

TZHS PTSA
Meeting Minutes 10/9/07

Principal's Report

Ed Bolan

- Ribbon cutting for ZEE Mart- it's open and business is booming. It operates within Wellness guidelines. Zee Mart sells nutritional snacks, seasonal items, gifts, balloons and TZHS items
- Parent Portal-target for opening is 11/1. Parents should be able to see their children's grades and absences
- AP classes/class size- 15 or higher is the standard. The numbers can tend to go up or down b/c kids change or move classes. It's not realistic to cancel a class if the numbers drop b/c it's too late in the game. 2 AP classes combined w/ provided for an extra section of Intermediate Algebra. This was important b/c the kids are unexpectedly taking a Regents in June
- Scheduled Trips- Italy has a high demand (41 kids). Currently, no one is running a trip to France or Spain. There is a possibility of a teacher **looking into** a trip to Ireland and London. Parents feel that trip planning should be encouraged among teachers so that other students will get a chance to go
- Auditorium use- best case scenario for "usability" is 2/1
- Some questions were raised regarding whether there would be a Freshman baseball team
- Junior Parking- trying to move forward with it- looking into availability of spots. There are concerns over the "old" Junior lot (by the fields). It is a gravel lot and cannot be paved. It's not safe. Also, the gravel mixes with soil and is not environmentally sound

AP Report

S. Silverman

- Meet the Teacher 10/11 starts in gym
A rep. from the Sheriff's Dept will be there to speak about how bomb threat/evacuation situations are handled as well as the use of cell phones during such times
- 10/12 Acoustic Underground
- 10/13 Junior Car Wash
- 10/15 Progress Reports *mailed out*
- 10/17 Schedule change
 - Periods 2- 6 10th grade taking the PLAN
 - 11th grade taking the PSAT
 - 9th graders will be able to attend 3 workshops related to issues such as dating, drug related topics, alcohol related topics. At 11:30 the 9th graders will resume their regular class schedule
 - 12th graders will have their picture taken on the bleachers and then go to Veteran's Memorial Park for a picnic
- 10/18 Principal's Chat - in teachers' room
English Honors Awards
SOS Club Meeting
- 10/19 Cheerleading Clinic for elementary level kids
- week of 10/22 Color War - listed on website- there will be a series of days
 - decade day, sports day, red and white day, western day(?)
- 10/27 Homecoming Game and dance - the dance will be held in the gym from 8:30-11:30 pm
- Andy DiDomenico received the NY Jets High School Coach Award
- 11/6 and 11/7 Parent-Teacher conferences 11/6 - appointments will be taken, 11/7 - no appointments needed
- 11/8 Harlem Rockets v. SOCSO employees at TZHS
- 11/9 and 11/10 Fall Play- it's a dinner theater/murder mystery
- Wellness and Aramark are looking into a salad bar

September Minutes accepted. MaryBeth Carley made a motion to accept. Patti Nalipi seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Proposed Budget Highlights-

- PTA Council will take a yearbook ad. and all units will contribute
- Raise contributions to Council on the contributions line from \$385 to \$600
- PTA Council dues raised (on the dues line) to \$100
- We allocate more money for workshops/training so that there is always an opportunity for someone to attend

Jane Casey made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Robert Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

\$3,279.50 Project Graduation

\$3573.91 Scholarships

\$825 in scholarship checks have not been cashed

President's Report

- Superintendent search- you can go to SOCS D website for updates as well as to share your thoughts
- Entertainment Books- closing out Friday night (10/12). There will be a report next month.
- BLT meets this week-there will be a discussion on the topic of senior athletes and opting out of gym
- Presidents' Meeting with Dr. Zambito-
 - Pool work is being bid out. Pool will be closed as of April. Project Graduation committee will meet regarding the location of Project Graduation. They kids would like to have it at the high school

- A Timelines/Q & A section will be added to the website
- All parents will receive a letter regarding when they will be able to access their child's profile online. The grade levels are being staggered
- Director of Technology- the district is in the process of trying to fill the position
- Board of Ed. now has a feedback form. They would like to know how the community feels the meeting are running
- Nominating Committee- a committee needs to be formed; there are many position to be filled
- NYS PTA Convention- still looking for someone to attend

Old Business

Betsy Sherwood will attend our meeting on 11/19 to discuss the Guidance Awards

NOTE MEETING CHANGE NEXT MONTH FROM 11/13 to 11/19

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Irizarry

TZHS PTA Recording Secretary