

TZHS PTSA
Meeting Minutes 11/19/07

Guidance-Guest Speakers

Celia Walker, Betsy Sherwood & Laura Ferrante

- We welcomed Guidance to come and have a conversation with PTSA about the Guidance Awards that the PTSA funds. PTSA Scholarship Awards are awarded based upon the completion of an essay and the Guidance Awards recipients are selected by Guidance. They are given to students that generally do not receive any awards and deserve recognition for working hard. They tailor the award to the recipient and name the award accordingly. PTSA asked that the award names reflect more recognition in the naming of them. The Senior award process was also explained so all understood how fortunate we are to have a caring community provide these opportunities to our students.
- The Lentz and Lentz SAT Preparation course sponsored by the PTSA was also addressed. It was agreed that the 11th grade would not be included in the Fall mailings going forward. The words "sponsored by the P.T.S.A." will need to remain on the Lentz and Lentz letter mailed to students as they are a for profit company. The Adult Ed course will be offered on Wednesday's in the Spring and Lantz and Lentz will remain Tuesday nights. Guidance would like to see PTSA not sponsor a particular program but at a previous PTSA meeting, it was decided that parents want the alternative for their students as some do not want to be taught by their regular teachers. Also, they like the one and one, the additional make up course locations, and the CD's offered by the outside company. The costs are similar. The PTSA will continue to look into other companies for future changes to this program choice. Lastly, it was asked that the PTSA ask Lentz and Lentz to raise the \$ 40 fee received per pupil from outside our district. Denise will investigate. This money is put toward the Guidance Awards.

Principal's Report

Ed Bolan

- Auditorium asbestos remediation will take place December 14-16. Target occupancy is still 2/1 with outside work to be completed after that.
- EASO and SOCSO met with the Mediator today and Ed read a statement about possibly hearing an update by Wednesday, 11/21.
- The building is experiencing heat issues, especially in the new wing and downstairs. The Facilities department is working on it.
- The Athletics engraved brick pavers will be installed by Friday at the back gym entrance.
- The new Report Card comments have been implemented. This is a work in progress and feedback is always welcome. The on-going goal is to provide more meaningful comments.
- Junior Parking is coming. A student member of the Principal's cabinet submitted a proposal to be reviewed by committee. Street parking has been approved through the end of the school year. The safety course will be offered and parking may start by the last week before break.
- Parent Teacher Conferences went well. Appointments may not be available as classes grow. The evening session was better attended than last year. Parents that really need to come, don't. This will try to be addressed.
- There will be a trip to England for the Choir.
- The Budget process will begin soon and will be rolled over from last year at this point.
- The Fall Play was a great success.
- The Harlem Rockets basketball game was also a great success and much fun for all.
- The Parent Portal is up and running. It contains attendance, quarter grades and comments.
- The BLT met and discussed at length Physical Education Opting Out.

AP Report

P. Castelli

- Thanksgiving Concert will be held in the Band Room.
- The Italian Honor Society Induction will be held on 11/27.
- The SOS Tip-Off Basketball Tournament will be held December 6-8.

- The English Honor Society hosted an Author's Day that was very successful.
- The PLAN and PSAT results will be arriving soon.
- We will conduct a Code Red Lockdown Drill on 11/21.

No minutes for October were available for any action. They will be available next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- The account balance is \$4952.37
- A Yearbook ad was proposed to be added to the Budget for \$ 200. A motion was made by Mary Beth Carley and seconded by Marion Gryzlo. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

President's Report

Denise Jensen

- Superintendent search- The BOE is working toward narrowing the candidate pool and will schedule Community Forums for input.
- Director of Technology- A committee will be formed once the resumes are reviewed.
- Power Grade parent feedback is that this tool needs to be enhanced to provide usefulness. Specifically the homework assignments as well as status.
- Membership is about last year's level. There is a focus on targeting 100% faculty participation. We are teaming with EASO to help spread that word and encourage them to join. Elayne will forward an e-mail to Jeannie Palumbo.

Old Business

- Volunteers are being sought to work on the Nominating committees for Founders Day and '08-'09 PTSA Officers.
- The Cyber Safety Workshop held on October 22nd was very well done. Thanks to Tricia Castelli, Lillian Rinchiera and DA Michael Bongiorno.
- The Entertainment Fundraiser was very successful. Total raised will be provide at the next meeting.

NOTE MEETING CHANGE NEXT MONTH FROM 12/10 to 12/13

Respectfully Submitted,
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