



PTA Directory 2011-2012



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Building Information

Tappan Zee High School (Grades 9 –12) 15 Dutch Hill Road Orangeburg, NY 10962	Jennifer L. Amos, Principal Sheila Silverman, Asst. Principal Juliet L. Gevargis, Asst. Principal	680-1606 680-1650 680-1655
South Orangetown Middle School (Grades 6 – 8) 160 Van Wyck Road, Blauvelt, NY 10913	Karen Tesik, Principal Richard Neidhart, Asst. Principal	680-1101 680-1102
Cottage Lane Elementary School (Grades 4 & 5) 120 Cottage Lane, Blauvelt, NY 10913	Brian Culot, Principal Karen Ramirez, Asst. Principal	680-1503 680-1561

Building Information (continued)

Tappan Zee Elementary School (Grades 2 & 3) 561 Route 9W, Piermont, NY 10968	Dr. William Lee, Principal Sheila Beglin, Asst. Principal	680-1403 680-1459
William O. Schaefer Elementary School (Grades K & 1) 140 Lester Drive, Tappan, NY 10983	Nora Polansky, Principal Jeannine Carr, Asst. Principal	680-1303 680-1325
South Orangetown Early Childhood Program at William O. Schaefer Elementary School 140 Lester Drive, Tappan, NY 10983	Jeannine Carr, Coordinator	680-1325
Family Resource Center William O. Schaefer Elementary School 140 Lester Drive, Tappan, NY 10983	Margaret A. Umbrino, Coordinator	680-1314
Continuing Education	Michele DiLoreto, Director	494-4290

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PTA ® Council

Executive Committee (Elected Officers)

President	Janet Dayson	JanetDayson@gmail.com	365-6225
Vice President	Jean Dennehy	jmd5@aol.com	359-4117
Vice President	Gail Rogo	grogog@socsd.org	359-5671
Recording Sec'y	Christine Brew-Mitchell	cbrewmitch@aol.com	398-1715
Corresponding Sec'y	Patricia Stark	patricia@patriciastark.com	596-1240
Treasurer	Lisa Connolly	lisac9@optonline.net	398-0264

Executive Board of Council (Executive Committee, unit presidents and chairmen of standing committees)

SOCES President	Victoria Caramante	mvaramante@msn.com	(917) 974-0547
SOMS President	Evan Karzhevsky	evankarr@hotmail.com	893-8158
TZHS President	Mary Paul	marypaul64@aol.com	365-3889

Immediate Past President

Michelle Jones	mjonespta@gmail.com	359-7920
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PTA ® Council (continued)

In addition to the above Executive Committee, the PTA Council Executive Board is comprised of the unit presidents and Council chairs of standing committees. Delegates to Council and the Immediate Past President, together with the Council Executive Board comprise the voting body of Council. We meet once a month in the Tappan Zee High School Library at 7:00 PM. Meeting dates for 2011-2012 are:

Tues 9/13/11	Tues 11/01/11	Wed 1/11/12	Tues 3/06/12	Mon 5/07/12
Tues 10/04/11	Wed 12/07/11	Mon 2/06/12	Mon 4/02/12	Tues 6/19/12

Council helps build stronger, more effective units by providing leadership training and leadership opportunities for local unit members. We facilitate communication and cooperation among our member units, all of whom have representation at each Council meeting through their unit presidents and elected delegates to Council. Our meetings provide a Pre-K to 12 perspective, as well as an opportunity to consider ways in which we can work together to support our children, families and schools. Council delegates are the representatives of their units to Council and are responsible for attending each Council meeting and reporting the work of Council back to their respective units. As is the case with ALL meetings held in the district (except meetings regarding personnel) these meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

SOCSD PTA Council organizes the following annual events:

