

City Honors PTSCO Minutes September 18, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.
Minutes and treasurer's report reviewed and approved.

Welcome and Introductions: Andrea Szalanski

2008-2009 Officers:

Andrea Szalanski - Co-President
Beth Gosch - Co-President
Ralph Proulx - Vice President
Susan Koeppel – Treasurer
Ca-rin Miles - Secretary

Grade Representatives:

Dan Keller - 5 th Grade	Sherri Darrow – 10 th Grade
Emmy Lou Hock - 6 th Grade	Christine Eckert
Margaret Burke - 7 th Grade	Nancy Karp
Sara Faherty	Ann Laba
Heather Keller	Kathy Critharis – 11 th Grade
Margaret Root	Sue Natali
Laura Lutcha-Pershyn – 8 th Grade	Maureen England – 12 th Grade
Tammy Hyzy	Prish Moran-Guiati
Kara Proulx – 9 th Grade	Sue Morrow
Leonard Skrill	

Finance Committee Report: Ralph Proulx

Committee Members: Ralph Proulx, Andrea Szalanski, Beth Gosch, Barbara Robertson, Sue Dolce, and Dr. Kresse.

Annually PTSCO funds \$12,000 - \$15,000 of school activities. Requirements when requesting funds: give information on how much you are requesting, how much is coming from other fund raising. Followup report requested on how money spent due to audit. Funding award guidelines: \$300 maximum amount, classwide activity – fund as much as possible, school-sponsored competition - \$20 per student.

This month's request: JV Soccer Team: 7th – 10th grade, requested \$300 for equipment and uniforms. We approved their request.

Site Based Management Team: Sandy Heaney

Team comprised of administrators, teachers, parents, and students.

What's going on with SBMT: S.O.S. program, School 8, Mrs. Hyla will provide tutoring

Two days after school. School 56, Mrs. Manhard will provide tutoring for math and science. They will put a call out for tutors. Cassie Cammarata will be in charge of the new writing Center, which will be up and running in a few weeks. A survey went out about concerns regarding strengths of City Honors. Site-based meetings are held on the 3rd Thursdays at 3:45 p.m.-- possible time change will be discussed at the next meeting on October 2nd.

CHS Foundation:

Started 10 years ago and we have raised about \$10 million. A newsletter will be going out regarding the Pull Up A Chair campaign.

District Planning Coordinating Council: Kathy Critharis

Representative from every school. First meeting Tuesday night. District Parent Conference on Saturday; October 18th from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.. Child care will be available for children 4-10 years old; parents need to register in advance if they need child care. We will be recycling in the schools, blue bins will be in each class. All meetings will be held at Stanley Makowski, the next meeting is on October 21st, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.; doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Back Picnic, School 56, Friday; September 19th, 5-8 p.m.

Everything is coming along fine, 500 dinners sold and beverages are still needed

School Report: Dr. William Kresse

Speed bumps along the way, faculty in good shape. Middle school and high school are in good shape. Not everything perfect, but we are in a good place, AP Art History is up and running. Thanks to Sue Natalie and daughter, planting is done at School 8. Admission sessions set up. We encourage City Honors families to spread the word that we have grades 5-12th. Speaker's series lined up, Kathy Rogers is working on posters. Enrichment and acceleration are both important. Staffing is tricky, we tend to do hiring at different times than other districts. Third school secretary position is open and was posted yesterday. Three types of lockers came in two days ago for School 8. We've had tons of things done behind the scene. Physics teacher out due to knee surgery.

Swing school procedures that are different: Entrance and exit: #8 – Utica Street monitored by camera, doors open at 7:30 a.m., use side entrance on Masten Street. #56 – Delavan Street, doors open at 7:50 a.m. Cafeteria opens at 7:50 a.m. at School 8.

Asking seniors to sign off to senior privileges, they have the ability to move around the building.

Parent John Ringland is overseeing the School Directory.

The next meeting will be held at School 56, Thursday; October 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ca-rin Miles.