

City Honors PTSCO

January 19, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Minutes of last meeting: reviewed and approved.

Treasury Report: Peter Cammarata

Report distributed covers Nov. 17, 2005 through Jan. 18, 2006. Beginning balance as of Nov. 17 was \$15,872.93. Ending balance as of Jan. 18 is \$4931.39. Amount available for disbursements is \$1392.59. All the deposits and disbursements were explained.

Finance Committee: Ralph Proulx

The following expenditures were requested and approved: 6th grade class: \$250 for science supplies - \$250 approved. Volleyball team 20 year reunion: tee shirts, snacks – denied due to prior Foundation approval. Roswell Park Science Program: \$650 for travel, lodging at competition - \$650 approved. J.V. Girls Basketball 7th, 8th, 9th grade: \$150 for league fees - \$150 approved.

The **PTSCO Auction and Desserts** will be held March 31st at 6:30pm.
Student Directories will be distributed week of Jan. 30th.

Site Based Management Team: Debbie Keresztes

Will focus on student achievement, student responsibilities, and parental involvement this year. More parents are needed at meetings, held before PTSCO meetings.

District Parent Coordinating Council: Sue Mann Dolce

Supt. Williams updates parents monthly. They are looking for reps from each PTSCO. Our concerns tend to be different than some of the others, so if anyone volunteers, talk to Sue. Cathy Critharis says she has been going to each meeting and will give us monthly updates.

School Business: Maureen Izquierdo, Asst. Principal

They want to raise the level of appreciation for school, its history, and Buffalo. If anyone has any CHS or Fosdick Masten drawings or artifacts to donate, let her know. New marking period begins Jan. 30th. Some high school students have minimal schedule changes.

We'll have a certified **Phys. Ed. teacher** beginning Jan. 23rd. We share him but he'll have 3 CHS afternoon classes. Also Kurt Holme, who is certified, will pick up 2 phys. ed classes.

Please pick up your children on time at end of day, to avoid them waiting around school very late.

The **Martin Luther King assembly** was beautifully done. (Maureen Izquierdo won the MLK Faculty Award!)

Math tutor from Canisius College will be available Mon-Thurs prior to Math A and Math B Regents.

New information on district final exams:

- No more local exams, only Regents.
- As of Cohort year 2005, must achieve 65 or better.
- Also must have 65 average in course to pass. Can't pass on final only.
- Math and For. Lang. depts. will make up an assessment (probably a test).
- Social Studies may do a portfolio assessment.

There must be uniformity within each dept. as to what each teacher within the dept. will do at year's end. Currently much discussion and we'll get **more info next month** after meetings with all departments. Make sure your children know things have changed. Stakes are higher. They must pass entire course!

Field Trips:

Much discussion. Need to accommodate financial issue of quickly planned trips. Many cannot afford last minute payment. Perhaps we can plan way ahead so that finances are known in advance and fundraising can begin early (e.g. the 8th and 12th grade trips.) Other grades can plan day trips. Since the Supt. will not allow trips to Canada, NYC, D.C., Boston, etc., discussion ensued about viable trips. Educational trips? Community Building trips? Day/overnight trips? Site Based will develop a policy after parent input.

New Business:

Dan Sharpe invites anyone in CHS community to Ride for Roswell June 24th. Let's try for the largest team and have a tent with a CHS banner at the route's end. There are 5 mile and 62 mile bike rides. Can view it perhaps as a reunion, put it in our newsletter. We'll talk to Mark Frazier, our Community Superintendent.

Next meeting Feb. 16th at 6:30pm (11th grade parents mtg. 5:30pm)

Minutes submitted by Linda Foley