

City Honors PTSCO

May 18, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Minutes of last meeting: reviewed and approved.

Treasury Report: Peter Cammarata

Report distributed covers April 27 – May 17, 2006. Beginning balance is \$9941.55 and ending balance is \$10,779.10. Actual amount available for disbursement is \$7860.78.

Finance Committee: Ralph Proulx

Out of the \$7960 in the treasury, about \$6300 is reserved for other events and expenditures. Just under \$1600 is available for clubs and groups until the end of the school year. Boys Varsity Soccer – approved \$200 out of \$500 requested. Girls Rugby Team – approved \$300 out of \$900 requested to attend National Tournament in Maine.

Site Based Management Team: Debbie Keresztes

Invitation to May 31st Teacher/Parent social event.

Possible mentorship program for next year. Perhaps some older students can join in. Ms. Lomison talked to them about the Math final assessments.

District Parent Coordinating Council: Ann Marie Jurado

They met at Council Council this month, where the Board of Educ. budget audit was referred to committee. Issue regarding neighborhood schools: many students aren't accepted into their neighborhood schools because geographic proximity is not considered when applying. This was referred to committee.

There will be a Masten Playground program from July 5 – Sept. 1 for 5-12 year olds from 7:30am – 6pm. Staff, meals/snacks included.

Contact Tiffany at 856-0363.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Went well and many teachers thanked PTSCO for all we have done.

After Prom Party: Judi Roberson

Looking for more monetary donations. Hypnotist is expensive and the students really want this entertainment.

Moving Up Day: Susan Koeppel

Plans are set for June 22nd.

City Honors Reconstruction: Andrea Szalanski

Dr. James Williams had approached Andrea and Peter Cammarata in hopes of holding a small meeting to discuss lobbying for legislation to change funding formulas for Phase III and Phase IV. A meeting was held May 15th to discuss working together to “leverage our resources” to receive more aid in maximum cost allowance for Phase III. Otherwise, there’s a possibility Phase III will not happen. Dr. Williams also assured us that we can stay in our current building, there will be no changes in program, no splitting of middle and high schools, and no change in admission requirements. Another meeting will take place June 5th. Representatives from PTSCO, CHS Foundation, and the Supt. office attended and will continue to be involved.

PTSCO then discussed our admission policies, and the idea of re-applying and re-testing again in 9th grade. What are exit strategies if a student is not able to make it through CHS? SBMT has been discussing these topics for a while. Pros and cons. The feeling downtown is that we as a CHS community should be able to work with the students who are having problems here. Our administration is working on this and will hopefully keep us informed.

School Business: Maureen Izquierdo

The 5th grade students enthusiastically took over our recycling program. They made posters and are taking care of publicizing it and moving paper to the outside bins.

Senior Dinner – May 24th at Pearl Street Grill

Blood Drive – May 26th - 9am-2pm

Memorial Day - no school – May 29th

10th grade Picnic – May 31st – front lawn

Awards Day – June 1st – 9am -12noon

NYSSMA – Fri. and Sat. 6/2 & 6/3 at CHS

7th grade Orientation – Tues. June 6th (14-17 new students)

5th grade Orientation – July 17th all day

Regents exams begin June 14th. Last day of high school classes 6/13

Graduation: June 21

MUD: June 22

Summer School for seniors who haven't met grad. requirements 7/6-8/14

SAT course: 8/1-8/14 by Princeton Review at CHS

Intensive Regents Review (if receive between 48-64 on Regents in June.
Register 6/29 and 6/30 for summer school.

Discussion of Chemistry course and Regents. Tutoring is available.

Foundation News: Peter Cammarata

Their membership campaign has raised \$35,000. Voted to spend \$5300 for a PA system for the cafeteria, which will be a great asset during exams, the PTSCO Auction, etc. They also bought \$700 worth of plants. Discussing other initiatives currently. Over the years, the Foundation has been able to donate close to \$500,000 in projects to CHS, thanks to parents, teachers, and our entire school community!

Next meeting: June 15, 2006 at 5:30pm

Minutes submitted by Linda Foley