

Minutes for TZHS PTSA Meeting
April 7, 2014

1. Meeting called to order: 7:30pm
2. Welcome
3. In Attendance: Jennifer Amos, Maureen Aitchison, Cindy Yee, Anne Schlinck, Mary Ryker, Kathy Dellacava, Elayne Armaniaco, Marta Rodriquez, Jeannie Dennehy
4. Assistant Principal's Report (Dr. Amos for Juliet Gevargis):
 - The quarter closed last Friday and the portal opens for the parents on April 1st
 - NYS ESL test dates: April 9, 10 & 11 & May 5, 6, 7 & 30. – 35 students will be taking this test.
 - Break is next week
 - History Honor Society Inductions are scheduled for April 23rd with Jeannine Cummins as a special guest.
 - Multicultural International Show is scheduled for April 25th. Students share food, dance, song, acting and fashion from different cultures.
 - Post-tests (vs. pre-tests) start mid-April and end in June. They count toward the grades and are tied into the professional performance review for the teachers
 - AP exams start May 5th and continue through May 16th.
5. Principal's Report – Dr. Amos
 - Update on the TV Studio: The first smart board/filming of morning announcements will begin after the break. They will start with one broadcast a week and increase the number. The students have been practicing and would like to add fun clips; pop culture; world news, etc...
 - Senior Awards is confirmed for June 9th, the morning of the Prom. Start time is 9am.
 - ESL Programing – As the ESL freshmen have been historically struggling with Global Studies there will be a change next year. If an effort to help with the culture integration, the ESL freshmen will take Economics and Issues in American Society. The objective is to give them a bigger picture of American culture and issues before introducing "global issues." They will take Global Studies as upper classmen. This only impacts the ESL students.
 - Change to Algebra: Currently, algebra is 1 year program. If the students are not successful in 8th grade they retake the course in 9th grade. In the future, if they are not successful in 8 & 9th grade they will take the course over 2 years. The first half of algebra will be spread over one full year with the second half spread over the next year. The other benefit is many times these students need academic intervention. The 2 year algebra course will have a lab. They will get 2 math credits.
 - There were a series of question on "R" rated movies. Are permissions slips required? If so, what happens when the permission slip is not signed? Do you need a permission slip to see the movie or do you need a permission to refuse to watch the movie? Dr. Amos will research.

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6. Treasurers Report:

- Membership is closed.
- Fundraising checks came in today. Yankees vs. Met raised \$890 raised for TZHS. (95 tickets were sold)
- Scholarship donations are coming in:
 - There was \$125 in PayPal.
 - Water sales raised \$333.
 - Received \$800 from class of 1982.
- Project Graduation donations are coming in:
 - \$1,000 from Allstate (Tina Sullivan). (In the past we received \$2,000 but one of the agents is no longer at the Allstate office.)
 - The Education Foundation is no longer donating as they are closing down.

7. Vice President's Report - Maureen's Aitchison:

- May 27th is the last meeting of the year.
- Dr. Mitchell will be presenting the budget at SOMS PTA Meeting on April 8th at 7pm.
- Friends for Life is having a Canine Companions presentation on April 8th
- On Tuesday, May 6th at 7pm the TZHS PTSA will sponsor Beyond Bullying: What you Need to Know About the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA). The presenter is Travis W. Jackson, M.S. Ed, Anti Bullying Coordinator – Central Hudson Region PTA.
- The Calendar Party will be held on April 29th. There was a discussion on the best night of the week for the TZHS PTSA meeting. Based on teacher feedback, Monday nights are not the best night of the week. It was agreed that we would target Thursdays for our meetings. We will be careful not to schedule the meetings on the same night as the Board of Ed meetings.
- Cindy put all of our PTA positions descriptions on the PTA website.
- A Nominating Committee as formed. Marta R. is the chair. Jeannie D. and Maureen A. are committee members. They will meet prior to the next PTA meeting.
 - Anne S. is interested in the Health & Safety and Membership committees for 2014-2015.

8. Committee Reports as provided by Maureen Aitchison:

- Membership - Closed for the year.
- PTA Council:
 - STEEM fair was a great success and pictures are on the website.
 - Council is sponsoring a SOMS meeting on the budget
- BLT :
 - A winner will be chosen for the cover of next year's student handbook.
 - May 7th is the next BLT meeting.

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- Scholarship – Cindy Yee
 - Readers are Kathy D., Gail, Dawn & Anne.
 - First meeting was last week -there are 18 submissions.
 - The next meeting is April 28th.
 - The number of scholarships will be determined by amount of contributions.
 - The theme is “Be the Change”.

Minutes:

Motion to approve made by Maureen A. and 2nd by Anne S.

Meeting adjourned at 8.51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Dennehy