

TZHS PTSA Minutes

1/14/08

Principal's Report

Ed Bolan

- There was a lengthy discussion regarding coaches of sports teams taking a hard line against underage drinking and parties. There was a question as to whether the code of conduct that athletes and their parents are asked to sign should be extended to all clubs, student etc. Why are the athletes being held to a higher standard?
- There was a question as to whether report card comments could be less generic. Parents feel that sometimes the comments seem to be a bit illogical
- Two issues came up at curriculum council:
 - Lab for AP courses- not all students in AP courses will take the lab; the lab is only geared toward those students who might need extra support to bring their AP scores up.
 - ELL elective course- a course designed for ELL students to take so that they can learn more about the culture

AP Report

Trish Castelli

- Spanish Honor Society 2/12 (tentative)
- Arts and Crafts Club Sale 12/19
- Winter Concert 12/19
- Foreign Exchange student meeting 1/9
- 10th Grade Guidance workshop on college tests 1/10
- College Info Night 1/17
- Mid-terms 1/17-1/24

If you know your child will be out during mid-terms, make arrangements with the teacher. There will be busing during exams.

Wellness

Trish Castelli

- We took an eye- opening quiz entitled "The Sugar, Salt Quiz".
- 5 students have joined the Wellness Committee- there is a push to get more students and parents involved
- Chef from food service will be giving out wheat pizza samples to students. There is a feeling that some kids don't want to try the new food so they are trying to "bring the food to the kids".
- Wellness Walk- this spring. All schools will be incorporated. The walk would end at one of the schools where there would be a mini health fair.
- There were some questions answered about the cafeteria food:
 - Portions are the same
 - Many things are whole wheat
- Kids are complaining that there isn't enough food
- There was a question raised as to whether fresh fruit or other healthy snacks could be made available after school (SOMS cafeteria is open for a short time after school each day)

President's Report

Denise Jensen

- Scholarship fund has \$3438.91. The committee is underway finalizing application for mailing.
- Project Graduation has \$3379.50. The committee has met and the Go Dutch Program is collecting advertising donations and coupons for the booklet from the community businesses. Coupons are clipped,

given to the business and the percentage is donated to GO Dutch by the business. The books will be mailed to all district families and run from March 1- April 30. Go Dutch supports Scholarship and PG.

- Yankee Candle Fundraiser will be mailed to all high school families by 1/30.
- Denise will be attending the Rockland County School Board Associations Legislative Breakfast on 1/26.
- Founders Day nominating committee will meet and select a recipient by early February.
- The Reflections program was introduced to the high school for the first time and there were 3 honorable mentions and 3 entries that moved onto the region and one to the state level.
- Director of Technology candidate has been brought to the BOE process.
- PTA Council-
 - trying to put together some information on sleep studies and the importance of kids getting enough sleep
 - trying to begin utilizing conference calls so that more people can serve on committees
 - 2 officers from Central Hudson Region PTA came to talk about how to put together a nominating committee. The nominating committee needs to be put together 60 before an election according to the high school by-laws.
 - Needs for TZHS- forward input to Denise Jensen, Ed Bolan and Board of Ed. It's important to get the information out there.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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