

Minutes from TZHS PTSA Meeting  
September 23, 2014

- Meeting called to order: 7:32 pm
- Welcome
- In attendance: Dr. Jennifer Amos, Richard Neidhart, Maureen Aitchinson, Ellen Galanter, Tricia McGee, Jean Dennehy, Jennifer Sullivan, Eileen Malora, Gale Henry-Flynn, Anne Schlinck, Kathy Dellacava, Theresa Costello, Colleen Meehan, Qiong Li, Ron Shapiro and Mary Ryker
- Principal's Report (Dr. Amos)
  - Good start to the school year
  - Freshmen arrived two hours earlier than the upper classmen
  - All freshmen are assigned peer leaders
  - Chrome books for freshmen
  - There was a good turnout for meet the teacher night. Freshmen parents arrived earlier to talk about the chrome book over view. Dr. Amos received positive feedback from meet the teacher night.
  - Dr. Amos asked if anyone had any feedback about meet the teacher night
    - i. It was suggested to add an extra two to three minutes with the teachers
    - ii. Advise parents that their child could go to the library during school hours to print their work.
    - iii. Dr. Amos stated a possibility of not having the parents go to the auditorium and having a video presentation with all the introductions.
- Assistant Principal's Report (Richard Neidhart)
  - The club fair is scheduled for October 3, 2014. This was announced at meet the teacher night.
  - Senior Picnic/PSAT is scheduled for October 15, 2014
    - i. Seniors take their group picture, guest speaker then head to their picnic at Veteran's.
    - ii. Juniors take the PSAT
    - iii. Freshmen and sophomores follow their schedule
    - iv. Senior class advisors are Steve Cohn and Chris Lorusso
- Treasurer's Report:
  - Gina Ironside stepped down as the treasurer
  - The budget was approved
  - Motion made by Colleen Meehan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ryker to nominate Barbara Sullivan as treasurer. All in favor.
  - The PTSA funded the expense for five students to take the AP exams.
  - A \$100 donation was made to The Maura Byrne Scholarship Fund.
  - \$350 was donated for a display case for the drama club.

- Acceptance of May 27, 2014 Meeting
  - Motion made by Ron Shapiro 2nd by Maureen Aitchinson.
  
- VP Report – Maureen Aitchinson
  - Great start with membership
  - Maureen spoke at meet the teacher night and encouraged parents to get involved.
  - This year's district goal is focusing on providing students with skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
    - i. On December 18, 2014 Dr. Amos will be presenting how the high school is working towards this goal.
  
  - Dr. Mitchell will be transitioning the new superintendent end of October.
  - October 6, 2014 PTA council meets.
  - There were some busing issues the beginning of school.
  - The daily announcements keeps parents updated of what is going on at the school.
  - Central Hudson PTA conference is scheduled for October 2, 2014. If anyone is interested in attending let Maureen know.
  
- Committee Reports:
  - Project Graduation - Over 240 students attended project graduation. Students thanked the PTSA for project graduation and the scholarships provided.
  - Membership – So far the PTSA has 122 members and 1/3 of which are students. You can access a membership form from the district home page or sign up on the website.  
The membership form has been redesigned so you know what you are volunteering for.  
The PTSA is trying to get students involved by planning a collaborative event – students run the event and the PTSA sponsors it.  
There was a raffle for a gift card to Il Fresco for people who joined the PTSA. Had to be present to win. Anne is considering doing a raffle for each grade to encourage students to join.  
If a student is at the PTSA meeting representing their club they are eligible to receive community service credit for attending.
  - Fundraising The Yankee Candle fundraiser has started and runs through September 30, 2014 this is included in the school eblast. The PTSA receives a 40% profit. The packets went home with the 9<sup>th</sup> graders and are available at the school. There is an online order option that will be delivered to your house for an additional shipping fee. Initial orders will be available before Thanksgiving.

- PTA Council- The first meeting is scheduled October 6, 2014, 7:30 pm in High School library.
  - Reflections – Topic - “The World Would Be a Better place If....” Registration due October 1, 2014 and submission is due November 14, 2014.
  - Scholarship - There was eighteen submissions. The date was not extended. Ten scholarships at \$450 were given out.
  - Wellness - Has not met yet.
  - Curriculum Council - New course at the high school – Singer Actor. Google apps. Wireless device is in place at the high school. Dr. Amos stated students are allowed to have devices at school, but can only use them when the teacher says so. Students are able to login with their username and password provided to them and can access school approved websites.
  - BLT – Has not met yet. There is a rep from each grade and an alternate.
  - Technology – Joe Gottlieb. George Brady will be contacting Joe.
  - Founders Day – Date is February 24, 2015
  - Nominating –
- All Future meetings will take place on Thursdays. The next meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2014 7:30 pm at the high school library. All meeting dates and times are on the district calendar.
  - Meeting adjourned: 8:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Sullivan