- **Founders Day Awards:** An evening honoring our SOCSD community of volunteers in recognition of the PTA Founders Day, February 17th, which was established in 1910 in remembrance of the founders of PTA. This year's Founders Day Awards event will be held on Wed., February 15th, 2011 beginning at 6:30PM. Location: Casa Mia Manor House.
- **Candidates' Forum:** In the event that there is a contested race for the SOCSD Board of Education Trustees seats the SOCSD PTA Council will organize a forum for the community to pose questions to the candidates. The date for this year's Forum has been scheduled on Monday, May 7th, at 6:30 pm in the TZHS Library.
- **Installation Celebration:** Each year the newly elected officers are installed, and the departing officers are recognized for their service to the district and the community. It is also an opportunity to thank the many, many volunteers who give of their time in so many ways to support our schools and our children. This year's Installation will be on June 13th in the Tappan Zee High School at 6:30 PM.

SOCES PTA ®

SOCES PTA email
SOCES Website

socespta@gmail.com
www.socespta.org

Executive Committee (Elected Officers)

President	Victoria Caramante	mvcaramante@msn.com	(917) 974-0547
Vice-President (WOS)	Samantha Olds	solds17@gmail.com	(347) 822-5421
Vice-President (TZE)	Kate Johnson	johnsonkathleen@live.com	(914) 572-3760
Vice-President (CL)	Heidi Garner	heidi.garner02@gmail.com	613-7045
Recording Secretary	Valerie Luciano	valerie.luciano1@gmail.com	(914) 260-4966
Treasurer	Karen Lucic	karenlucic@hotmail.com	(646) 637-1559
Corresponding Sec'y	Daniela Hoag	hoaghouse@gmail.com	613-7166

Executive Board (Executive Committee, Delegates to Council, Committee Chairs)

Council Delegates

Karen Mingone	tjmignone@optonline.net	613-7012
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Ron Shapiro	ronshapirosocsd@gmail.com	365-2521
OPEN		

SOCES Committee Chairs (*Denotes Chair, who serves on the SOMS Executive Board. If there are co-chairs only ONE (1) of the chairs can be designated to vote on the Executive Board.)

Budget/Finance	*Karen Lucic	karenlucic@hotmail.com	(646) 637-1559
Empower Smart	*Kristan Bridges	klbmom@verizon.net	(914) 720-6500
Events	*Jennifer Sullivan	jennifersullivan88@gmail.com	(914) 329-4982
Fundraising	Patricia Stark	patricia@patriciastark.com	(845) 596-1240
Gifted & Talented	*Laura Masucci-Doherty	lamasucci@gmail.com	(914) 646-3643
Membership	*Jean Clancy	jeanclancy18@yahoo.com	709-9761
Special Education	*Janet Armetta	jarmetta@hotmail.com	398-1124
Student Enrichment	*OPEN		
Policies	*Gina Harris	myboy1117@aol.com	548-0585

SOCES PTA ® (continued)

SOCES Program/Event Coordinators

Assemblies	WOS: Antoinette Barikyan	abarikyan@yahoo.com	359-6009
	TZE: Willy Sullivan-Powers	willyksullivan@gmail.com	729-3137
	CLE: Jill Butterman	howjill@verizon.net	359-8750
Bingo Family Fun Night	OPEN		
Box Tops	Beth Robinson	eab108@aol.com	613-7544
Book Fairs	Jean Clancy	jeanclancy18@yahoo.com	709-9761
Class Parents	Ayn Moore	aynlauren@aol.com	613-7616
	Mary Ouderkirk	jsouderkirk@yahoo.com	359-1525
Comedy Night	Laura Masucci-Doherty	lasmusucci@gmail.com	(914) 646-3643
Early Childhood Program (ECP)	Samantha Olds	solds71@gmail.com	(347) 922-5421
Field Trip Treasurer	Tara Caulfield	tara121@verizon.net	323-2991
5th Grade Moving Up	Debbie Sansone	jakeandlulu@yahoo.com	359-1037
	Samantha Olds	solds71@gmail.com	(347) 922-5421
5th Grade Night	Tricia Shalvey	stccmom@optonline.net	(646) 542 2815
	Lisa Malpeli	malpeli@optonline.net	(914) 907-5811
5th Grade Yearbook	Sue Dillon	dilloncody@aol.com	359-0348
Garden Team	Jessica Bertoli	twosylvias@gmail.com	680-6162
Hospitality	OPEN		
Luau Family Fun Night	Tammy Shine	PSNTS4@yahoo.com	398-6031
Mother's Day			
Plant Sale	Samantha Olds	solds71@gmail.com	(347) 922-5421
	France Donnelly	m.donnelly13@verizon.net	359-0995
Movie Family Fun Night	Nicole Glazer	nglazer@optonline.net	680-2646
Publishing Center	WOS	OPEN	
	TZE	Kathy Cosimano	kcosimano26@verizon.net
			613-7355
Reading is Fundamental (RIF)	Elizabeth Howell-Scotson	ehowell21@verizon.net	398-0318
PTA® Reflections in Art™	Lenora Mesibov	lmezibov@verizon.net	365-3917
School Photos			
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	TZE:	Jill Florencia	jillflorencia@yahoo.com
			365-1869
	CLE:	Lisa Sullivan	lisasullivan@optonline.net
			359-1024
School Spirit	OPEN		
School Stores			
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			613-7616
			359-2809

