

City Honors PTSCO

September 28, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Officers for 2006-07 were introduced.

Representatives from Target addressed the group regarding their "Take Charge of Education" program whereby up to 1% of purchases is returned to the school if a Target card is used and CHS is designated. So far 343 CHS families have signed up. A check is presented to CHS twice a year, and we have received \$11,000 since 1997. Tonight a check for \$852 was presented to Dr. Kresse. The money helps fund various programs at school.

They offer other grants, such as a field trip grant of \$1000, and \$2000 per store to arts programs for schools. Their volunteer program provides volunteers for school events.

Treasury Report: Susan Koeppel

Report distributed covers period from 8/14/06 through 9/27/06. Beginning balance was \$5078.13 and ending balance is \$5743.80. Available for disbursements is \$4949.02.

Co-President Mark Boyd reminded group about not only Target card, but Box Tops for Education (box outside Library) and PTSCO membership drive.

Finance Committee: Ralph Proulx

A membership drive will begin in the next two weeks. He explained the function of the committee. Typically \$13,000-\$15,000 is raised each year through fall memberships, spring memberships, and the spring Auction. They accept requests from school organizations via the funding request forms, and they fund up to \$300 per year for each club or sport team. They fund "whatever possible" for each classroom request. For school sponsored competitions, they fund up to \$20 per student.

Recent business: Math League approved for \$75 to join the NYS Math League. Girls Volleyball Team 5th – 12th approved for \$300 for yearly expenses. Varsity Soccer request to fund uniforms; Nike funded instead.

A student requested Youth Leadership trip expenses to Washington DC; it was denied and directed to CHS Foundation instead.

Student Directory: completed sheet to be mailed out and returned with corrections/additions for inclusion in the directory. The Student Directory proves to be a valuable resource for students and families.

School Business: Dr. William Kresse

We had a successful opening to the school year. The new scheduling computer program had some glitches but everything was fixed within 6 days.

October 18th Early Release Day is changed to October 25th.

Joint Schools Reconstruction Phase III update: Thanks to the hard work of PTSCO, CHS Foundation, students, families and the CHS community, we are included and on the fast track to get the schematic designs going. These designs are sent to the state, and public meetings for review will be held eventually. Architects are Hamilton Houston and Lownie.

NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles will run a pilot program to take a permit course at our school.

Chemistry "Club": Ms. Valerie Davis offered to teach an AP Chemistry course after school in order to prepare some students for the AP exam in May. Currently the course is not offered at CHS, but it is hoped that when new laboratories are available, AP Chemistry can be offered.

Math and Science scores: According to the Buffalo News, CHS scores last year were mediocre. The test scores listed were correct, however as a footnote, our students take these courses earlier in their high school career so that they can then take AP and IB level courses later.

We have a new partnership with Hauptman Woodward which is similar to our Roswell Park partnership. This will increase the number of internships.

Recent ELA tests: scores dropped a bit. Significant drop across the board. Dr. Kresse thinks the tests were changed and this contributed to the drop.

CHS Foundation:

Sandy Heaney wrote a grant for a student tutoring program (SOS) and received \$5000. The Foundation will match the \$5000. More news will be forthcoming, and the program hopes to begin in November.

Alumni relations: There is a new initiative to match up the different alumni groups and better communicate with all alumni.

The large capital project previously discussed is still being worked on and we continue to make strides towards realizing this project.

Site Based Management: Dr. Kresse

Met a few days ago. Discussed online form for CHS conversations. Working on comprehensive school education plan.

Some work still needs to be done before parents are able to access the Parent Portal of our new computer program to review student progress and grades. It should be available mid-year.

District Parent Coordinating Council: Cathy Critharis

Met at East High School on Sept. 21. The next meeting is at PS#74 on Oct. 3rd. A workshop will be held for parents at School 89 on Saturday from 9-12noon. Dr. Muriel Howard is the keynote speaker.

PTSCO events:

The Welcome Back Picnic: Sandy Cammarata thanked all who worked on the 5th annual picnic and donated drinks, etc. We sold 1000 dinners! Thanks to all who attended! Thank you to Sandy for once again chairing the event! Senior Breakfast will be held on Sat. Oct. 21st. ****Now **rescheduled** for Thursday Nov. 2nd, 5-7pm for dinner.

The 5th and 6th grade Ice Cream Social and Haunted Lockers will take place Oct. 27th at 6:30pm.

PTSCO meetings for the year start at 6:30pm, with specific grade parents meetings at 5:30pm: Oct 19 (rescheduled for 10/26) 5th grade; Nov. 16, 6th grade; Dec. no mtg; Jan. 18, 7th grade; Feb. 11, 11th grade college night; Mar.8, 10th grade IB info; Apr. 9th, 8th grade; May 10th, 9th grade. Senior parents will have a college financial info night in Jan.

Our e-mail list will be cleaned up and updated by Sue Zuchlewski. Please e-mail her your new e-mail addresses if you want to receive ongoing school info in between newsletters!

szuchlewski@adelphia.net.

Announcements:

Magazine Sale begins tomorrow.

CHS Admission Tests: 10/14 (grades 7-9) *** Now **rescheduled** for Nov.4th. 10/28 (grades 5-6). 11/18 (grades 5-9).

Next meeting: October 26th at 6:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Linda Foley