

# City Honors PTSCO

## October 16, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Beth Gosch.

### **Finance Report: Andrea Szalanski**

The following requests were approved but not disbursed: \$300 Soccer Boys Team; \$300 to Varsity Soccer Girls, \$300 Hockey;

Approved and disbursed now: \$90 fee for Men/Women's Cross Country @ Clarence

Disbursements postponed due to low funds after payment for the directory.

Per the Financial Report, the beginning balance as of 9/18 was \$10,153.12 and the ending balance as of 10/16 is \$6,996.68. Amount available for disbursements is \$168.21.

T-Shirt Sales – will arrive in about two weeks.

**Newsletter** – Anyone who wants to help or know of any students, parents, others who are familiar with MS Publisher and/or who can help with the layout, etc, Contact Beth Gosch (see number).

### **Back to School Picnic: Elena Blatto**

Sold 655 dinners. Could have easily sold 100 more. Space was better. Idea for next year:

Distribute flyers in the neighborhood.

### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Emmy Lou Hock**

Ice Cream Social, October 24, 2008 – 6:30 – 8:30 pm at @56

Flyers distributed, Andersen's Ice Cream Featured, students will do the haunting down in the basement.

Volunteers needed to decorate and scoop. Parents are to come with their children – goal – to get to know one another.

Senior Breakfast, Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 7:30 am @ #56. Asking for junior and sophomore parent volunteers.

### **District Parent Coordinating Council: Kathy Critharis**

Parent Conference- Saturday, October 18, 2008 – 8:00 – 12:00pm

Ten workshops. Parents can choose two. *PBIS, More Than Baking Cookies*, Raffle giveaway, school displays and more.

General meeting – Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 6:30 p.m. @ Makowski #99 - Topic: Whiteboard presentation, new technology in the classroom

### **School Updates: Dr. William Kresse**

Thanks to PTSCO for the School Directory , especially Mr. Ringland for taking on project.

Testing will be at Kensington site (310 Suffolk) this year on Saturday, October 18, 2008. Make-up date will be November 1. Currently notifying counselors about testing requirements in effort to ensure maximum participation of qualified students.

Parents will be manning the City Honors table at the Parent Conference.

Presentation at high school & middle school – Doug Mooney & Tom Christ as part of speaker series. Topic will be life in Buffalo circa 1830 – 1850s. Any student will be able to get free tickets to see program. Teachers sign them out for two periods.

Senior skit – part of the Magazine Assembly on Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

Parents can attend.

Staffing - New hires are doing well as they bring fresh energy to the school.

New Clerk #3 is **Beth Fulton**, who will be housed at school #8 location starting Monday, October 27, 2008.

Still in pursuit of a third guidance counselor. **Mrs. Bertucci** will be out on leave for two months. **Christy Andriaccio** will be taking her place during that time.

**Mrs. Colisano** is now out on leave and temporarily replaced by **Melissa Bailey**.

Latin teacher added: **Erin Fitzpatrick** from Canisius

Reconstruction news: On schedule. Tentative date to start after-hours tours – November.

IB Physics Textbooks – Changed this year – Obtaining books still in process.

School Musical? – Music teachers along w/Dr. Kresse pursued several options such as outside facilities. Proposals;

1. Use School 8 auditorium for smaller musical productions.
2. Have a dinner theatre fund raiser in collaboration w/ Macedonia Baptist Church and Emerson.
3. December – Middle school production @ Performing Arts w/City Honors Participating.
4. Do a high school musical in late March.

#### **Site Based Management Team: Dr. Kresse**

The Writing Center is currently operating manned by Cassie Cammarata. It is available to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11-1. Please encourage students to utilize this service.

Structured peer tutoring is still running and will be at both sites. Mrs. Yeostros @ #56 & Mrs. Hyla @ #8. Two grants were obtained to support program - \$2,000 from the Buffalo Bills and additional \$3,000 grant.

#### **CHS/FMP Foundation: Dr. Kresse**

The Pull Up A Chair campaign has begun to raise money for library furnishings.

For consideration: pooling money together to purchase an item.

#### **PTSCO News**

Mrs. Izquierdo: Middle school magazine fundraiser. 10/20 – 11/7 Students get double points for turning in order forms early. Money raised goes to fund student council initiatives such as planners, T-shirts etc.

8<sup>th</sup> grade fund raiser – Candle sale will go out next week

Walkathon – Terence Jenkins will present at November's meeting. Will benefit the immediate area around school #8.

BPO – There are three students participating in the BPO production of the Nutcracker @ Shea's. Parent will look into getting tickets for the event.

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Tuesday, December 16, 2008 – Winter Concert for Middle Schoolers @56 – Mrs. Kerr & Prokes.

**Next meeting:** November 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. @ School #8.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Robertson for Ca-rin Miles.