SOCES PTA ® (continued)

Staff Appreciation	JoanMarie Skywark	jmpskywark@verizon.net	359-3966
T-shirts/Spirit Wear	Jill Florencia	jillflorencia@yahoo.com	365-1869
Volunteer Appreciation / Changing of the Guard	OPEN		
We the People Festival	Sheila Chin	smochin@verizon.net	365-9084

PTA Representatives to District Committees

BLT (Building Level Teams)			
WOS	Samantha Olds - VP	solds71@gmail.com	(347) 922-5421
	Maureen O'Neill	maureeoneill@hotmail.com	365-1598
	OPEN		
	Alternate	OPEN	
TZE	Kate Johnson - VP	johnsonkathleen@live.com	398-3580
	Elizabeth Howell-Scotson	ehowell21@verizon.net	398-0318
	Colleen Harrison-Ceccato	coharrison11@yahoo.com	365-0378
	Alternate	OPEN	
CLE	Heidi Garner - VP	heidi.garner02@gmail.com	613-7045
	Ellen Cook	ecook@cookplusfox.com	398-5204
	Maureen Mercer	momoblake@yahoo.com	398-0415
	Alt. - Pamela Aguilin	pam@hyperwriter.com	680-0009
	At-Large	OPEN	

Curriculum Council

WOS	OPEN		
TZE	Mary Ouderkirk	jsouderkirk@yahoo.com	359-1525
CLE	Victoria Caramante	mvcaramante@msn.com	(917) 974-0547

Professional Development Committee OPEN

Technology Committee TJ Mignone tjmignone@optonline.net 613-7012

Wellness Committee

WOS	Jean Clancy	jeanclancy18@yahoo.com	709-9761
TZE	Kathy Ward Buckley	ward9buck@aol.com	359-0229
CLE	Heidi Garner	heidi.garner02@gmail.com	613-7045

Immediate Past President

Theresa Costello (co-president)	ktcostello@hotmail.com	398-6093
Christine Brew-Mitchell (co-president)	cbrewmitch@aol.com	398-1715

SOMS PTA ®

Executive Committee (Elected Officers)

Interim President	Evan Karzhevsky	evankarr@hotmail.com	893-8158
Vice President	Eileen Malora	g3malora@aol.com	398-1088
Vice President	Kathy Dellacava	kdellacava@optonline.net	359-0447
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Sullivan	jennifersullivan88@gmail.com	(914) 329-4982
Corresponding Secretary	Moira Byrnes	moirabyrnes0122@gmail.com	359-8409
Treasurer	Karen Mignone	tjmignone@optonline.net	613-7012
Immediate Past President	Evan Karzhevsky	evankarr@hotmail.com	893-8158

Executive Board (Executive Committee, Immediate Past-President, Delegates to Council, Committee Chairs)

Council Delegates	Maureen Aitchison	maureen@aitchison.org	(914) 841-5551
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	Anne Marie Kugelman	kugels5@aol.com	359-9128
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SOMS Committees (*Denotes Chair, who serves on the SOMS Executive Board. If there are co-chairs only ONE (1) of the chairs can be designated to vote on the Executive Board.)

Fundraising (Clothing)	*Anne Swan	amswan@verizon.net	365-1679
Box Tops	*Patty Trozzo	pjtrozzo@optonline.net	(914) 393-7333
Gifted and Talented	*Terri Drexler	emaildrexler@yahoo.com	653-1597
Health & Safety	*Ivanya Alpert	ivanya.alpert@mssm.edu	(646) 285-7024
Hospitality	*Cathy Cicalo	cicalofamily@optonline.net	359-0329
Legislation	OPEN		
Membership	*Denise Maguire	denise.maguire2@verizon.net	369-4498
Program Enrichment	*Jill Buttermann	howjill@verizon.net	359-8750
PTA® Reflections in Art™	*Lenora Mesibov	lmesibov@verizon.net	365-3917
School Photos	*Kathy Dellacava	kdellacava@optonline.net	359-0447
School Store	*Tricia McGee	epmm@optonline.net	365-1737
	Eva Veraja	etom53155@msn.com	(914) 584-6113
Special Events	OPEN		
Volunteer Coordinator	*Christine Zinna	czinn66@verizon.net	(914) 589-3561
School Board Reporter	Ron Shapiro	ronshapirosocsd@gmail.com	365-2521

PTA Representatives to District Committees

BLT (Building Level Team: 1 per grade level & 1 "At-Large")

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	At Large	Alice Buchanan	buchananny@aol.com	359-0091
	Alternate	Elizabeth Scotson	ehowell21@verizon.net	398-0318
Curriculum Council		Elizabeth Scotson	ehowell21@verizon.net	398-0318
Professional Development Plan		Maria Keily	mkreader@verizon.net	359-2242
Technology Committee		OPEN		
Wellness		JulieAnn Cantone	e_julieann@yahoo.com	613-7175

TZHS PTA ®

Executive Committee (Elected Officers)

President	Mary Paul	marypaul64@aol.com	365-3889
Vice-Presidents	Connie Carroll	cassieamanda@yahoo.com	365-0802
	Amy Appell	hrjappell@yahoo.com	680-0067
Recording Secretary	Laura Neuendorf	neuideas@yahoo.com	359-4341
Corresponding Secretary	OPEN		
Treasurer	Kathy Mart	kdbmart@verizon.net	359-6481
Immediate past Co-President	Trish Bakker	Trish.Bakker@cdillc.com	365-5264

Executive Board (Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, Delegates to Council)

Council Delegates	Marian Gryzlo	gryzlo@optonline.net	365-6878
	OPEN		
	Lucia Caruana	lcaruana@optonline.net	365-3775
	OPEN		

TZHS Committees (*Denotes Chair, who serves on the TZHS PTSA Executive Board. If there are co-chairs only ONE (1) of the chairs can be designated to vote on the Executive Board)

Fundraising	*Gale Henry-Flynn	ghf664@verizon.net	365-1789
Health & Safety	OPEN		
Hospitality	OPEN		
Legislation	OPEN		
Membership	*Kathy Mart	kdbmart@verizon.net	359-6481
PTA® Reflections in Art™	Lenora Mesibov	lmezibov@verizon.net	365-3917
Scholarship	*Diane Wenke	DWenke@iso.com	359-5289
Project Graduation	*Nicole Glazer	nglazer@optonline.net	680-2646
School Board Reporter	Nicole Glazer	nglazer@optonline.net	680-2646

PTA Representatives to District Committees

BLT (Building Level Team: 1 per grade level, and 1 "At-Large")

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	(10) Michelle Jones	mjonespra@gmail.com	359-7920
	(9) OPEN		
	At-Large OPEN		
	Alternate OPEN		
Curriculum Council	Elayne Armaniaco	victor.armaniaco@verizon.net	353-0531
Professional Development Plan	OPEN		
Technology Committee	OPEN		
Wellness	OPEN		

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Glossary

President - The president is elected by the local unit members to direct the affairs of the association in cooperation with the other members of the Executive Board, or where applicable, the executive committee for a term of office specified in the unit bylaws.

