

BETHPAGE HIGH SCHOOL
PTSA MEETING
February 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Co-President Roxanne Ong with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Kathy McKerlie and seconded by Liz Cotton. Motion accepted.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: *The balance on hand as of January 31, 2006 was \$4,596.26*

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

- *NYS Youth Humanitarian Award*
- *On February 17th NYS PTA celebrates 110 Years of Advocacy (not sure what we plan to do but maybe someone has memorabilia).*
- *Virtual Lobby Day*
- *Senior Awards: need volunteers – Jeanne Paff and Linda Mangano (Applications being mailed out on March 1 and will be due on March 31. We will discuss at the next Council meeting with Presidents to see if the due date may be extended.)*
- *Relay for Life – Kickoff meeting taking place on February 28.*
- *Swim-a-thon taking place on March 4th*
- *March PTA Workshop taking place on March 15th. Topic: Internet Safety*
- *SEPTA Bowling Night – March 24th \$45 pp*

Roxanne Ong reviewed the following items:

- *Book Fair: 400 books + \$300 voucher = \$700 worth of books*
- *Book Sale at May Budget Vote*
- *Reflections: Amber Lamprecht went to State*
- *BOE: Asked for volunteers to attend the public Budget mtgs. Anna Israelton sworn in as newest member of the Board. Congratulations Anna!*
- *Train Show: very successful. Thanked volunteers who helped.*
- *Blood Drive: not doing well. Folks don't want to commit to times. Confusion on whether we could call for reminder or not. Total of 81 pints last year and we hope to pass that # this year. Taking place from 3:30pm – 8:45pm.*
- *Nominating Committee: Need volunteers and have slate ready by April meeting. Volunteers: Karen DeMairo, Anna Israelton, Debbie Marmorale, Kathy Spears and Kathy Cleary*

Site Based Report: Meeting held on January 9. Construction update given. Auditorium opened on January 17th. Lockers almost complete. \$70k to go. Dress code discussed several times. A letter is being sent to BOE to review guidelines. Alcohol & drug awareness discussed. We need to see what we have to do and ways to come up with ideas.

Principal's Report: Mr. DeTommaso was not able to attend. Mr. Spence sat in for him. He distributed the February calendar. Mr. Spence shared a story about his evening with his four kids. As kids get older it is harder to harness them in. Paul Failla Assembly was very powerful. The 11th & 12th assembly had extra focus on driving and drugs. He spoke about getting into a 2000 lb vehicle and drinking. He reviewed the details of the accident on Meadowbrook Pkwy. Officer Murphy came in on driving safety. English testing went well. 97% passed (9 failed). Money for AP exams is due on 2/15. The number of AP exams has increase: 270 to 376 to 484. Internships have begun in Senior Seminar Class. The Talent Show will have 21 acts perform. Olympic Night will be held on 2/15 at 6:00 pm. Report cards mailed out on 2/6. Relay for Life program being well organized – please come join us.

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

- Science Olympiad: February 10th from 7:00am – 3:30pm
- Mathletes won Nassau County contest
- Olympic Night: teachers looking forward to it.

Guest Speaker - Mr. Kevin Fullerton, Director of Social Studies. Mr. Fullerton reviewed the High School curriculum and various activities (ditto attached).

- Pre-AP World History: start with 8th grade honors (new text book). 8th grade honors teachers talking to 9th grade teachers to discuss curriculum. Introducing the essay requirements. Teachers participate in summer session.
- In September we held Constitution Day. Lesson plans given out by Director. Preamble challenge had 3 winners – they completed in 8 seconds.
- Voice of Democracy Contest
- Supreme Court Contest: against other districts. We won one and lost the other. Compliments from judges on our team.
- Mock Trial in Mineola
- Guest speaker came from Bethpage Credit Union to speak to Sr. Seminar class.
- Civil War speakers: Family member of General came to speak to 11th graders

Mr. Fullerton is also the Director of Libraries.

- Monthly displays: Black History Month, Presidents, etc.
- Working to bring research requirements into the classroom (History/English). Start in 9th grade with 3-5 pages. In 12th grade paper in Govt/Economics.
- Encourage more writing projects. Teachers to collaborate to ensure consistency.
- Encourage love of reading. Summer reading project; include Social Studies related books. Committee to determine final program.

- *Anna Isrealton commented that kids are not reading at grade level so it might be helpful to have more visual learning at the elementary level. History is an example of a subject that text reading might be difficult but visually could help. The 6th grade level might be the right age.*

Old Business: None

New Business: Need help at Book Sale the night of the budget vote. Please contact Roxanne if you are interested. We will also be selling clothing at the same time. Dads' Club meeting will be on 2/28 at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm