

**Minutes for TZHS PTSA Meeting
April 8, 2013 TZHS Library**

1. Call to Order: 7:12
2. Introductions
3. IN ATTENDANCE: Maureen Aitchison, Kathy Mart, Mary Paul, Anne Schlinck, Cindy Yee, Rich Neidhart, Nicole Glazer, Amy Appell, Mary Ryker, Kathy Dellacava, Jennifer Amos, Marta Rodriquez, Denise Maguire
4. Assistant Principal's Report – Mr. Neidhart
 - Master Scheduling for the 2013-2014 school year is underway. Student requests are in and course verification letters went out over spring break.
 - Dual assembly will be taking place on 4/23
 - 9th and 10th grades presentation will be by Mr. Storch who is a WWII Gulag survivor, tells a compelling story. 11th and 12th grades will have a 2 part assembly both relating to giving back to the community. First is Allison Crowther, who's son died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, to tell her son's story of heroism. Next is Jeffrey Cool, former FDNY who survived life threatening injuries and now speaks about giving back to the community
5. Principal's Report Dr. Amos
 - Current RCC credit courses being offered will not continue into next year since a number of conflicts have arisen, most significantly that RCC does not allow co-mingling of students in the classes. Options to continue offering the college credit is being looked at though SUNY New Paltz, who the high school has a long standing relationship with. Looking to offer Pre Calc, Pre Calc Honors, AP Physics and possible Eng 12.
 - Academic Reception currently invites the top 20% of students based on an unweighted average. BLT has recommended going forward to have the weighted average calculated. In addition, the basis for earning Honor Roll designations is being looked at as well, to go from unweighted to weighted. May change cut points of Exceptional, High and Honors designations. Academic Reception this year is June 3, 2013
 - Character Ed Program being rolled out, TZHS may be a pilot site.

Question for administration:

-3rd Quarter grades will be available on the portal on Friday, April 12, 2013

6. Treasure's Report (Cindy Yee)

Membership is closed for the year, we budgeted to receive \$2,600 but actually rec'd \$1,700. Even with the shortfall, we haven't touched Assemblies line in the budget, so we are still in good shape. Project Grad and Scholarship fundraisers are in full swing. For the full budget report, please click on this link:
<http://www.tzhsptsa.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/TZHS-PTSA-2012-2013-Budget-Report-2013-04-08.pdf>

7. Approval of March Minutes – Motion to approve (with corrections) Mary Paul
2nd Kathy Mart

8. President's Report (Mary Paul)

-Presidents met with Dr. Mitchell discussed the Proposed Budget, and the tax cap levy. SOCS D is in good shape thusfar. The State funding of GEA was more than what we had budgeted for. SOCS D is considered at high income district.

-Search for an Asst. Superintendent is ongoing. All branches of the SOCS D PTA were represented by a member on the interview committee, which indicates a relationship of trust between the district and PTA recognizing their input is important.

-State testing begins 4/16/13. Beginning next year, there is a push to have all the testing done at computers, creating a potential for technological problems. Beginning in 2014, high school freshmen will be using the new algebra assessments, and looking at 2015 for all freshmen to be taking the common core English tests

-Lentz and Lentz SAT Prep which PTA sponsors by sending out the announcements of dates, so it seems as though we are endorsing this company. A motion was made to discontinue using Lentz and Lentz by Mary Paul, Marta Rodriguez accepted the motion, Kathy Mart 2nd. Unanimous in favor. It was recommended **highly** that the PTA compile other resources for parents on other options available for SAT prep, and distribute this info to not only members, but the high school community in general. Maybe a survey of the parents to see what has been used in the past, what they see has gotten positive feedback.

9. Committee Reports

•Membership – 1 new membership application rec'd this month, Membership is now closed for the year

•PTA Council – Met and spoke about the tax cap levy and supporting the budget, formation of nominating committee, and visit by Central Valley PTA

•Fundraising – No report

•Reflections – No report

•Health and Safety – No report

•Scholarship - Fundraising by Asian Gardens in April is cancelled due to remodel. Continue to sell gift certificates, AMC movie tix, as well as water bottles at the 3 dance festivals. Rec'd 31 essay, next meeting of the Scholarship essay committee is 4/16/13.

•Curriculum Council – No report

•Founders Day – No report

•Technology Committee – No report, next meeting later this month

•BLT – Discussions about the RCC course work and problems that were presented, looking to partner with SUNY New Paltz. Recommended the academic reception be switched to a weighted average, from unweighted. Continue to work on Student Resume beginning in Freshman Year.

•Project Graduation – Art Contest winner was Jonathan Wellborn, only submission, t-shirts will be printed once final artwork get approved. Students will be selling raffle tix for \$10 around the community for a \$600 Lia Sophia basket. Prom mailing will go out via email, includes permission slips. Pre-prom speaker is Chris Herron, and the demo of the mock car accident will take place prior to prom.

•Nominating Committee – Current committee is Kathy Mart and Maureen Aitchison. Need 3 other member on committee that are not on the board. Seats to be filled for next year are President, Recording Secy, and Corresponding Secy.

10. Old Business - none

10. New Business –

- Liam Frawley being honored by Center for Safety and Change
- Idea for a fundraiser for next year to do an antiques roadshow for Project Grad
- Pearl River HS Parent University on 4/11, Dangers of Teens and Drugs
- 4/16/13 RCC Open House
- 4/26/13 Dominican College hosting Carnival for Cancer, TZHS Youth against Cancer is participating.
- 4/27/13 Lions Clubs and TZHS Leos will be doing an all over town spring clean up.
- SOCASA sponsoring a speaker on Parent Liability on Hosting, TZHS library on 5/7/13
- Orangetown Town Hall hosting a speaker on Prescription Drug epidemic on 5/8/13
- Graduation surveys sent to all 2012 graduates – will compile results and share.

Motion to adjourn, 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Aitchison