

Minutes from TZHS PTSA Meeting
March 17, 2016

- Meeting called to order: 7:33 pm

In Attendance: Maureen Aitchison, Jennifer Sullivan, Ellen Galanter, Juliet Gevargis, Leah Akdemir, Joey Gottlieb, Orli Lrgang, Kei Goto, Angeline Vaserman, Alice Pullano, Rosemary Pitruzella, Julie Raneir, Lori Gallo, Helena Bardusco, Eileen Malora, Theresa Costello.

- Principal's Report (Dr. Jennifer Amos)
- Assistant Principal's Report (Juliet Gevargis) – New course proposal – AP Computer Science Principles. The Maker Faire was well attended. Last week's play went very well. On 3/16/2016 forty six students left for Italy and on 3/17/2016 thirty two students left for France. Mu Fest has been moved to the band room this year – students can go during open time or during their math class. Spring Recess is next week 3/21/2016-3/29/2016. April 1st Hepcat 7:00 pm in the library, April 8th 3rd quartet ends – report cards available one week later, 4/13 Spanish Honor Society Induction 7:00 pm in the auditorium, 4/14/ French honor Society Induction 7:30 pm in the library, 4/15/ Multi-Cultural Show 5:00-9:00 pm in the cafeteria and 4/20 History Honor Society Induction 7:30 pm in the auditorium.
- Rosemary Pitruzella – Went to the Legislative breakfast on March 5th. A representative from NYSED spoke about the testing and common core standards. Working on rectifying parental and education input. Questar the testing company uses teachers from the area to participate with the test questions. A representative spoke about full day kindergarten, there are currently only nine districts in NYS that have full day kindergarten and two of them are in Rockland County (North Rockland and East Ramapo). By five years old children must attend school. Once the state budget is past then it goes to the district. Rosemary Pitruzella said the preliminary budget may be up on the district website; Dr Pritchard will be doing a budget presentation. The question about the decreasing demographics was asked; Rosemary Pitruzella said the demographics are decreasing, but not enough to lose sections. The decrease is not in any specific grade. State aid is down due to student decrease. Parents are urged to call Senator Carlucci and Assembly member Jaffe and tell them to please give public education the constitutional right.
- Treasurer's Report – An updated 2015-2016 budget report as of 3/17/2016 was available. Maureen Aitchison made the motion to reinstate Barbara Sullivan as treasurer and Helena Bardusco second the motion.

- Acceptance of February's minutes – Maureen Aitchison made motion to accept February's minutes and Ellen Galanter second the motion.
- President's Report – Maureen Aitchison – Calendar meeting 4/26, need a volunteer to plan for next year's meeting dates. Staff Appreciation day is 5/3, need coordinator – list of volunteer bakers/set up and clean up is available from membership list. The Jimmy Hauburger Memorial Scholarship – starting with the class of 2016 – deadline for nominating a student for the 2016 scholarship is May 15, 2016. Resource and Transition Fair Friday, April 15, 2016 9:30 am-2:00 pm RCC Field House. Legacy X community service. The Yankee game is May 7th.

- **Committee Reports:**

- Project Graduation – Nicole Glazer – T-shirt design is awaiting approval and program design is underway through the art department teachers. We will be selling raffle tickets at the Orangetown Shopping Center – dates and times are as follows Saturday, April 16th 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Sunday, April 17th 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Saturday, April 30th 10:00am-2:00 pm, Sunday, May 1st 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Saturday, May 14th 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Sunday, may 15th 10:00 am-2:00 pm. We will be raffling off a tablet this year, raffle tickets will be \$10.00 each. Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast fundraiser is planned for either Sunday May 15th or Sunday 22nd – waiting to hear back regarding final date. Tickets are \$10.00 each which will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and a drink – this fundraiser is open to the public. Ticket sales will begin after our next student meeting in mid April.

- Membership – Sherese Loblanco – Membership closes the end of March.

Fundraising -- Yankee Game in May-Yankee/Red Sox tickets for Saturday, May 7th game against the Boston Red Sox is now confirmed for a 1:05pm start time. Tix will be \$35.00 and will be sold at the HS during lunch periods March 18th and March 25th.

- PTA Council- Theresa Costello –We the People was well attended. Founder's Day nominations were already due. Theresa spoke about a community award for businesses that support the PTSA and a student of the year award. Next PTA council meeting is March 29, 2016. Budget presentation tentative for 4/12/2016, Candidates Forum if necessary May 4 – 2 open seats on the board Dan LaMadrid and Rosemary Pitruzella, Installations/Celebrations June 13th.
- Scholarship – Dawn Haughey – Donation letters going out next week. Scholarship criteria posted in guidance and posted on the PTSA website. Water sales – 1st \$268.00, 2nd \$138.00 for a total of \$406.00 (missing an entire grade hurt total sales).
- Wellness – Lori Gallo

- Founder's Day – Jeanne and Eileen – One nomination has been received. Dinner is April 6th TZHS cafeteria.
- Curriculum Council – Qiong Li

BLT – Maureen Aitchison – New Course Proposal AP Computer Science Principles presented by Mrs. Connell and Ms. Murphy. Course for any student who have completed Common Core Algebra 1; no prerequisite in Computer Science. 9th grade transition/discussion of ways for freshmen to transition most easily to TZHS. Expand articulation conversations between SOMS & TZHS counselors; seek to generate new ways to connect freshmen with their counselors early in the year, perhaps through pushing into a core class and then breaking apart by counselor.

- Technology – Joey Gottlieb
- Professional Development - Vicki Caramante – Professional Development in December. A way to measure to see if professional development is doing what it should be – measure the outcomes and incorporate it into the plan. Use a hybrid model for elementary levels goals based instead of 1,2,3,4. An article from Stanford University – Growth mindset proves neurologically better in math – growth and fixed mindset.
- Nominating Committee – Jeannie Dennehy, Sherese Loblanco and Lori Gallo volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Need 2 additional volunteers. Open positions for 2016/2017 are President, 2 VP's, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
- Old Business –
- New Business – Community Health panel presentation – 5/25/2016 in SOMS library 7:00-9:00 pm. Additional details will be announced shortly. Host liability Night – Save the date - 5/18/2016. Consequences about hosting a party with alcohol will be discussed.

The foreign exchange students from Italy (Angelina & Alice) and Japan (Kei) spoke about their time at TZHS. Both Angelina and Alice's last day at TZHS is 3/18/2016 and Kei is here for the school year. The students thanked the community for the experience.

Next meeting: April 19, 2016, 7:30 pm TZHS library

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Sullivan

