

## December 2008 PTSA Meeting

The December meeting was called to order at 9:40. In attendance were: Colleen Joyce, Pam Robey, Lauri Harder, Kim Breda, Mary Pat Cieri, Peggy Palmer, Julie Gorman, Diane Corcoran, Candy Wood, Pat Berry, Lisa Weggeman, Jean Tompkins, Melanie Goldstein, and Reghan Diaz. From the Administration and Staff: Mr. Tom McMorran, Ms. Gina Pin, Ms. MaryAnn Sheehy, Ms. Anne Kipp and Ms. Lee Skalkos.

### PRESENTATION:

Mr. McMorran presented to the group an evaluation of the 1998-99 tardy procedure that was reported to the Board of Education on June of 1999. He emphasized the need to maximize learning time and showed that there is merit for an accountable tardy policy. He also made a few announcements to the group regarding the Mural Club, National Merit Scholars, Academic Lab, Senior Experience, and Career Pathways.

Ms. Sheehy spoke briefly about X-period. She is involved in establishing its purpose/goal and will then publish the info so students can choose exactly what they want. She is concentrating on the current freshman and sophomores and hopes they will more fully commit to the program as they continue through the grade levels.

### REFLECTIONS:

Pat Berry said that we are in need of a volunteer to take over Reflections or we may want to consider dropping it.

Lee Skalkos invited everyone to the Second Annual Jewelry Auction that will be held at the Easton Library on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The preview will be from 7-8:00 and the auction run by Milo Cramer will be from 8-9:30. There will be over 50 pieces of jewelry for auction. Last year they raised \$3800.

### MINUTES:

The November 2008 minutes were read and approved. (Gorman/Goldstine)

### TREASURES REPORT:

Mary Pat Cieri reports that nothing has changed since last month.

Mary Pat Cieri gave an overview of the discussion of the last Board of Education Meeting. Next meeting will be the Tri-Board Meeting tomorrow night at 7:30.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The PTA Council will meet Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Gillotti's from 12-1:15.

Mr. McMorran wants to start several focus groups to discuss x-period, middle school to high school transition, the success rate of college attendees as well as a pathway for those that don't go directly to college after graduation from high school. Dates will hopefully be set up in the near future so we can get volunteers in January.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### MINI GRANTS:

Reghan Diaz received 2 grant requests:

Mrs. Nuzzo requested help with paying for a resin storage shed and its shipping cost. Reghan will get the amount of the request and bring it back to the next PTSA meet.

Mrs. Nuzzo also requested \$250 for the CT State Science Fair. Request was granted.

Lisa Weggeman reported on the progress of the Academic Center. An email will be sent out by Lisa to all volunteers/PTSA members with opportunities which will begin after the New Year.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Topics for the next meeting were discussed. We decided on student council, school spirit and a report on the convocation held in December.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 (Robey/Palmer). The next meeting will be January 13, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary