

TZHS PTSA
April Minutes

Meeting came to order at 7:35 pm

Budget was adopted with an increase of just under 5.4%- \$75,386,000. Each unit needs to vote to support the budget so that PTA Council can send out cards and make calls etc. Robert Gordon made a motion to support the budget. Kath Kopac-Cook seconded the motion. After a vote, the motion to support the budget carried.

Principal's Report

Ed Bolan

- school play was outstanding
- TZHS has its 5th Scholar-Athlete of the year (one shy of the record)
- Two teams qualified for the Moody Math Challenge
- TZHS placed first in the Rockland County Read In
- Staff will need to be added for next year due to the enrollment of the current 8th grade
- There have been a number of cell phone/I-Pod thefts-Two issues have come up:
 - 1) carelessness
 - 2) kids need to be more aware
- Pride Survey is complete and results are being compiled. Results will be shared at the next meeting; however two alarming things came up: 1) age of first alcohol experience is under 12 2) the incidence of alcohol experiences happening in other children's homes
- Project Lead the Way- the hope is that a certified teacher will be hired soon

Assistant Principal

T. Castelli

- Ms. Castelli expressed sincere thanks at being chosen to receive an award at Founder's Day
- Blood Drive- good participation
- Spanish Honor Society- Havana Nights Dance was a success
- Interact Café was a wonderful event for students and guests
- MuFest had a great turn out
- History Honor Society was last week
- Multi-Cultural Dinner had 17-18 groups perform as well as a great deal of food
- Italy trip 4/15/08 10 days
- choir to go to London for 7 days
- 5/3 Project Graduation Car Wash
- 5/5-5/16-AP exams
- 5/10 Wellness Walk and Fair
- Black and white Dance is being re-scheduled
- *Many scholarship applications are still available in the guidance office

Treasurer's Report

- Our balance is \$7,460.33
- Membership drive is complete- 244 members- hopefully this number will increase
- more money tends to be spent at this time of year

President's Report

D. Jensen

- acceptance of minutes- Mary Beth Carley made a motion; Jane Casey seconded; motion carried.
- Graduation- working on a contingency plan in case of bad weather. A suggestion was made if the weather looks threatening to give out diplomas first and then commence with the speeches
- Bullying Initiative- very important topic, many things are already in place. The district is looking into bringing in a new program at SOMS

- Project Graduation- kids want the party at the high school even though the pool will be opened in time. This suggestion is being considered. There are security concerns. A security company may be hired for the evening. There is a Project Graduation meeting on 4/16.
- Code of Conduct Review- should be in line with the code of conduct for athletes. It is currently being reviewed by parent Joe Gryzlo, the TZHS representative on the SAVE Committee.

Committee Reports

- Go Dutch! Has about two weeks left
- Scholarship committee is meeting as we speak
- Budget vote is on 5/20
- 4/21 at 5pm is the last date for someone to file to run for school board
- Nominating Committee is in search of leadership
- Bylaws- quorum was changed from 14 to 10. Bylaws will not expire until 2011
- Founder's Day was a wonderful event. Trish Castelli was the TZHS recipient
- Blood Drive-46 pints

New Business

- New positions- special ed., social studies, phys. ed. -.1 & .3
- Trish Castelli is stepping down as Assistant Principal- she wants to teach again
- June balloons will be a fundraiser again this year
- 4/29-SOCASA will present a host liability workshop
- 5/6 Staff Appreciation Day- a motion was made to provide a modest breakfast and a pen for the staff. The vote was taken and the motion carried.
- SOMS is changing its name to Tappan Zee Middle School, most likely in Sept.
- 5/5 Candidates Forum-Lonnie Jacobs and Rich DiLoreto are up for re-election
- 5/6 Parent-Student Time Management Workshop- information is in e-newsletter- PTA may send out mailers to remind all TZHS parents
- 5/10-Wellness Walk- goal is \$25,000.00- Monies raised will be split between American Heart Assoc. and American Diabetes Assoc.

Robert Gordon made a motion to adjourn meeting. Patti Nalipi seconded motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Irizarry
Recording Secretary
TZHS PTA