

BETHPAGE HIGH SCHOOL
PTSA MEETING
January 3, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Co-President Roxanne Ong with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Kathy McKerlie and seconded by Kathy Chiddo. Motion accepted.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: *The balance on hand as of December 31, 2006 was \$2,652.53. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Anna Israelton and seconded by Karen DeMairo. Motion accepted.*

President's Report: *Kitty reviewed various items:*

- *Mid-year conference being held on February 28th at Baldwin HS*
- *Spring conference being held on May 16th at the Melville Marriott*
- *2006-2007 Nassau Region PTA Awards*
- *NY State PTA celebrates 110 years of Advocacy*
- *PTA Virtual Lobby Day being held on March 22nd. You can call, email and/or fax your legislators on pertinent budgetary issues.*

Roxanne Ong reviewed the following items:

- *Mailing going out that will include information on the Railroad Show being held on January 20th. Five volunteers needed.*
- *Hicksville store owner would like to sell items from his store at the Railroad Show. There is an issue if we allow him to sell his things given the relationship with the gentleman that currently arranges the show for us.*
 - *Discussion took place on the pros and cons of letting the owner of the Hicksville store sell his items. Decision was made to keep things the way they are.*
- *Scholastic Book Sale funds were for Sr. Week. Roxanne asked if the funds were needed this year. If not, can we help the PTA budget with the proceeds?*
 - *Discussion took place and we agreed the PTA can keep the monies earned. Each year it will be reviewed to determine if the monies earned will go to the Sr. Class or PTA.*
- *Nominating Committee Workshop taking place on January 30th.*
- *Plan to send a ListServ out to ask if anyone is interested in nominating committee. Anna Israelton agreed to send out if we want. She will provide information on what is required.*

Guest Speaker - Mrs. Kozlowski, Math Director for the District: Mrs. Kozlowski reviewed the proposed changes to the High School curriculum.

- *Integrated Algebra will be added and the first exam will be in June 2008. The curriculum is currently out and a sample exam will be available next year.*
- *Last Math A exam will be in January 2009. We plan to stay with Math A next year and the new Integrated Algebra the following year.*
- *Timeframe for beginning the other math courses was reviewed and handout attached to minutes.*
- *Changes in Math have been coming for years. Debates on whether to jump right into the new program or wait one year. Many districts were going to jump right in but Bethpage decided to wait the extra year to properly prepare.*
- *Text books are not coming out at the rate expected.*
- *School Island Software – great regents prep*
- *Family Math Day for K-6 being held the first weekend in March in Wantagh*

Principal's Report: Mr. DeTommaso thanked Mrs. Kozlowski for all of her efforts as the Math Director. She is the advocate for Math within the HS and she feels like Math is the only subject the kids need to take! Mr. DeTommaso distributed the January calendar. On January 18th we will be having a college planning meeting for Parents. Mid-term exams taking place from 1/23-1/26. The 11th grade English Regents being given in January. The AP English exam will be given in June. Paul Failla Assemblies for all grades taking place January 30th & 31st. We have an issue with teenage drinking and examining ways to make our messages heard. We will get the message out to parents at all meetings. The problem is not with a specific group (student athletes, band, etc.), it is an overall issue. The assemblies with Paul Failla will cover this very point.

The cafeteria has new fixtures being delivered. Comments made that the blood drive was very successful.

Teacher's Report: Mr. Whittemore shared the following messages from the faculty:

- *Italian trip went very well. 250 students attended.*
- *Winter Concert being held on January 17th. All music groups performing.*
- *Three HS students won placement in the PTA Reflections Contest: Susan Morra, Ann Bernberg and Amanda Lewis.*

Site Based Report: US History book reviewed. New courses being added: Broadcast Journalism & Adv. Music Theatre. Reviewed budget and spoke about the auditorium and cafeteria. Mrs. Garvey will be the site based union rep.

Old Business: None

New Business: PTA Blood Drive being held on February 8th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm