

Minutes from TZHS PTSA Meeting
December 11, 2014

- Meeting called to order: 8:10 pm
- Introductions
- In attendance: Maureen Aitchison, Rosemary Pitruzella, Jennifer Amos, Mary Ryker, Colleen Meehan, Mary Paul, Jennifer Sullivan, Barbara Sullivan, Lisa Jacobs, Theresa Costello.
- Principal's Report (Dr. Amos)
 - 371 parents signed up for conferences about 33% of the total student population. It was reported that online conference sign up was easy. Some parents felt conferences should be held closer to the end of the first quarter.
 - The Italian Honor Society had their induction.
 - The national Honor Society induction is scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2014.
 - In school winter concert is Thursday, December 18, 2014.
 - The board of education president will be speaking at the school board meeting Thursday, December 18, 2014.
 - Friday, December 19, 2014 progress reports will be available.
 - Guidance workshop-college testing is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 8:15 a.m. in room 951.
 - Midterm exam week is January 26th-29th.
 - The Vienna trip scheduled in May/June has been cancelled due to lack of interest.
- Treasurer's Report – Barbara Sullivan
 - Nothing new.
- Acceptance of October 30, 2014 Meeting minutes
 - Motion made by Maureen Aitchison 2nd by Theresa Costello and Barbara Sullivan.
- President's Report – Maureen Aitchison
 - Presidents/ Superintendent meeting December 17, 2014. Dr. Mitchell and Mr. LeFevre (appointed as interim superintendent) will be at the meeting. December 18, 2014 is the last Board of Education meeting for Dr. Mitchell – PTA units are asked to attend.
 - TZHS is presenting on 21st century learning and how it's implemented at the High School.
 - Commissioner King resigned from the NYSED.

- Committee Reports:
 - Project Graduation – The first student meeting was held December 9th to go over logistics of the event and brainstorm for possible additional fundraisers. Students showed interest in adding a Mets/Yankees game fundraiser and also having a car wash. Students will put updates on senior class facebook page regarding upcoming fundraisers and meeting dates. Nicole is looking for a new committee member to take over the five (possibly 6) fundraisers for the year: antiques road show, modell's coupons (going on now – see coupon in district newsletter – Mary Paul gave coupons out at the meeting), lia sophia raffle tickets, June balloons , Applebee's breakfast and possibly a psychic medium gallery reading. If anyone is interested, they can call Nicole at 845-641-1054 or email at projectgrad@tzhpspta.org. The senior input surveys will be distributed after the winter break to get feedback on the entertainment and goody bag choices from the students. More people are needed to help out. The next meeting will be in early February.
 - Membership – Anne Schlinck - No change in membership numbers are the same.
 - Fundraising - Gale Henry Flynn – Yankee game tickets are being offered for the spring.
 - Red & White Club – Mary Paul – They provide guest speakers for all students, donate to project graduation and purchase needed items for sports teams.
 - PTA Council- Theresa Costello – Working on getting SOCSO to update and add some resources info to the Special Ed web page. Also, info from Nathan Kline Institute on their various studies should be promoted by PTA's and more prominently by SOCSO (info listed with all the flyers). Next meeting is January 12th and it was suggested this might be a good date for the BOE retreat since it's already on our schedules. If this works, I would like to move our meeting to 7:00, meet for 45 minutes, and have the BOE in at 7:45. BOE retreat at SOMS, date to be determined.
 - Reflections – Lenora Mesibov – Work submitted by the deadline – winners will be announced next month.
 - Scholarship –
 - Wellness –
 - Curriculum Council – Qiong Li
 - BLT – Maureen Aitchison – New course Oceanography. Waiting for approval ½ year course ½ credit.
 - Technology – Joe Gottlieb - No meeting
 - Founders Day – Date is February 24, 2015. Deadline is December 17, 2014 – may be extended.
 - Nominating – Think about positions for next year. Mary Ryker will be on nominating committee.
- Meeting adjourned: 8:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Sullivan

