

**Minutes for TZHS PTSA Meeting
January 14, 2013 TZHS Library**

1. Call to Order: 7:06

2. Introductions

3. IN ATTENDANCE: Maureen Aitchison, Cindy Yee, Anne Schlinck, Mary Paul, Tricia McGee, Mary Ryker, Nicole Glazer, Marybeth Carly, Juliet Gevargis, Jennifer Amos, Marta Rodriguez, Kathy Mart, Gina Ironside, Amy Appell, Janet Dayson

4. Principal's Report Mrs. Amos

Shared AP Results of past several years; grades show continued success by our students, and more students taking AP Courses. Shared the number of initial offering of RCC courses in the High School, currently 63 students enrolled. Full AP results can be found on the district website, under BOE link, BOE presentations

Question for administration: Do TZHS have any plans to offer the PSAT in 10th grade. No because they offer the PLAN in 10 and the PSAT in 11th

5. Assistant Principal's Report – Mrs Gevargis

Shared events that took place since last meeting, Honor Societies inductions, Instructional Rounds done by staff members, Principal's cabinet will be sharing the results of survey soon. Spirit week was rescheduled and was held last week and was a success.

Midterms coming up the week of 1/20/13, and one semester classes will have finals. 9th Grade orientation at the Middle School will take place 1/29/13. AMC (American Math Challenge) testing taking please for the opportunity to take part in math challenges with other student around the nation.

6. Approval of Minutes

December minutes motion to approve: Motion:Tricia McGee
2nd Anne Schlinck

Unanimous in favor

7. Treasure's Report (Cindy Yee)

The only change since last month is the payment made for the TZHS student Reflections Certificates

8. President's Report (Mary Paul)

Met with Ken Mitchell in Dec, discussed school safety and looking for ways to improve student safety on school grounds. Call to send letter to Gov. Cuomo regarding gun safety and gun violence. Changes made to TZHS include a security guard at the back gym door from 7am - 9pm, can only let students into that door after school hours, not during the school day. Student athletes had been propping open the door for off hours practices.

Discuss w/ the superintendent regarding fiscal insolvency, unfunded mandates and the need for relief from Albany. There a PPT on the website regarding this issue. Any changes to start times will be announce in February

9. Committee Reports

- Membership – As of 1/14/13, 38 student members and 125 Parent/Teacher members. Please try and reach out to any contact to join PTA
- PTA Council – At their last meeting they discussed NYS PTA's position to stop sequestration, discussion regarding BOCES programs being in trouble due to the fact that East Ramapo is not paying their BOCES fees. Petition signature gathering at poweroften.us. BOCES programs may be cut as a result. Legislative breakfast taking place on 1/26/13 at 8:30am in the Jesse Kaplan bldg. All are invited to attend.
- Fundraising – No Report
- Reflections – Award Ceremony held last week, 5 student winners
- Health and Safety – No report
- Scholarship - Discussed fundraising opportunities, Dining out/Take out at Asia Garden will give back 15% of total sale on 2/2, 2/14, 3/16 and 4/13, also a Gift Certificate fundraiser w/ Asia Garden. Looking into offering similar deals at Bailey's, DelArte, and Applebees. Will also contact 76 House.
- Curriculum Council – No report
- Founders Day – Had their first meeting last week. Founders Day is being celebrated on 2/26/13 at the Manor House, cost is \$20.00 for an adult, \$9.00 for a student. Nomination deadline has been extended until 2/18/13. Raffle tix will be available soon via email and website
- Technology Committee – No Report
- BLT – At the January meeting new course proposal for AP Environmental Science, was approved and sent to Curriculum council, guidance is now working on the student resume and how to celebrate our students who do so much outside of school. It was also proposed to look at the process of how the students (top 20%) body is chosen for the Academic Reception.
- Project Graduation – Student surveys of what they want offered at Project Grad were collected and are being compiled. Tix will remain \$10.00, as long as fundraising and donations continue to support the effort. Mailing to the community will go out in mid February.
- Nominating Committee – Needs to be formed, must have someone from the board, seeking president and many committee positions. Please reach out to all your contacts

10. Old Business Chorus cost for Radio City, answer still outstanding. Cost of sporting equip will be discussed between Mary and Liam. Also, Liam is presenting at the BOE meeting on 1/17/13, question could be asked there.

10. New Business – Hudson Valley PTA Winter conference will take place 2/4/13 at Suffern Middle School, see Mary Paul for details if you want to go.

Question about whether pre-paid move tix can be sold at lunchtime, Mrs. Amos will see what the approval of fundraising process is. Project Grad want to sell Gold Tickets to AMC theaters. RCC College fair, cancelled due to Sandy will not be reschedule, but RCC does have its open house on 4/16 from 5:30-7:30.

School Calendar update, 2/15, no school for students, 2/18, no school for students, 2/19, school is in session.

Motion to adjourn, 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Aitchison