

MINUTES FROM THE 03/03/08 PTA COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:45. The following people were in attendance: J. Dennehy, D. Jensen, L. Caruana, M. Gryzlo, M. Jones, K. LaFiandra, C. Shin, M. Paul, J. Hurban, J. Casey, J. Armetta, C. Brew-Mitchell, A. DeRosa, and K. Mart.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 3/3/08 meeting by D. Jensen. Seconded by M. Paul. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's report

SOCES PTA paid their dues to council. SOMS and ECP still have to pay.

Council President's Report

The proposed calendar for the 2008/2009 year was presented to the BOE. The Easter/Passover break is from a Wednesday to a Wednesday. Why do we have to have two broken up weeks? No continuity for the children. Why do the elementary schools have half days the last week of school? The new director of technology will do a review of powerschool. Three candidates for the Human Resources Director will be interviewed on 3/5/08. Ann Vaccaro-Teich will have the preliminary budget for the BOE on 3/7 and will present it at the workshop meeting on 3/12/08. A song has been pulled from the TZE dance festival due to the inappropriate innuendos in the lyrics. A parent complained about the song. A child started a petition to have the song be put back in. Dr. Zambito decided that the song should not be used in the dance festival. Children are more aware of the world than parents think. What can be done to make parents more aware of this? When will the PTA's get to meet the new superintendent? Can we compile a list of our concerns to talk about, such as bullying, drinking, and sexual activity? The pool specifications went up to the state at a cost increase of 1.6 million. The BOE is asking for more information, since they were not aware of this. The code of conduct has to be reviewed every year. May 14th is the retirement party for Dr. Zambito. Steve Lucash has resigned as the Director of Facilities.

The Curriculum Council will meet on April 10th at 4PM in the SOMS Library.

The Wellness Committee will meet on March 5th at 10:45AM in Eric Goldstein's classroom.

The Legislative Breakfast will be March 15th at the East Ramapo CSD Administration Building.

The Legislative Conference is March 8th and 9th in Albany. Denise Jensen will be attending.

Unit President's Reports

SOMS

The February PTA meeting was cancelled due to the snow day. The March meeting will follow the information meeting on the Washington DC trip for the 8th graders. The Spring Party will be held on March 14th. The faculty vs. the students basketball game scheduled for April 3rd will be rescheduled for another night because it conflicts with the Confirmation rehearsal at St. Catherine's.

TZHS

The coupon booklets for the Go Dutch fundraiser has gone out. The fundraiser goes through the end of April. The next blood drive is March 11th. The Gamefest will be held on March 8th, but at this point in time there has not been a lot of commitment from the students. SOCASA will be coming to the March 10th PTSA meeting.

ECP

Buy a star fundraising has begun. The stars will be hung up at the Family Day in May.

SEPTA

Dr. Vincent D'Amico will do a presentation on March 25th at the Middle School auditorium on Integrative, Natural & Holistic Strategies for ADD/ADHD.

The health walk will be held on May 10th.

We the People was very well attended. There was some concern that children were dropped off at the event.

It is time to order staff appreciation gifts. Approximately \$1.00 per staff member is spent.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:28 by J. Hurban and seconded by C. Shin.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mart