

**Minutes for TZHS PTSA Meeting
February 10, 2014 TZHS Library**

1. Call to Order: 7:53, late start due to the Antiques Roadshow event
2. Welcome
3. IN ATTENDANCE: Maureen Aitchison, Jennifer Amos, Marcia Murray, Kathy Mart, Terri Drexler, Anne Schlinck, Mary Ryker, Kathy Dellacava, Nicole Glazer, Judy Hurban, Lisa Jacobs, Gina Ironside
4. Assistant Principal's Report – Ms. Murray
 - January 16th Guidance workshop for sophomore parents, well attended, discussed college planning, SAT/ACT tests and graduation requirements
 - January 24 was the end of the 2nd quarter; report cards became available on 2/7 online
 - January 26-30 midterm week, testing was smooth, but Mary Ryker brought up drop-off in the front of school only, and not by gym during midterms was not widely announced, need to send reminders out for finals and remember for next year.
 - January 31, 2nd semester began
 - February 4th 220 students took American Mathematics Competition exam. Record number of students took the test.
 - February 6th 8th grade orientation
 - February 8th All County Music festival took place
5. Principal's Report Dr. Amos
 - February 6th 8th grade orientation's format change was made. Math, English, Science and SS departments presented about differences in courses of study (Regents vs. Honor/AP). Generally well rec'd. 60% of the 8th grade families participated
 - Electricians have been in to assess power outage issue in the auditorium
 - High School TV studio is very close to completion, next month we'll visit
 - PLTW has obtained a 3-D printer
 - Senior awards have been scheduled for June 9, 2014 from 8-9am, which is the morning of prom.
6. Treasure's Report distributed, minimal changes
7. Vice President's Report (Maureen Aitchison)
 - Announced SOCES presentation on Wednesday, February 12th @ 7pm WOS School Assemblywoman Jaffee & Senator Carlucci will be attending, RSVP to stephpheffer@mac.com
 - Lobby/Legislative day in Albany takes place on March 1 & 2, and costs will be covered by our unit if anyone is interested. Registration date is by 2/14/14, any interest, email Maureen
 - Educational Equity in Rockland County – 2/28/2014, flyers distributed
 - CHR PTA Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, March 8th at 9:30am, flyer distributed
 - Janice Puder's essay was submitted on behalf of our unit for the Stanley Marcus Youth Humanitarian award, a state wide PTA scholarship.
 - Conversation on the CCLS on January 22, 2014 SOMS, about 75 in attendance, recorded presentation is on district website

- Attended Rockland County School Boards Legislative Breakfast on January 25th, advocating for reducing the amount of testing, phase in the implementation and it's link to teacher evaluations, provide add'l professional development for teachers.
- Maureen presented at 8th grade orientation to parents and students about becoming involved in the PTSA at the high school. We also provided the refreshments
- 2014/2015 District Calendar revised, copies distributed, BOE voting on this on 2/13/14
- TZHS PTSA informational flyer distributed. Members were asked to write any comments and hand back. We're working on survey questions and finalizing flyer.

8. Committee Reports

- Membership – NONE
- PTA Council – Meeting 2/3/14, postponed, Founder's day info is now on the district website, info about evening and raffles on the flyers.
- Council sponsoring 1st Annual K-12 STEAM Faire March 19, 2014 ~ 6:00 to 8:00 PM SOMS Cafeteria, flyers distributed
- Fundraising – District wide Yankees vs. Mets game on 5/12/14 Tix will go on sale at the end of February, all units are selling. Mission Patches are \$2.00, artwork by 9th grader and 4th grader
- Reflections – recognition for 2014 submissions, create a gallery in the HS for all entrants because no submission was made to NYS this year. Find out from Lenora who the 2 students who participated are.
- Health and Safety – NONE
- Scholarship - Need volunteers for Dance Festivals March 4, March 5, March 13
Scholarship Fundraiser CL Dance Festival - TZHS Gym 7-9pm March 4th
Scholarship Fundraiser TZE Dance Festival - TZHS Gym 6-8pm, March 5th
Scholarship Fundraiser WOS Dance Festival - TZHS Gym 6-8pm, March 13th
Maybe the students can sell the waters. Will email membership to get volunteers.
- Curriculum Council – NONE
- Founders Day – Takes place on February 25, 2014 Casa Mia Manor House, TZHS honoree is Mr. Carmelo Greco, foreign language teacher in the 80's and 90's. He was instrumental in formation of the Italian language program, honor society and trips to Italy. Invite sent to members and TZHS faculty and staff.
- Technology Committee – NONE
- BLT – 8th Grade orientation night format change implemented this year, artwork for next year's planner narrowed down to 6, add'l submission are coming from two other art classes. Possible new course offering in 2014/2015 in PLTW; hoping to add an aerospace course and the capstone class for PLTW.
- Project Graduation – Nicole Glazer, Antiques Roadshow made \$230. Proved successful and will schedule another session, maybe in the Fall, and maybe on a Saturday. Other fundraisers planned; Applebees flapjack breakfast on May 18th and Rockland Boulders game on June 5th. Project Grad fundraiser mailing going out next week, envelopes prepared by Jesse Kaplan students.
- Nominating Committee – need to establish what positions are open for next year, filling those positions

9. Old Business – Still awaiting updated bylaws from NYS PTA. Will distribute copies once rec'd. Teacher membership, will be discuss at council

10. New Business –DASA speaker coming to our May 6, 2014 meeting to present. Survey Monkey survey still being developed. Suggestions for survey:
What do members want from PTSA?
Suggestion to have sign up for specific tasks and times on the back of membership forms
Don't bombard new members with heavy duty responsibilities, overwhelming

Question for administration was asked about the new prom date, cost and if same sex partners needed approval. No requirement that girls wear dresses

11. Acceptance of January 2014 minutes,
Amend to reflect:
Correction of names Marta Rodriguez and Terri Drexler
By laws expiration date is 12/31/13, not 14
Motion to adjourn was at 9:03pm, not am
Items from the floor, remove the word "to" in the second to last sentence.
Kathy M. motioned, Anne S. seconded

Motion to adjourn, 9:04pm Kathy M, Kathy D. seconded

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Aitchison