

Minutes from TZHS PTSA Meeting  
October 30, 2014

- Meeting called to order: 7:33 pm
- Introductions
- In attendance: Maureen Aitchison, Anne Schlinck, Mary Ryker, Collen Meehan, Juliet Gevargis, Kathy Dellacava, Eileen Malora, Sherese Loblanco, Jennifer Sullivan, Annmarie Uhl, Gale Henry-Flynn, Barbara Sullivan, Joey Gottlieb, Qiong Li, Theresa Costello, Lisa Jacobs, Rosemary Pitruzzella.
- Annemarie Uhl – Update on the superintendent search. Three finalists were chosen and presented to the community. The board of education reviewed the information they received from the community and staff and decided not to proceed forward with a candidate. The board of education is looking to appoint an interim superintendent. A full superintendent search will begin the middle of November with new candidates presented to the board of education. They are hoping to invite the community again. A new candidate will be appointed end of April beginning of May.
- Principal's Report (Dr. Amos) – No report
- Assistant Principal's Report (Juliet Gevargis)
  - This past week has been spirit week. Student organization has been running spirit week.
  - Senior Picnic, picture and guest speaker went well.
  - The 11<sup>th</sup> graders took the PSAT the day of the senior picnic.
  - The Z Nite kickoff sold 500 tickets in advance.
  - November 6<sup>th</sup> is a blood drive.
  - November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> fall play Dracula.
  - November 7<sup>th</sup> last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Portal will be closed.
  - November 18th TZHS concert.
  - Conferences – 12/3 evening 6:00-8:00 and 12/5 day 12:00-2:00. Sign up online.
  - December 10<sup>th</sup> TZHS Winter Holiday Concert.
  - Chrome Books – The school has 280, but 212 were picked up.
  - Some members expressed conference's should be at the 10 week mark
  - Concert Choir Vienna trip- The choir was invited to Vienna to perform at St. Peter's Church. 16 students will be going the week of May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - It was discussed at BLT of possibly going to a unit lunch (entire schools has lunch at once). Administrators are exploring this option. By switching to unit lunch it may help balance classes. Some clubs may have meetings during this time. This will be a forced lunch – no classes will be offered during this time block.
  - The start time change has affected some students going to clubs if you also play a sport.
  - Every Friday for the past three weeks the announcements have been televised.
- Treasurer's Report:
  - Membership check has been sent out.

- Received the bill for the Yankee Candle fundraiser. Bill must be paid in full by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  
- Acceptance of September 23, 2014 Meeting minutes
  - Motion made by Mary Ryker 2nd by Colleen Meehan.
  
- VP Report – Maureen Aitchinson
  - Superintendent has posted a health watch link on the district website.
  - The State Department of Education sent district superintendents a memo on Smart Snacks Standards and Fundraisers. Healthy foods during school hours. No fundraising of sugary snacks during school hours.
  - Coaches summit November 3<sup>rd</sup> Mental Toughness.
  
  - Dr. Mitchell will be transitioning the new superintendent end of October.
  - October 6, 2014 PTA council meets.
  - There were some busing issues the beginning of school.
  - The daily announcements keeps parents updated of what is going on at the school.
  - Central Hudson PTA conference is scheduled for October 2, 2014. If anyone is interested in attending let Maureen know.
  - Farewell party for Dr. Mitchell is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> at the 76 House. Information will be on the website.
  
- Committee Reports:
  - Project Graduation – The first student meeting is in December.
  - Membership – The PTSA has 181 members – 49 students, 25 teachers, and 107 parents. The advisors encourage students to join. You can access a membership form from the district home page or sign up on the website.
  - Fundraising The Yankee Candle fundraiser orders have been delivered. Online ordering is open until January 15, 2015. Three online orders and eleven paper orders made a profit of \$399.60.
  - Gale will be stepping down from fundraising.
  - Gale gave the Yankee Candle bill to Barbara Sullivan which must be paid in full by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - PTA Council- Dr. Culot presented on Mind Set which focused on the elementary grade level. Founder’s Day is in February. Someone is needed to organize We the People. STEAM Expo.
  - Reflections – Topic - “The World Would Be a Better place If...” . Six students are registered.
  - Scholarship – At the football game a 50/50 raffle was held – made \$66.00 for the scholarship fund. Looking into selling the rubber bracelets and the dance festivals.
  - Wellness – No wellness report.

- Curriculum Council – Four meetings have been scheduled for the school year – October, January, February and May. The meeting minutes from the May 2014 were approved. Discussed the long range education plan. 3D printer. STAR lab curriculum. Mrs. Tesik spoke about Social Studies textbooks. There was discussion about offering the music program to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.
  - BLT – Has not met yet. There is a rep from each grade and an alternate.
  - Technology – Building a media lab in the library – there will be 28 pc's – the library will still be open. TZHS has chrome books and Dell. 7-10% of the lap tops get broken during the school year. 3D printing will be done with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders during an explorer cycle. STEAM fair in March. A technology survey will be available for students, teachers, and parents. This will determine the direction taken in the district for technology. The district is in the process of redesigning the website which will be done in house. The site will be more cohesive and modern.
  - Founders Day – Date is February 24, 2015
  - Nominating –
- Meeting adjourned: 9:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Sullivan