

Minutes from TZHS PTSA Meeting  
June 11, 2015, approved 10/29/15

- Meeting called to order: 7:35 pm

In attendance: Jennifer Amos, Rich Neidhart, Maureen Aitchison, Mary Paul, Jennifer Sullivan, Eileen Malora, Ellen Galanter, Kathy Dellacava, Anna Spano, Joey Gottlieb, Christine Brew-Mitchell, Christine Cusack, Jeannie Dennehy, Barbara Sullivan, Colleen Meehan, Kathy Mart, Mary Ryker, Sherese Loblanco, Qiong Li, Rosemary Pitruzella, Lisa Jacobs

- Principal's Report (Dr. Jennifer Amos)
  - Auditorium sound system – Joe Gottlieb worked with the students teaching them how to fix the system. Joe's goal was to teach the students how to fix the equipment. No money was spent to repair the sound system.
  - Online classes – Twelve students per semester can take online classes. The two classes being offered are Personal Finance and Health (The TZ health teacher teaches the Health course).
  - Computer lab is in the Media Center.
  - The Library is being redesigned. The furniture and book cases are being replaced. The work will be completed by the time school starts in September.
- Assistant Principal's Report (Rich Neidhart)
  - The Spring concert was a success.
  - Record number of students scored a 100 on their piece at NYSSMA.
  - Science Symposium went well.
  - Academic Reception went well.
  - Senior reception – Former students spoke to seniors.
  - Senior awards went well
  - The Prom – All had a good time. Attendance the next day was not 100%, but not seeing the low attendance from years ago when the Prom was on a Friday. The staff from Rockleigh commented on the appropriate behavior of the students.
- Treasurer's Report – Barbara Sullivan
  - Assemblies – Keep at \$3,000
  - Administrative -
    - Paper/stamps/supplies - \$550.00
    - Meet the teacher - \$100.00
    - Hospitality - \$350.00
  - Fees
    - PTA council dues - \$700.00
    - PayPal fee - \$100.00
    - NYS PTA insurance - \$235.00
  - Contributions
    - Yearbook (Half Moon) - \$175.00
    - Project graduation gift - \$300.00

- Scholarship - \$350.00
  - Leadership Training - \$500.00
  - Programs/Activities
    - Staff Recognition/Staff Appreciation Day - \$400.00
    - Founder's Day - \$150.00
    - Reflections \$150.00
  - Council Initiatives - \$50.00
  - Special Programs - \$450.00
  - Cards/Gifts/ Memorials - \$150.00
- Mary Paul made the first motion to approve the budget as proposed and Colleen Meehan second the motion
- Acceptance of April's minutes – Maureen Aitchison made the first motion to approve April's minutes and Kathy Dellacava second the motion.
- Acceptance of May's minutes – Ellen Galanter made the first motion to approve May's minutes and Mary Paul second the motion.
- President's Report – Maureen Aitchison
  - Thank you to the scholarship committee for their outstanding work. Gale, Kathy, and Dawn did an outstanding job this year.
  - Meeting dates for 2015-2016 are 10/1/15, 10/29/15, 12/10/15, 1/7/16, 2/18/16, 3/17/16, 4/19/16, 5/12/16, and 6/9/16. Some of these meetings are joint with council.
  - Open positions for 2015-2016 – Scholarship, fundraising, and nominating.
- Nominating
  - President – Maureen Aitchison
  - First Vice President – Jeannie Dennehy
  - Second Vice President – Eileen Malora
  - Treasurer – Barbara Sullivan
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Presented the slate for 2015-2016 to PTSA on 6/11/2015. Mary Paul made the first motion to approve slate and Colleen Meehan second the motion.
- Insurance premium paid for 2015-2016
  - Committee Reports:
    - Project Graduation – Nicole Glazer
    - The Applebee's Breakfast fundraiser and Lia Sophia raffle tickets were a huge success bringing in over \$1,500.
    - The Town of Orangetown approved the grant for Project Graduation 2015 for \$1,500.
    - June Balloons sales are going well. Balloons are scheduled to be delivered on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Roseanne Clifford or Jeannie Irizzary if you are interested in volunteering to help arrange the balloon bouquets or deliver them. They need people between 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm at SOMS. Christine Shin is collecting all the

orders – they could be ordered through June 12<sup>th</sup>. Forms can be found in the district eblast.

- Senior permission slip mailing for Project Graduation went out in late May. Amy Rosenthal at the High School is collecting permission slips and checks from seniors. So far they have a nice response. The deadline is June 12<sup>th</sup>. Still need volunteers for the late night shifts.
- Membership – Anne Schlinck returned extra membership cards and made final 2014-2015 payment. Sheresse Loblanco will be our membership chair for 2015-2016.
- Fundraising - Need chairperson next year for Yankee Candle – Gale has the information.
- Red & White Club
- PTA Council- Theresa Costello – budget passed and Ken Malpeli was elected as new BOE member. Council hosted installation/celebrations for incoming committee members and outgoing members.
- Reflections
- Scholarship – Ten scholarships of \$350.00 each were awarded at the Senior Awards ceremony June 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank to Gale, Dawn and Kathy for working to make this successful. Kathy Mart thanked the PTSA for her son’s scholarship.
- Wellness – Maureen Aitchison – Lori Gallo will be the high school rep on the committee for 2015/2016. Better meals will offered to staff and coffee will be available for students to purchase. See Wellness Committee minutes for discussion items. Next meeting is October 2015.
- Curriculum Council –Qiong Li – had meeting 5/21/2015. Discussed the two online courses Personal Finance and Health
- BLT – Maureen Aitchison –May 19, 2015 last meeting.
- Alexandra Medina’s artwork was chosen by the students.
- Proposed changes to graduation program.
  1. Replace asterisks designation Honor Roll status with a comment about significance of gold and silver cords.
  2. Remove insignia denoting Regents diploma because all general education students must earn a Regents diploma to graduate.
  3. Limit reporting of scholarships awarded to individual students to only the college the students plans to attend.
- Food Services – Options in the cafeteria – New items will be available for staff. Students want vegetarian items available to them.
- Technology – Joey Gottlieb – District technology plan and goals will be released on the website.

○ Nominating Committee –

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- Old Business – Follow up discussion from drug panel presentation. Will have a parent on the panel who is dealing with a drug problem with in their home.
- New Business – Suggested topics/issues wanting to be addressed next year.

Next meeting: October 1, 2015 at 7:30 pm

- Meeting adjourned: 8:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Sullivan