Vice President – A vice president may be called upon at any time to temporarily assume the place of the president. The president may assign the vice-president/s various duties, some of which may be defined in the unit standing rules or bylaws. Vice-presidents are required to attend all meetings.

Recording Secretary – The recording secretary is responsible for keeping accurate records of the proceedings of the association and maintaining a permanent file of these recordings. S/he is responsible for bringing a copy of the current membership list, bylaws, previous minutes, and budget reports to each meeting, as well as seeing that the minutes are posted in a timely manner on the district PTA website.

Corresponding Secretary – The corresponding secretary is responsible for notifying all members of the PTA Board and membership of upcoming PTA meetings as well as handling all correspondence for the unit.

Treasurer – The treasurer, as authorized custodian of the funds of the unit, receives and disburses all monies as prescribed in the unit bylaws or authorized by the action of the unit. The treasurer should issue a receipt for all monies received.

Immediate Past President – The immediate past president is not an officer and is not a member of the Executive Committee. Check your unit bylaws to see if the immediate past president is a member of the Executive Board.

Council Delegates – The Council delegates are representatives from the elementary, middle, and high schools of South Orangetown Central School District who sit on the PTA Council as a member of the voting body. Council meets once a month to address issues that are pertinent to the entire district, and serves to provide information about the process and policies provided by PTA and how they can support the unit membership.

Committees – A committee can be one of the most productive tools of the PTA. The primary function of a committee is to take on a task, brainstorm and follow through on the set goal. The committee members have a direct impact on the quality and success of the committee. There are two kinds of PTA committees: Standing Committees and Ad Hoc or Special Committees. Standing Committees are committees that perform a continuing function and remain in existence permanently. Ad Hoc or Special Committees are created to accomplish a short-lived goal, activity or project. These committees are dissolved when the job is done. In both cases, the committee members are in need of the valuable assistance of volunteers. Only members of the PTA unit shall be eligible to serve on the Standing Committees. Committee members' opinions must represent what is good for all students. The Committee Chair or designated representative is required to give a report at the monthly PTA meeting and is responsible for keeping records of committee activities and procedures. All committees listed below are Standing Committees, and their chairpersons sit on the Executive Board of their unit.

Adult Enrichment – The Adult Enrichment [Parent Education] committee organizes programs and speakers that will provide information on a variety of subjects, often reflecting the concerns of the unit membership. Programs have ranged from Effective Parenting Practices to Internet Safety.

SOCES Children’s Assemblies/SOMS Enrichment Committee – These committees bring visual and performing arts programs to each grade level at SOCES and SOMS during school hours. The committee is responsible for selecting programs in collaboration with the building principal, booking performances, attending performances and completing all required paper work.

Class Parents - The SOCES PTA Class Parents function as a liaison between the PTA, parents of students in the class, and the teacher. Other duties include being the teacher’s primary volunteer contact; coordinating in-class celebrations; and helping with Field Day activities and refreshments.

Fundraising – According to National and State PTA guidelines, this committee organizes programs and events to raise money to fund enrichment programs for students, parent education, and PTA leadership training. The committee is responsible for selecting fundraisers, presenting them to the PTA unit, and following through on all aspects of the work of the committee.

Garden Team – This committee’s focus is to instill in our children a love and understanding of gardening. The harvesting of healthy foods and being environmentally responsible by working with children in the TZE and WOS vegetable gardens is emphasized, while beautification and maintenance of the CLE garden is supported.

Gifted and Talented – These SOCES and SOMS committees provide information and resources for students, parents and teachers about gifted/high ability students as well as organizing regular meetings and/or workshops and presentations by experts in the field of gifted education.

