

MINUTES FROM THE 11/05/07 PTA COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:40. The following people were in attendance: J. Dennehy, R. Shapiro, D. Jensen, L. Caruana, M. Gryzlo, M. Balm, K. LaFiandra, T. Costello, C. Shin, M. Paul, J. Hurban, C. Pardo, J. Casey, C. Scherf, T. Drexler and K. Mart.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 10/01/07 meeting by Denise Jensen. Seconded by Theresa Costello. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to approve the 2007/2008 budget was made by J. Dennehy and seconded by R. Shapiro. Motion passed.

Council President Reports

A directive was given by the superintendent for teachers to put the students quarterly grades on powerschool. The teachers could use powerschool for homework assignments, test grades, and projects, if they want, but it is not required. E-mail the principals that the PTA would like to have an information session on how powerschool works. The teachers and the district are at an impasse for contract talks and a mediator will be brought in. Teachers are talking about this in classrooms. Why? Forty applicants have applied for the superintendent position. It will be narrowed down to eight and the BOE will interview candidates and select 3 or 3. A meet the candidates' night will be held in December. The candidates will also have to spend a day in the school district. Questions can be e-mailed to the BOE. Ten school districts in Hudson Valley are looking for new superintendents. SOCES PTA will collect the funds and pay the bills for three field trips for this school year. Red light activities that the PTA should not endorse include hayrides and anything involving water activities. The PTA directory is in the process of being scheduled and should be available next week. A MRSA info letter went home. Advertisements have been placed for the director of technology opening. Lead the Way will change the way the tech classes are done at the middle school and high school.

Unit President Reports

SOCES

Giftwrap pickup is Nov. 6th. Bookfairs will be held at WOS and TZE that day. Toys for school age children are being collected. October PTA meeting guest speakers from transportation department, food service and wellness committee did a panel discussion.

SOMS

Clothing sale will start soon. The dance was very successful. Paul Trinkoff did a backpack demo at the PTA meeting.

TZHS

The first project graduation meeting was held with the students. The PTA will be doing the Go Dutch fundraiser again. Next meeting will be 11/19 and Betsy Sherwood from the guidance department will be the guest speaker.

SEPTA

Dr. Jane Healy, a child neuropsychologist, will be a guest speaker at the Nov. 15th SEPTA and ECP PTA meeting at SOMS. A fundraiser will be held on Dec. 8th at TZHS.

Old Business

TZHS has updated their website. SOCES is working on it. NYS PTA convention is Nov. 16 to 18th and anyone can go, even for just the day. The Central Hudson conference is cancelled for this year. Michele Balm is trying to work out a meeting date for the committee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Shapiro and seconded by Theresa Costello and unanimously passed. The meeting ended at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mart