

TZHS PTSA Minutes
9/18/07

Principal's Report

Ed Bolan

- Thanks to the PTSA for a very successful Project Graduation
- Opening of school was smooth. Even the 9th graders seemed to have a smooth transition
- Capital projects are almost finished
 - Oil tank replaced
 - Fitness center looks great
 - Pink hallway is now white and red
 - Auditorium repair- bids are being taken; insurance has been slow to pay
 - Fall Play will be in the cafeteria
 - TV/Tech Room are coming along. In the future, the TV studio is planned to broadcast live
- Power School- moving forward as a district. Currently waiting for an update on the introduction of the Parent Portal from the Superintendent/Board of Ed.
- Staffing/Class Size- we are trying to keep numbers down in all classes; AP classes are trying to be a minimum of 15, when possible.
- Turnitin.com- a system that checks for plagiarism. It is in the process of being evaluated (began spring '07)
- Zee Nite- great success. Thank you to all who made it possible
- Junior Parking- unsure as to how much junior parking there is yet. Currently, the North lot is for the seniors, the south lot is for the staff. The street is for the staff only b/c it is only granted for use by TZHS by executive decision by the Town Board. There may not always be street parking available to TZHS
- Any student who parks on campus must attend a driving safety class
- AM Drop-off- drive up as far as you can (all doors are open). There is a potentially dangerous situation being created on Dutch Hill Rd. at drop-off

AP Report

S. Silverman

- Class assemblies were in cafeteria- the ring company will be at the sophomore assembly
- School pictures -9 /24 re-take day is 11/14
- Club Fair Day- 9/25
- College Info Night- 9/26 all are invited to attend
- Senior Car Wash- 9/29
- Acoustic Underground TZHS Library 10/5

AP Report

T. Castelli

- Cafeteria- first week of school was a time of adjustment to meet with the new guidelines
- As of 9/17 the deli will be opened w/ turkey, roast beef, cheese, salad, fresh fruit and veggies
 - Snacks are available (same as last year)

Treasurer's Report

Discussion was tabled b/c Tom Carley could not be here

- **Superintendent Search-** there is a web page devoted to the search; community can keep abreast of what is happening in the process. Dr. Lehrer is a consultant who is helping to conduct the search. He spent time in the district collecting info. He will forward his findings to the Board of Education as well as the PTA presidents. An ad has been placed in the NY Times. Resumes are currently being accepted. Dr. Lehrer will narrow down to suitable candidates. The Board of Ed. will further narrow down to 2-3 suitable candidates. Each candidate will then spend a day in the district. The community will have a chance to ask questions and to provide feedback. By law, the Board of Ed. will make a decision as to which candidate to hire.
- **PTSA Role and Goals**
 - Role- advocacy for children
 - Goals- increase membership, continue children and parent enrichment, provide scholarships, Project Graduation
- **PTA Council and Delegates**
 - PTA Council consists of all PTA unit presidents SOCSO as well as delegates from each unit
 - TZHS PTSA Delegates are: Mary Paul, Jane Casey, Marion Gryzlo
- **Committee Responsibility-** many people sit on committees. Their job is to act as liaisons and bring back info from their respective committees
- **Voting-** current PTSA members are encouraged to take part in decisions by coming to meetings and voting on the various items that come up. 10 members are needed to vote on any item
- **Open Positions-** there are still open positions that are waiting to be filled- Board Reporter, Legislation
- **Fundraising-** Entertainment Book Fundraiser-**Patti Nalipi 9/18-10/2** the books were sent home with the kids; money raised goes toward the general fund. There are raffle prizes such as dvd player, I pod and cash for high sellers
- **Meetings with Dr. Zambito-** The PTA unit presidents meet monthly with Dr. Zambito. Please don't hesitate to let Denise know if you have a concern
- **PTA Retreat 10/2-** PTA president meet with the Board of Education to discuss the goals of SOCSO as well as how we (PTSA) can play a role
- **PTA Directory-** Laura Neuendorf is waiting for last minute changes. It should be ready in a few weeks. All members will receive a directory
- **Membership- Elayne Armaniaco-** there was a separate mailing this year. A main goal is to try to get more staff to join the PTSA
- **Nominating Committee-** '08-'09 a committee of five members needs to be formed. In many positions the terms are up and will need to be filled
- **Founder's Day Committee-** Founder's Day is 3/27 Think nominating people who have gone above and beyond for our kids. A committee needs to be formed.
- **President/Principals Dinner-** Nyack Seaport 10/18
- **NYS PTA Convention-** 11/16-11/18 IS anyone interested in attending?

Old Business-

New Business-

- A Suggestion was made to add an FAQ section to the district website. It could provide tips for parents. It possibly could provide a timeline for parents-when do the kids need to have certain things done? Parents felt that this could be helpful to all.
- **10/22 How to Protect Your Kids from the Computer Crimes, Identity Theft and Social Networking Sites** Michael Bongiorno- District Attorney, Trish Castelli will present
- Betsy Sherwood-Guidance Dept. to discuss PTSA funded Guidance awards 11/13
- **AAA Teen Driving Meeting -2/5**

Respectfully Submitted,