Health – This committee maintains an ongoing communication with families regarding health issues (physical, mental and emotional well being) at every grade level. Information provided by the National and NYS PTAs on Health should be made available to families during regular unit meetings, unit newsletters and websites. Concerns of parents and staff should be addressed by this committee and shared at the unit meetings as well as represented at the district Health & Wellness Committee when applicable. The work of the committee can include playground facilities, character development, sleep deprivation, recess, drug and alcohol abuse, depression or any issue that falls under the large umbrella of health.

Hospitality – One of the most important committees on every unit level because it is the work of this committee to make every person who attends a PTA unit meeting feel welcomed and included. Providing refreshments is one aspect, but welcoming people as they come into the meeting, providing name tags and facilitating introductions of new members to old are all possible means of creating an inclusive PTA unit. These efforts are especially important in the beginning of the year, during Meet the Teacher Nights.

Legislation – PTA is the largest grass roots organization promoting the welfare of children and youth. The legislative representative keeps the unit informed of current government issues regarding children with concern to PTA’s effective participation in local, state, and national government. The representative presents (once a year) a legislative slate from the State PTA to be voted on by our association. The representative then goes to the State Convention and participates in the state election and votes representing their respective SOCSD PTA unit.

Membership – The primary purpose of this committee is to promote and encourage membership in the PTA unit by developing and implementing creative membership campaigns. A yearly calendar of activities, beginning with a September membership launch, arranging for membership tables and volunteers at each meeting, school event, or activity to sign up new members, collect dues, maintain an up to date list of all the members and deliver all membership cards and directories. Membership is responsible for encouraging new members to keep engaged in PTA, keeping the membership list updated and available at every unit meeting, ensuring that all unit officers, delegates to Council and committee chairs are current members of the unit in which they serve, and meeting deadlines for the reporting and payment of dues.

Newspaper/Newsletter – This committee is responsible for publishing a newsletter regularly that informs and educates readers on aspects of PTA objectives, aims and goals. The newsletter is a vital link between home and school. It contains information on what’s happening in our district and it is run within state PTA guidelines. The committee chair sets a publishing calendar with the president, and the president approves final copy of the newsletter.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) – This SOCES committee coordinates book distributions three times a year in each SOCES building, with the aid of a federal grant from the RIF organization. The committee is composed of three persons who coordinate all activities for their respective building (WOS, TZE, CL) from selection of books to enlisting volunteers to be on hand the day of the distribution. Children are invited to self-select books at each distribution, which they are allowed to keep. The obligations of the RIF committee members include motivational activities to go along with each distribution. It is the responsibility of the Chair to submit all paperwork, including the end-of-year report to RIF.

PTA® Reflections in Art™ Program – The National PTA developed the Reflections Program in 1969, to interest children, parents, teachers, and communities in the arts. The Reflections Program and Themes Search are open to all students who attend a school where there is a PTA/PTSA/SEPTA in good standing. There is a new theme each year, and six categories: literature, visual arts, photography, dance choreography, film/video and musical composition. The committee organizes the program by sending notices of the theme and encouraging participation to all students. The theme for 2011 is "Diveristy Means..." There are PTA® Reflections in Art™ coordinators in every SOCS D PTA unit.

Scholarship – This TZHS PTSA committee is responsible for fundraising scholarship money from private contributions and each SOCS D PTA unit, awarding scholarships to graduating seniors.

School Board Reporter – The School Board Reporter attends school board meetings and reports back to the unit on the issues addressed at the BOE meetings.

School Photos – This committee assists the photographer by sending notices to parents, organizing the children on picture day and distributing the completed photo packages.

School Store – Parent volunteers operate the school stores, and stocks supplies for students available at regularly scheduled times throughout the year. Responsibilities include shopping for merchandise, telephoning volunteers, setting up schedules and sending out notices. The PTA uses profits from sales to fund programs for students.

School Store Treasurer – This position entails recording the transaction of purchases and sales as well as ordering supplies and submitting bills for payment. A periodic deposit of moneys from sales is required.

