

**Minutes for TZHS PTSA Meeting  
March 4, 2013 TZHS Library**

1. Call to Order: 7:04

2. Welcome

3. IN ATTENDANCE: Maureen Aitchison, Anne Schlinck, Cindy Yee, Kathy Dellacava, Mary Ryker, Elayne Armaniaco, Maeve Carley, MaryBeth Carley, Juliet Gevargis, Jennifer Amos, Kathy Mart, Nicole Glazer, Amy Appell, Denise McGuire

4. Principal's Report Mrs. Amos

-LI Principal's Position Paper to NY State regarding APPR, Tax Cap and unfunded mandates has been signed by all SOCS D principals. Website <http://www.newyorkprincipals.org/> will be shared through PTSA website for support from public.

-Athletic team members who made poor choices and decisions violated the athletic code of conduct as well as the district code of conduct, were disciplined. Nyack students were also disciplined in the same way. Comments regarding add'l supervision in the locker rooms were made, however, coaches cannot be in locker at all times, and students are held to the code of conduct that they agreed upon to be a member of the team. Guidelines for coaches, as for any teacher for a public institution, are that they are expected to be role models.

-In house professional staff development was held 2/15. Problem based learning, examining how this can be used with faculty and student for experiencing differentiated educational methods. 5 teachers spoke to groups of 18-20 other staff members to teach how to use more student choice in the curriculum as well as infuse more technology in the classroom. Overall this type of learning is thought to increase student motivation since the student takes ownership of the learning process, and the additional technology becomes a blending of resources available to the teacher and student.

Questions for administration:

-The choice of The Color Purple for English 11 was questioned, and it was acknowledged that using the above method, students could have a choice when implemented.

-Powerschool is closed again for progress reports, however the need to close it during this time is being looked into. In addition, some teachers have not updated at all in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

Continues to be a frustration among parents and students. As a follow up to last month's questions regarding semester grades, click on the Historical Grades link, and this will be show a semester course grade.

5. Assistant Principal's Report – Ms. Gevargis

-2/22/13 INTERACT Club Valentines Dance took place as it was reschedule due to the weather

-2/28/13 Guidance sponsored Financial Aid info night with Heather McDonald

-3/6/13 12 students are representing TZHS at the Region 3 DECA conference

-3/7/13 Blood Drive takes place at the high school, all day

-3/8/13 Progress Reports available online

3/11/13 First day of Spring sports. In addition, on this day at Nyack High School, Congresswoman Nina Lowy will be sponsoring a informational night on Financial Aid for college. All are invited to attend.

-3/15/13-3/17/13 Spring Musical weekend, Me and My Girl

-3/19/13 MuFest at the high school

3/20/13-3/28/13 – Oversees trips to Italy and France 34 students going to Italy and 40 going to France.

Asst. Principals office was notified by Guidance that there has been a change to the common application for college, leaving less room for resume, will now need to be attached to the application.

#### 6. Treasure's Report (Cindy Yee)

-5 additional members brought our total membership to 175, but we are still short 25 members who we budgeted for.

-Rec'd donations for in the amounts of: \$11 from Asia Garden fundraiser for scholarships

-Paid deposit to Applebee's for breakfast fundraiser for Project Graduation

-Renewed Bulk mailing permit

Click here for link to February Treasure's report:

<http://www.tzhsptsa.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/TZHS-PTSA-2012-2013-Budget-Report-2013-03-04.pdf>

#### 7. Approval of Minutes

-February 2013 minutes motion to approve: Motion: Amy Appell

2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Schlinck

All in favor, minutes accepted

#### 8. President's Report -Mary Paul

-Parent Advocacy letters were distributed and signed by members present, Notify parents to send to governor's office regarding mandate relief. Mary will bring the ones signed to the Legislative Breakfast on 3/9/13.

-Dr. Mitchell requested to present regarding the budget at a future PTA meeting, suggested 3/19/13 at SOMS, to a combined group. Confirmation will be announced shortly if that meeting will be taking place.

-On March 7, BOE meeting decision on start time changes will be announced.

-Proposed calendar for 2013/2014 school year has not been approved

-Mrs. Flagg co-coordinating with SADD and YAC clubs on a presentation of the Dangers of Smoking

-Add'l College information nights will be held on 4/24 & 25<sup>th</sup> at the Meadowlands in NJ. In addition one will be held 4/28 at the Javitiz center in NYC

-On 4/11/31 at PRHS, the Parent University presentation on Dangerous Teen Drug Trends will be topic. Takes place in PR administration bldg. All are welcome.

-Discussion on whether to continue to offer the Lentz & Lentz SAT prep. Has been a fundraiser for Scholarships, but the reviews of the course have not been favorable. Topic was tabled for a future date.

#### 9. Committee Reports

•Membership – 5 new members in February, still short by our projection by 25 members

•PTA Council – NO REPORT, next meeting March 5, 2013

•Fundraising – NO REPORT

•Reflections – NO REPORT

•Health and Safety – Janet Dayson reported that problems with the TZHS boiler have been fixed, so problems with temperature in the building have been addressed.

- Scholarship - Fundraising is taking place throughout the months of March. Asian Gardens Feb fundraiser added add'l \$11.00 and DelArte restaurants has not reported back. The AMC movie ticket fundraiser is extended thru April. Request has been made to SOCES to do the selling of the water bottles at the SOCES dance festivals. It was a TZHS fundraiser from the start and membership does not think they can just become a fundraiser for SOCES. Also, Cindy Yee is seeing if a Princeton Review Essay writing class can be offered, and if any non-members take the class, the difference in price be kept for scholarships. Cindy will look into the details.
- Curriculum Council – NO REPORT, next meeting March 21, 2013, Elyane asked is someone else from PTSA can attend, as she will be unavailable.
- Founders Day – Awards dinner took place on 2/26/13 at Casa Mia. Enjoyable evening.
- Technology Committee – NO REPORT, next meeting in April
- BLT – NO REPORT, next meeting March 5, 2013
- Project Graduation – Art contest is in full swing for the design of T-shirts, winner will be picked in April. Breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's is set for 6/2/13 \$10 per person. Rockland Boulders, and Lia Sophia fundraisers are planned. Community mailers went out last week. Mugs for Project Grad are in.
- Nominating Committee – Needs members, 2 from executive committee, 3 members. Start making phone calls to see who will return, and what roles need to be filled

10. Old Business -None

11. New Business – Penguin Plunge had excellent support from TZHS students.

Motion to adjourn, 8:42pm Mary Paul 1<sup>st</sup>, Kathy Mart 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Aitchison