

City Honors PTSCO

October 26, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.
Minutes of last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasury Report: Susan Koeppel

Beginning balance as of 9/27/06 was \$5,748.80. Deposits were \$9556.70.
Disbursements were \$6060.75. Ending balance as of 10/19/06 was \$9,244.45.
Available for disbursement is \$5265.27.

Finance Committee: Andrea Szalanski in lieu of Ralph Proulx

No new requests. Memberships coming in well. Directory of students being worked on.

Announcements: Andrea Szalanski

Senior Breakfast changed to a Dinner and moved to Nov. 2 (due to Oct. storm).

Ice Cream Social is tomorrow 10/27.

Moving Up Day (MUD) for 8th grade will be held on June 21st.

Margaret Cardina announced the "Win a Basketball Court" for CHS contest. Go to [www.makeasplash.com/comic by 11/17](http://www.makeasplash.com/comic_by_11/17) to enter names and be in the running.

School Business: Dr. William Kresse

New City Honors window clings are for sale and benefit the Centaur Fund for school "extras."

School came through the Oct. storm and power outages fairly well. Mr. Laughlin (Food Svcs.) rotated food around different freezers so that none was spoiled.

Working on school master calendar for website.

Speaker Series started off well with a large turnout. Parents invited to upcoming events; call the school first to let them know. Next speaker is Nov. 30th.

Phase III School Reconstruction: we're on track with our budget and cost of project. Should know more within 2 weeks. There will be public presentations planned so that we can see the specific plans, etc.

Admissions: There will be more slots than usual for 9th grade. For 7th grade, there will be approx. 10; for 8th grade approx. 5; for 6th grade also approx. 5.

Discussion of ways to improve means of communication between school and home. Options discussed were: morning announcements typed up; phone system

hotline for events; student volunteer typing announcements for website, etc. Dr. Kresse will look into these and various other options.

Discussion of school store to sell CHS items or clothing. Mr. Kudla, Phys. Educ. teacher, is actually in the process of starting something along these lines, and this will definitely become a part of the newly renovated CHS after reconstruction.

Site Based Management Team: Debbie Keresztes

Info on our new SOS program was handed out. Students for Other Students is a peer-to-peer tutoring program funded by a grant written by Sandy Heaney, which was matched by the CHS Foundation. Our program will be coordinated by Sharon Lomison (Math Dept.) and sessions will take place after school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:20pm. To start, tutoring is available for core academic areas for grades 5-7 and in math and science for grades 8-12. They hope to begin in early November.

Discussion of whether CHS students can tutor outside students for pay.

District Parent Coordinating Council: Cathy Critharis

Parent workshop on 9/30 was well attended. Dr. Muriel Howard spoke about helping kids develop goals. CHS parent Maureen England also spoke to parents. Six CHS parents attended the general meeting. Jackie Ross Brown presented summary of elementary school choices. The shortage of guidance counselors was discussed, as well as updating the BPS website to make it parent-friendly. Jack Saviola volunteered to work with BPS spokesperson Heather Groll to develop a new site.

Next meeting is 11/14 at School 67.

Field Trips Update: Andrea Szalanski

Ann Marie Jurado (8th grade rep) met with parents earlier tonight and finalized plans to travel to Philadelphia in early June for the 8th grade trip. It costs about \$250 per student, and they will be asking PTSCO and the Foundation for help. There are 87 total students. A fundraising committee will be working on raising funds to defray costs.

“On the Island”

This year’s CHS Musical will take place November 17th-19th.

Our next meeting is November 16, 2006.

Minutes submitted by Linda Foley