about how song selections and numbers of songs chosen to perform is chosen. Usually decided by music staff, depending on whether the students are in a class or a club.

-Sr. Awards Ceremony took place on 6/6, lively celebration and recognition for accomplishments and scholarships. Lasted approx. 2 hrs, which is shorter than in past years.

-Prom was the evening of the 6th, wonderful time was had by all as the prom itself was uneventful. Students stayed until the designated time. Discussion of concerns of what happens after the prom ensued. All ideas and proposals will be looked at early in the 2013/2014 school year, from changing the date of prom to scheduling school organized activities in order to keep the students safe. Decision making by the students after prom were surprising, esp. after the talk they attended earlier by Chris Herron, which captivated the students and was very powerful.

-Start time in the fall will be 8:15, dismissal at 3pm. Sports start time will be 3:30. Office hours will be from 3-3:30. Concern was brought up that more teachers may switch to morning office hours because of the later start time, but Dr. Amos didn't see that as something that the teachers seem to be changing. BOCES students days will be changing, earlier starting time than TZHS, but will be at the school for an add'l period during the school day, which will often times help them take courses that are required for graduation.

-Student parking privileges are being reviewed. Looking at offering parking to Seniors only due to overcrowding in the parking lot. Will examine expanding parking area, basing the parking privilege on academic performance. In addition, discussion ensued about drop off in the morning, students arriving late everyday, and the traffic that builds up at start time, which may get worse with the fall start time being 8:15. Will consult traffic advisory board for help.

-Robo calls regarding finals and regents exams. New rule this year from NYS that no phones or electronic devices are allowed on your person during the exams. Will result in a zero grade.

Question for administration:

Comment that the Sports dinner was lovely, and TZHS had an impressive 6 Journal News scholar athletes this year. Question was asked about how many total athletes are honor students? Question about example that teachers/staff are making by smoking across the street from the high school

5. Assistant Principal's Report – Mr. Neidhart

-Successful Blood Drive took place on May 31st

-Acoustic Underground performances on May 17th

- Honor Society Inductions took place throughout the month of May
- Science Research symposium on May 22nd presented student research
- Softball team reached NYS final four

6. Approval of Minutes

May minutes Mary Ryker motion to approve
 2nd Anne Schlinck

7. Treasure's Report (Mary Paul for Cindy Yee) – No changes other than Scholarship distribution

8. President's Report (Mary Paul)

- Topic of testing, APPR and teacher evals was discussed at meeting with the superintendent.
- Budget vote was successful
- Brian Culot, current Principal for CLE will be taking Lynn Gorey's position as Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the district
- Breakfast survey resulted in 20% of respondents indicating desire for breakfast to be served, which means the offering will continue.
- Presentation by Jean Thompson Grove on identifying what kind of learners our students are.
- Calendar party took place in May, there is a strong push to have all events and activities on the calendar, and try not to schedule things that conflict with other events.
- Board will be taking up a study of facilities as well as transportation study in the fall. Be aware and prepared for changes in transportation, possibly the elimination of universal busing, if approved by a vote. Also, due to recent demographic changes, a school building may be closed.

9. Committee Reports

- Membership – NONE
 - PTA Council – NONE
 - Fundraising – NONE
 - Reflections – NONE
 - Health and Safety – NONE
 - Scholarship - 10 Scholarships of \$350 each were presented by Mary Paul and Maureen Aitchison at the Sr. Academic Awards ceremony on 6/6
 - Curriculum Council – NONE
 - Founders Day – NONE
 - Technology Committee – NONE
 - BLT – Implementation of Academic resume will happen in the fall with our incoming Freshman.
 - Project Graduation – Last two fundraisers were not well attended, Pancake breakfast and Boulders game were not as successful as hoped. June balloons get delivered on 6/14, and Project Grad raffles are all set.
 - Nominating Committee – Slate for 2013/2014
- President – None
 VP – Maureen Aitchison and Anne Schlinck
 Recording Secy – Jeannie Dennehy
 Corresponding Secy – Colleen Meehan
 Treasurer – Cindy Yee

Motion to approve the 2013/2014 slate made by Kathy Mart, 2nd Denise Maguire. All in attendance voted in favor.

10. Old Business – Stop and Shop fundraiser will be looked into over the summer

10. New Business – Educating our kids on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Community wide problem, how does it get solved?

Motion to adjourn, 9:13pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Aitchison