

City Honors PTSCO

February 16, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm

Minutes of last meeting: reviewed and approved

Treasury Report: Peter Cammarata

Report distributed covers Jan. 19, 2006 through Feb. 15, 2006. Beginning balance as of Jan. 19 was \$4931.39. Ending balance as of Feb. 15 is \$3057.47. Amount available for disbursements is \$664.59.

Finance Committee: Ralph Proulx

We need a good Auction fundraiser since we foresee need for about \$4000 or more through the end of the year! More memberships are also coming in.

Announcements: Mark Boyd, Co-President

The next meeting will be held March 16, with the 9th grade parents first meeting at 5:30pm. There will be a Town Meeting with the Supt. on Feb. 21st in the CHS Auditorium.

Ride for Roswell: Dan Sharpe

After last month, he followed up with Maureen Izquierdo regarding the Ride and liability issues. Approved by Principal. Mitch Flynn, co-chair and founder of Ride addressed group with details. A lot of teams come from various schools. Four people on a team. 9,20,33, or 62.5 miles. Must raise \$100 per rider. The average has been \$275 per person. They hope to raise \$1 million this year. Support provided for fundraising. Register on Roswell website for "Centaur Cyclists" with Dan Sharpe as Capt. Picnic and team picture afterwards. Great for the kids. Very safe, well organized ride.

School Business: Dr. William Kresse, Principal

There have been some thefts in the building lately. Admin. has fully investigated. Please encourage your children to lock things up in lockers. New computer lab is up and running, working well. Relieves stress on upstairs computer lab. All teachers have received laptop computers for their desk use. Wireless equipped. Currently 1/3 of the building is wireless equipped. There is a temporary moratorium on student laptops in the building, as there have been some security issues this past year. Technology Committee is working on correcting this situation for the future.

Student Information Management System: The Principal and Ms. Hannah and both guidance counselors attended training on new web-based student management system. Parents will hopefully have the ability to check on many things next school year with this system. Old system will drop 7/1.

Spring Lecture Series: exciting series (info on website) available through a grant from Wendt Foundation. Earlier today, NASA astronaut James Pawelczyk lectured. Future presenters are John Courtin, Martin House Restoration Director on 3/21, and Jonathan Mercantini, Asst. Professor of History at Canisius on 4/5.

Library Project: Prish Moran and Ms. Holden want to replace our tables with Roycroft tables, as well as new benches for main hall. Investigating possibility.

Our Swim Team won City championship! Buffalo School Reconstruction: we were named as part of Phase III but nothing official yet.

Please support CHS by contacting your local School Board member or our Foundation President, Les Hoffman. Board meeting March 8th to discuss.

Senior Class may hold a semi-formal Date Dance on 4/7.

Technology teacher Mr. Boyer out on leave and Susan Baker is subbing.

Irene McVay Café: hand carved sign is ready and can be unveiled at our upcoming Auction March 31st. Collecting posters and prints of Buffalo to be plaqued and put on cafeteria walls. Donations can be dropped off at Ms. Keifer's room.

Reviewed final exam changes again. No city exams, only Regents.

Departmental assessments will be drawn up, and more info forthcoming.

No summer courses except Commencement Academy children or graduating seniors with Regents courses.

Regarding field trips, as discussed last month, the SBMT recommends longer trips for grades 8 and 12.

Wendt Foundation: Peter Cammarata mentioned that we received \$70,000 in a grant from this foundation, with \$60,000 going to computer lab and \$10,000 slated for Spring Speaker series.

NY Learns: problem with server for this website, according to BOCES. This is now being worked on by Ms. Fundalinski.

Site Based Management Team: Debbie Keresztes

Three subcommittees have been formed: Achievement, Responsibility, and parental involvement. All parents are welcome to join and participate.

District Parent Coordinating Council: Andrea Szalanski had info from attendees. Supt. wants to open a Math and Science magnet at Seneca. He wants honors and AP programs in each school, more distance learning in high schools for math and science, early years IB program, gifted programs district wide, reading coach at each school, expansion of sports. On March 25th there is a city wide Parent Conference from 8:30-1:00pm.

Auction and Desserts: Sue Zuchlewski

Our annual Auction will be held Friday, March 31st beginning at 6:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend and also to solicit donations from area businesses, restaurants, or any contacts you have. The auction usually has a wide array of hand crafted items, restaurant and business gift certificates, unique and valuable items, and fun family baskets. Video Ipod tickets have been sold in advance and will continue to be sold the week leading up to 3/31 at lunch times. Free desserts are also available all evening. This is PTSCO's biggest fundraiser! **PLEASE COME!**

Water Fountains in school will be fixed.

Minutes submitted by Linda Foley