

MINUTES FROM THE 10/01/07 PTA COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:42. The following people were in attendance: J. Dennehy, R. Shapiro, E. Howell, D. Jensen, L. Caruana, M. Gryzlo, M. Balm, K. LaFiandra, J. Armetta, T. Costello, C. Shin, M. Jones, M. Paul, B. Stout, T. Shine, M. LeWaren, L. Neuendorf and K. Mart.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 9/10/07 meeting, with the correction to the consultant's name, by Denise Jensen. Seconded by Theresa Costello.

Treasurer's Report

The fundraising line will be all the fundraisers together (Barnes and Noble, Defensive Driving, etc.). ECP dues will be \$25. The revenue line for budget sign sale should be \$50. In order to make the revenue and the expense more in line should the school budget line be taken out and charged back to the individual units? Should ECP make a contribution to the council budget like the other units do? Possibly \$200. Dues are stipulated in the by-laws, but the contribution amounts can be changed. Should the contribution amounts be changed to the following:

SOMS \$600, SOCES \$900, TZHS \$600, ECP \$50, and SEPTA \$50.

The individual units have to vote on the above amounts. Approval of the budget is tabled until the next meeting.

Council President Reports

Summer mailings will be consolidated by family so that duplicate and triplicate lunch program, transportation booklets, and student handbooks will not be sent. Friendship buses will not be put back in place. The pool is scheduled to be closed from May 2008 until January 2009. The district is in the process of getting state approval and then going out for bids.

Powerschool was promised for fall 2007 and is not available yet. This is not part of the teacher contract the superintendent can only issue a directive to the teachers to use powerschool. The search is underway for a new superintendent and will be narrowed down to a few candidates. The guidance website will be enhanced to help students and parents with what needs to or should be done to prepare for selecting colleges. The PTA directory still needed a few corrections and was then going to Regina for printing. BOE retreat is being held on Oct. 2nd in the SOMS library with the PTA presidents.

Unit President Reports

SOCES

The swim and gym was cancelled because no one wanted to be the chair for the event. Field trips are still an issue. Is SOCES libel for any accident that may occur? The income for the PTA is higher due to the collecting of field trip funds, which means a more complicated tax return has to be filled out. The executive committee will decide whether they will still collect the money for field trips.

ECP

The welcome back picnic was very successful. Interviews are being held for the music therapist. The comedy night will be held on Nov. 2nd at the Casa Mia Manor House.

SOMS

In the past children had about two weeks to find their table for lunch for the year. The children will be allowed to move around this year. The entertainment book fundraiser is underway. Ann Marie Uhl collected information about what people wanted to see in the next superintendent.

TZHS

The next meeting of the PTA is Oct. 9th. Meet the teacher night is Oct. 11th. A cyber space parent workshop will be held on Oct. 22nd.

Old Business

Lucia asked for all by laws from the state. TZHS PTA has update their by-laws and sent them in. Jean Dennehy checked to make sure that all insurance payments have been made.

New Business

The mission statement should be on the home page of the district website. The dates and times for meetings should be on the website as well(such as the BLT meetings, etc.). PTA presidents should send the committee member names to Florence Z. The back doors at the middle school are left open. This is a security concern. Oct. 4th is a Gear meeting at SOMS at 7PM. Oct. 24th is a wellness committee meeting at 10:45.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marian Gryzlo and seconded by Elizabeth Scotson and unanimously passed. The meeting ended at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mart

