

Minutes from TZHS PTSA Meeting
December 10, 2015

- Meeting called to order: 8:05 pm

In attendance: Maureen Aitchison, Colleen Meehan, Jennifer Sullivan, Eileen Malora, Jennifer Amos, Leah Akdemir, Ellen Galanter, Rosemary Pitruzella, Juliet Gevargis, Jeannie Dennehy.

Principal's Report (Dr. Jennifer Amos)

- Presentation to the Board of Education – How the high school is progressing on fostering a respectful learning environment, the recording is on the school website.
- Thank you to Maureen Aitchison for scheduling the presentation. The school resource officer (SRO) Police Officer TJ Hutmacher attended the presentation and community members were able to meet him. He is building a relationship with the students and doing a great job.
- The library opened December 7, 2015
- Course work proposals coming soon.
- Professional Development Days (PD days) – During PD days teachers at the high school will be scheduled for different workshops and trainings. Teachers can go to any workshop. - SOCASA/Wellcore will be providing 8 hours of mental health awareness training and some of the high school teachers will be running different workshops.

- Assistant Principal's Report (Juliet Gevargis)

- At the November 19th Board of Education meeting spoke about the goals of respect and responsibility.
- December 8th was the first project graduation meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2016.
- Senior survey will be done December 21st through January 6th during English classes.
- Fall play November 6th and 7th.
- Tuesday, December 15th is the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.
- Tuesday, December 22nd is the winter concert.
- School is closed December 24th – January 3rd.
- Next PTSA meeting is January 7, 2016 7:30 pm in the library.

- Treasurer's Report – Barbara Sullivan

- Acceptance of October's minutes – Colleen Meehan made motion to accept October's minutes and Juliet Gevargis second the motion.

- President's Report – Maureen Aitchison

- Drug panel presentation/forum Follow –Up took place on November 30, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the HS library. It was a very successful presentation about 25 people

attended. Looking forward to planning another meeting in spring 2016. Wellcore is having a presentation The Perfect Storm on January 20, 2016.

- Announcements update – you must sign up for the daily announcements at TZHS announcements link. The weekly district wide e –blasts have resumed. If the PTSA wants anything e-blasted, still go through Terry Camapanella, who will have it approved and added to the e-blast.
 - The district is planning a communication audit. They will be looking for parents to participate in focus groups to discuss their experience with overall communication issues at the HS.
 - A platform is needed to rebuild in the school website as stated by Rosemary Pitruzella. Dr. Pritchard and Terry Camapnella want input from the community.
 - Peer Leaders have met with Rich Neidhart and have a January meeting to continue the program for the students.
 - Additional assistance and support for HS students continues to be monitored. An event is scheduled for December 10th at the Orangeburg library which was announced via e-blast. Maureen has asked Dr. Pritchard and Dr. Amos to keep this a priority since fostering a respectful learning environment is the district focus.
 - The HS presentation is on their homepage.
 - Donation to the Tappan Fire House in memory of Lenny Sullivan.
- Committee Reports:
 - Project Graduation – Nicole Glazer
Rescheduled the intuitive medium fundraiser for Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 7-9 pm in the HS cafeteria. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. This is open to the public. A flyer was available at the meeting. First student meeting was December 8th. They discussed the logistics of the night and asked the students to think about what fundraisers they may like to run this year. The entertainment surveys will be handed out in English classes December 21st-January 6th. The results will be tabulated and discussed at the next meeting February 4th.
 - Membership – Sherese Loblanco – 205 total members.
 - Fundraising - Yankee game in April 2016.
 - PTA Council- Theresa Costello – Dr. Culot attended Council PTA meeting November 9th. He presented the updated curriculum maps, which all were glad to learn about; and on work the district is doing - “All Kinds of Minds”. December meeting cancelled. Important upcoming dates for council are We the People – A Multi Cultural Festival – March 12th 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. In order to know if whether we can run the event, we need confirmation by December 31st from any country participating. Please email your name, email, home and cell numbers to Vicki Caramante at mvccaramante@msn.com if you wish to participate. STEAM Expo – March 16th, Founders Day Dinner - April 6th, Staff Appreciation Day - May 3rd, BOE Candidates Forum if necessary – May 4th, Installations/Celebrations – June 13th. Next Council PTA meeting is January 11, 2016. The HS has an opening for one additional rep on council.

- Reflections – Lenora Mesibov – Submissions were sent to NYS PTA for judging.
- Scholarship – Dawn Haughey –First meeting will be in January. Volunteer names from membership forms were sent to Dawn.
- Wellness – Lori Gallo – No meeting.
- Curriculum Council –Qiong Li – No meeting.
- BLT – Maureen Aitchison –Student code of conduct. Student achievements in and out of school. Fostering a respectful learning environment. A student will be joining the BLT. December meeting was cancelled, next meeting in January.
- Technology – Joey Gottlieb –
- Nominating Committee - The purpose of the nomination committee is to recognize and seek qualified nominees for the elected leadership of the PTA/PTSA. The nomination committee members have the responsibility of bringing forward the name of the most eligible person for each elected position. In considering which PTA members are the best qualified to serve in the officer positions, the nomination committee must evaluate each nominee fair, ethical, and impartial judgment based on the nominee’s skills, qualifications, and the level of priority and commitment in the best interest of the PTA/PTSA unit. Open positions for next year are President, 2 VP’s, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Jeannie Dennehy volunteered to be on the nominating committee.
- February 3rd is 8th grade orientation may try to recruit people.

From TZHS PTSA Bylaws: Section 3. Nominating Committee

(17) a. There shall be a nominating committee consisting of 5 members, 2 of whom shall be elected by the executive board from its body, and 3 who shall not be members of the executive board, elected by the association at a regular meeting of the association at least sixty (60) days prior to the election meeting. The committee shall elect its chair.

b. The nominating committee shall nominate one person for each office to be filled.

c. Members of the nominating committee may be nominees for office without resigning from the committee.

d. Only those persons who have consented to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office.

(18) # e. The nominating committee shall present its report at the regular meeting or the association in

June at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

f. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the written consent of the nominee has been secured and the chair of the nominating committee has received notice at least two business days prior to the election meeting of the candidate's intention to run.

5 VOLUNTEERS FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE?

- Old Business –
- New Business –
 - Some help is needed this Friday night at the SOCES PTA Family event for Foul Shooting contest keeping the kids in groups. If any students need community service, they can contact Dina Wolleben at dinawolleben21@gmail.com.
 - Traffic concerns outside the HS were brought up to the SRO Police Officer TJ Hutmacher. He discussed with Sgt. Anthony Palazolo, who is a member of the Traffic Advisory Board, recommended that the traffic concerns be brought up before the board at its next meeting January 5, 2016 at 10:30 am. In the meantime they will be compiling data regarding traffic accidents which have occurred during peak hours that we have mentioned as well reminding the patrol squads about the congestion issue and ask them to monitor the situation when possible. The Police Department will then formally address the issue after receiving a recommendation from the T.A.B. as we do with all complaints regarding traffic concerns.
 - Rosemary Pitruzella – Who Controls Public Education – Save the date. A meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2016 at Monroe Woodbury High School at 7:00 pm. Snow date is January 7, 2016.

Next meeting: January 7, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

- Meeting adjourned: 9:05 pm – Colleen Meehan made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Eileen Malora second the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Sullivan