

**Minutes for TZHS PTSA Meeting  
December 16, 2013 TZHS Library**

1. Call to Order at 7pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. In Attendance: Cindy Yee, Maureen Aitchison, Kathy Dellacava, Ellen Galanter, Kathy Mart, Nicole Glazer, Gina Ironside, Lisa Jacobs, Marcia Murray, Jeannie Dennehy, Terri Drexler, Jennifer Amos, Lingling Dong, Thom Kleiner, Lyn Folmer, Xiaojun Yuan, Kaiyuan Zhang, Mike Buchanan
4. Assistant Principal's Report – Marcia Murray
  - Upcoming Events:
    - December 18 – Winter Concert (evening event)
    - December 19 – Winter Concert for TZHS students (daytime event)
    - December 20 – ER Drill – Early Dismissal
    - January 29 to 30 – Midterms
    - January 31 – Start of New Semester
  - There was concern about the timing of the midterms after the holiday break. It was pointed out that the children will be back in school for 3 weeks before midterms start.
5. Principal's Report – Jennifer Amos
  - If Parent Teacher conferences are cancelled due to weather on 12/17 – they are looking to reschedule on 1/9/14.
  - If the NHS Society Induction Ceremony is cancelled due to weather on 12/17, they are looking to reschedule on 1/7/14.
  - The student volunteers that helped to fight the Orangeburg mountain fire will be recognized at the next Board of Education meeting.
  - The Prom is being moved to Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The prom is being backed up 1 hour, it will start at 6pm and end at 11pm. Student representatives were to attend the PTSA meeting to provide their feedback on the date of the prom. As the PTSA meeting started early only one student was able to attend. He felt, based on the feedback he has heard, that many seniors would not be in school on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, many seniors feel pressured to go to the NJ shore rather than choose alternate options.
  - Those who attend the prom are expected to attend school on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. There is thought to having a senior breakfast during the first two periods of June 10<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion regarding the actual student attendance at this breakfast. Would they prefer to stay home and sleep?
  - The tentative date for the Senior Awards ceremony is Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. In the past the Senior Award ceremony was typically held on the same day as prom. As guidance needs as much time as possible to fund the Awards, they would prefer to have the ceremony later in the week. There will be further discussion on this topic.
  - The students staged a 4<sup>th</sup> period protest in the lunch room in reaction to school not being closed during a recent snow event. When the code of conduct was explained and they were asked to sit, the students were respectful. Those who did not have lunch during this time period were encouraged to leave the lunch room and go to their classes or suffer the consequences.
  - Myth Buster* – Although reported on social media, Jennifer Amos was **not** hit by a snowball.

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6. Treasurer's Report - Cindy Yee
  - NYS PTA dues paid
  - Approximately 50 more members this year
7. Approval of November minutes
  - Motion made by Jennifer Amos and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maureen Aitchison
8. Vice Presidents Report
  - Due to the Problem Based Learning presentation, Vice Presidents report will be tabled until the January Meeting.
  - Founders Day Celebration is 2/25. Nomination forms are accessible on-line. A reminder email will be sent to the membership.
9. Committee Reports – NONE
10. Presentation by Dr. Nancy Sulla of IDE Corporation – Problem Based Learning.

Motion to adjourn – 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeannie Dennehy