

City Honors PTSCO

September 13, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Minutes of last meeting were reviewed and approved.

School Business: Dr. William Kresse

Welcome to the new 2007-08 school year. There was a lot of hiring for the year. Approximately 11 new teachers were hired, 3 for Science, 1 for Math, 2 for Social Studies, 1 for Latin, 1 for Mandarin Chinese, 1 for Technology, 1 for Home & Careers and 1 for English Language Arts. Also, current teacher Mrs. Banas has been hired as the IB Diploma Program Coordinator, Current teacher Ms. Bursie will be teaching the Theory of Knowledge (IB) course, and Erin Comerford was hired as new Middle Years IB Coordinator. The Joint Schools reconstruction project moves forward. Detailed plans from the architects will go to NYS in October. There should be a public presentation in November. During reconstruction, which will also affect our current building, CHS will be split into 2 locations: middle school to PS #56 on Delevan, and high school to PS#8 on Masten Ave., a few blocks away from CHS. This should take 2 years.

Thanks to PTSCO for yearly help with our student planners and the school profiles. They are very helpful for students, and the profiles are a great asset when applying to colleges.

This year's Speakers Series is being planned and the roster will be out soon.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Koeppel

The report covers June 17 –Sept. 12, 2007. Beginning balance 6/17 was \$16,678.80 and ending balance 9/12 was \$11,935.03. Available for disbursements is \$5304.06.

Finance Committee: Ralph Proulx

Approximately \$15,000 is raised each year through our fundraisers, and the money goes back into our school. Up to \$300 per club or sports team is granted each year. Other awards, special events and class activities are supported also.

Last year, we spent \$12,799. So far this year, requests have been for the student planners, MYS Math League \$75 entrance fee, and printing of the school profile. These were approved.

Site Based Management Team: Debbie Keresztes

The Parent Buddy program has started. The Students for Other Students (SOS) funding came through again this year. Ms. Lomison will coordinate. Student Becca Bass and Principal Dr. Kresse went to the Aspen Ideas Festival this summer and have been given a \$1000 grant to do something this year. They want to invite award winning poet Lucille Clifton (Fosdick Masten grad) to CHS for a poetry festival.

Please remember to check out the Living Master Calendar for school events.

CHS Foundation: Sandy Cammarata representing Pres. Peter Cammarata-Explanation of the Foundation and what has been accomplished and funded since its inception. Over \$530,000 has been raised and donated to CHS for many programs, training, and needed items since 1996.

As Chairperson of the Annual Welcome Picnic, Sandy discussed the details for our Sept. 28th event. All preparations are running smoothly; please plan to attend and enjoy the picnic and the camaraderie, and learn about clubs and other extracurriculars available. All volunteers are welcome that evening.

District Parent Coordinating Council: Cathy Critharis

The Superintendent will speak at the opening meeting 9/18 at Makowski school. He will address the Contract for Excellence and Special Ed. Reform. CHS has 3 officers involved with the DPCC: Albert Robertson, Pres., Barb Robertson, Secty., and Kim Wallach, Corresponding Secty.

Other School News: Andrea Szalanski

The Parent-Teacher Get Acquainted Night will be held 9/20 from 6-8pm. The Magazine Sale, a Student Council fundraiser, begins Oct. 5th.

Derek Summers discussed the Family Organization, his sports group with lots of programs for 6-13 year olds. There are over 1500 students involved. Mrs. Kerr, CHS Band Teacher, talked about the "Big Easy in Buffalo," where artists are brought in from New Orleans. Today, a famous jazz musician came to CHS to play for her students.

Next PTSCO meeting: October 18th

Minutes submitted by Linda Foley