Special Events – This committee organizes events ranging from Family Fun Nights, to School Dances and Basketball games with SOCS D staff.

Teacher Liaison – This is a member of the school staff who is a PTA member of that school's PTA unit and attends PTA meetings so that our units can partner more effectively with our respective schools.

Term of Office -- Whether an elected officer or an appointed chairperson, terms of office are for periods of ONE (1) year unless stated differently in your unit bylaws. One can serve a maximum of TWO (2) consecutive years in an office or as chair of the same committee. It is the responsibility of the chair to mentor new members of his/her committee so that s/he can take over the chair when his/her two years have elapsed.

Volunteer Coordinator – Volunteers offer or their services to the PTA. Anyone can volunteer to help the PTA or our schools. The Coordinator is responsible for soliciting member volunteers for a variety of tasks.

PTA Representatives to District Committees

It is a federal requirement that any district receiving Title I funds (NCLB) must have a written parent involvement policy, developed with and approved by parents.

PTA Parent Representatives to SOCS D District Committees are appointed, with the approval of the unit Executive Committee or Board (check your bylaws), to serve as the unit representative to the district committee. The representative must be a current member of that PTA unit for whom s/he is designated on the committee. The charge of the representative is to bring forward the concerns of her unit and/or unit members to the District Committee and report back to the unit the news of the work of the committee. The appointment is for one year. It is up to the unit president to determine whether the same person will continue to serve in subsequent years, based upon fulfillment of their duties to the unit.

All district committees are open to the public. You may attend any meeting but it is up to the committee to determine whether you may speak or ask a question as a guest. The District Committees are as follows:

BLT (Building Level Team): Every school has this committee, composed of parents, teachers and administrators, charged with addressing building-based issues on a variety of topics ranging from curriculum to health and safety. The Committee meets monthly. This is not the Principal's forum or committee, but a committee of equals. PTA representatives have an equal voice with every other member of the committee, and is charged with representing the interests of her respective unit and its members. Ideally, a parent from each grade level should be appointed. Those interested in serving on this committee are encouraged to attend these meetings to observe the work of the committee. One member of the BLT will be selected to represent the unit BLT at the district DLT, or District Level Team, by pre-determined rotation.

DLT (District Level Team): Two to four times a year the DLT, composed of BLT representatives from each building, meet with the Superintendent to review district wide goals and concerns reflective of the concerns at each building BLT. NYS requires the district to submit a report reflecting the work of the BLT/DLT level.

Curriculum Council: An advisory Committee to the Superintendent "...whose primary goal is the ongoing improvement of the District's educational program..." Again, PTA representatives on this committee have an equal voice, and are they representatives of her unit's concerns. New curriculum should be brought to the BLT for their input/recommendation before a program/course is passed from Curriculum Council to the Superintendent and the Board of Education approval. Meets four to six times a year.

Finance Advisory Council: The charge of this committee is to operate in an advisory capacity to assist the Board and Administration with district fiscal issues. Community members with a specific expertise in finance are needed. For more information contact the Office of the Superintendent.

Health & Safety Committee: NOT to be confused with the PTA Health Committee, this district committee addresses the concerns district-wide of health and safety, new laws in effect, and issues of public safety. There should be one PTA representative per building. Meets about twice a year.

Professional Development Plan Committee (PDP): Charged with reviewing the requirements of the NYS Commissioner's Regulations, the current SOCS D PDP and creating a plan that is responsive to student and faculty needs, as well as comply with new NYSED requirements for professional development. On PTA representative per unit.

Technology Committee: Review and update the district's technology plan, which would include plans for Power School. SOCS D Director of Technology George Brady facilitates. There should be one PTA representative from elementary and one for middle and high school.

Wall of Honor Committee: Charged with recognizing individuals in the SOCS D community that have made significant contributions to the learning environment for at least ten years, dedicated time to specific programs, services of community service.

Health & Wellness Committee: Charged with implementing the District Wellness Policy (a federal government requirement of the Child Nutrition Reauthorization, and mandated by the NYSED).

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