

City Honors PTSCO

May 15, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

Minutes of last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Committee: Andrea Szalanski

Two requests were approved by committee: \$200 for Varsity girls Basketball team for awards and banquet; \$600 for Rugby girls and boys teams for uniforms.

District Parents Coordinating Council: Kathy Critharis

Next meeting is Tuesday at Makowski ECC at 6:30pm. No news since last meeting.

Site Based Management Team: Sandy Heaney

An Arts and Words event was held April 25 and was very successful. Senior Becca Bass organized it with a grant received from the Bezos Foundation. There were community presentations and student open mic.

The Students for Other Students (SOS) party was held to end a successful year. Plans are underway to coordinate it for next year for our two schools... two coordinators? transport the students?

They are moving forward with a Research based writing center to be held during the lunch periods to mentor non fiction writing. This will start in October 2008. Pre and post evaluations will be done. We'll start with 9th and 10th grades.

Plans are being made to finalize a big Brother Big Sister program for next year.

Parent surveys continue to be developed for the fall.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Koepfel

The beginning balance as of April 17 was 20,762.12. The ending balance as of May 15 is \$22,027.97. Available for disbursements is \$11,347.33.

CHS/FMP Foundation: Linda Foley

One last reminder that Friday May 30th is the annual Party in the Hall, where we honor two individuals with awards. This year the Michael J. Anelli Award goes to Margaret Cardina, longtime Phys. Ed. teacher and Coach; and the Above and Beyond Award goes to parent Kathy Corff Rogers for her many years of donated graphic design expertise as well as revival of Quaerare and her volunteer work with the newspaper's students.

Everyone is invited to this enjoyable event filled with food, drink, and the CHS community.

The Foundation has established a Mary V. Kiefer IB Endowment Fund and the proceeds of this year's Party in the Hall will be designated for this fund.

New officers were elected for next year: President: Stephen Joyce; Vice President David Cohen; Treasurer Peter Cammarata; and Secretary Elissa Banas.

Other School News: Andrea Szalanski

Staff Appreciation Luncheon was held May 7th, and a set of notecards were given as a gift to each.

The 8th grade is going to Washington D.C. on June 11-13. A high percentage of students are going, in part because a lot of time was allocated for fundraising the last couple of years.

MUD plans on June 24th are going well.

SAT Prep course this summer for 10th graders will be held at Hutch Tech and East High.

Plans are being made for an Open House in August at both swing schools.

The Welcome Back Picnic will take place at school #56 on Sept. 19th. If you can help, contact Chair Elena Blatto at Elena.Blatto@Fisher.Price.com.

Nancy Karp thanked everyone who contributed to the 9th grade Compass House project.

There will be a 9th & 10th grade dance on May 31st at D'Youville College.

A Bike-a-Thon to Niagara Falls Canada overnight will take place June 21st-22nd.

An After Prom Party is being planned as the Prom ends early this year, at 11pm.

The 2008-09 PTSCO Board is being put together now. Please contact Andrea if interested in Co-president, Secretary positions, or also if you are staying on and moving up as Grade Parent for next year.

Next and final meeting: June 12 at 6:30pm

Minutes submitted by Linda Foley