

Minutes for TZHS PTSA Meeting  
March 11, 2014

**1. Meeting called to order: 7:30pm**

**2. Welcome**

**3. IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Paul, Anne Schlinck, Nicole Glazer, Bonnie Bello, Ellen Galanter, Cindy Yee, Kathy Dellacava, Amy Appell, ??, Jennifer Amos, Marta Rodriguez, Marcelo Bardusco, Helena Bardusco, Terri Drexler, Jeannie Dennehy, M.C. Ironside, Colleen Meehan and Kathy Mart**

**4. Principals' report – Dr. Amos**

- Reflections Recognition:
  - Rouhin Ghosh (grade 12) - 1<sup>st</sup> place for literary
  - Marcelo Bardusco (grade 9) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> for photography
- Preview of Television Production Studio - Dr. Amos advises the studio is still not fully functional but it is progressing. The idea and the course have been around for a long time with a typical class size of 8 to 10 students. This year there is a great teacher but they are only here for 1 period a day. The plan is for a fulltime teacher next year. Enhancements to the program include morning announcements
- Juliet Gevargis is back as Assistant Principal.
- The Blood Drive set a record for number student and participants.
- The Sports Banquet was March 10<sup>th</sup>. It was great to hear so many success stories.
- Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> was supposed to be ½ day but now it is a full day for students.
- Dr. Amos' is sharing various opportunities and topics of interest via email. She is also putting them on the principal's blog on the TZHS home page. There is also a tab called Opportunities for Students. Be sure to check the page for updates.
- There was a request to have the announcements displayed on monitors throughout the building.
- The Senior Award ceremony will likely be the morning of the prom with a 9am start time. This will be confirmed.
- There did not seem to be interest in a breakfast the day after prom. That is not being pursued.

**5. Treasurer's Report – Cindy Yee**

- Report distributed.
  - Recent activity includes the purchase of a ½ page ad for the TZHS yearbook (the price went up to \$25) and a few Project Graduation donations including \$250 from SOCES.
  - A lot of expenses are coming in from Project Graduation and Scholarship.

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**6. Vice President's Report – Maureen Aitchison**

- The date of the last PTA meeting is being changed to May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The revised district calendar distributed. A copy is available on the website.
- Dr Mitchell advised they are still compiling the results of the community survey. There was not a lot of feedback which is why they sent it out again. Also, there is now an opportunity to complete a separate survey for each child.
- At the last Board of Education meeting the preliminary budget was revealed. It is available on the district website.
- The district has taken great strides to inform the population about the common core. LoHud educational reporters are reporting on how the common core is impacting the individual districts. South Orangetown was identified as a high performing, affluent community. It should be noted that not everyone in the district is affluent.
  - Rosemary P. encouraged parent feedback to our elected officials. A phone call to the governor or legislators has an impact. She also mentioned that on March 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a budget workshop at the Board of Education meeting. She also discussed the Governor's recent phone call about a town hall meeting and a purported tax freeze. Be very careful about this proposition.
- Maureen distributed the SOCASA & PTA sponsored "Technology Trends Every Parent Needs to Know" flyer.
- Maureen distributed TZHS PTSA "Did you know?" sample survey questions. Please review and provide any comments or suggestions. Maureen would like to get this out sooner rather than later. Dr. Amos suggested that she can include it on an eblast and include it on her blog. We need to communicate to parents that the information shared at the PTSA meetings has a direct impact on their student's high school experience. The lack of involvement is not limited to SOCSO. All volunteer organizations are faced with this same dilemma. A suggestion was made to provide the years' worth of volunteer opportunities and let people sign up a head of time. Consensus was that most really like student involvement/recognition as a component of the PTA meeting.

**7. Committee Reports**

- Membership – Mary Paul
  - Membership is closing March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Approximately 163 parents, 61 students and 32 faculty
- PTA Council
  - STEAM Festival – Science Technology Engineering Arts Math will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> for grades K to 12. (It is somewhat similar to the Cottage Lane Invention Convention.) The idea was to showcase what has been done in the district (not create additional work) and learn what is happening at the other schools in our district.

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- Yankees vs. Mets on May 12<sup>th</sup>. . The cost is \$25. Either on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base line – depending on if you are Met or Yankee fan. The flyer has been created and, at TZHS, they are coordinating the sale of the tickets during the school day. 11:15am to 1:30pm.
- Curriculum Council –
  - SOCSO needed more ESL teachers district wide as we were not in compliance. The staffing levels have been adjusted.
- BLT –
  - They looked at more artwork for next year’s planner. Also looking at universal lunch hour – what would it look like?
- Scholarship
  - They sold water at the SOCES Dance festivals however sales were down as it was not as hot this year. Cindy questioned if we are selling water at the various graduations. To be discussed in further detail.
  - Scholarship Essay is due April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Project Graduation
  - Donation mailing went out in February to all TZHS Students.
    - Host Liability card was included in the mailing.
  - Entertainment has already been selected.
  - Prizes and donations are coming in – they will have running total at the next meeting.
  - Design for t-shirt and program will be selected at the next meeting.
  - Various fundraisers are in the works.

**8. Old Business**

- Awaiting approval of bylaws NYS PTA.

Next meeting is April 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

Minutes:

Amended the minutes to include Marta Rodriguez as being in attendance.

Motion made by Anne S. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maureen A.

Motion to adjourn, 9:08pm by Mary P, Jean D. seconded