

BETHPAGE HIGH SCHOOL
PTSA MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by President Linda Mangano with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Karen DeMairo and Jackie LaRose. Motion Accepted.

Treasurers Report: Given by Chris Stratford. Report approved.

Reflections: Five Award Certificates were given out to the winners of Reflections. Three entries in art were presented to Nicole Ross, Morgan Maloney, and Matthew Lippertshauser. One in video presented to Kyle Donigian and one in literature to Stephen Coil. Over 70 students participated.

Correspondence: A note of congratulations from Mr. DeTommaso for the success of the Train show.

Presidents Report: Linda reviewed various items:

- Train Show and Gift Fair Spectacular was a huge success. Our profits have tripled, which will benefit our scholarship fund and donations to SEPTA. Linda thanked all that helped with this fund raiser from the superintendent to the custodial staff as well as the PTSA volunteers and students. Special thanks was given to Cathy McKerie for all her hard work with the train show.
- Textile bin: we received our new bin this week and it will be moved to its new location next to the pool entrance. Recycling is going extremely well. We will be hosting a mass collection in the spring.
- Eagle Walk of Recognition: We encourage everyone to purchase an engraved brick and be part of Bethpage history. Over 600 bricks have been sold. Walk will be completed by graduation.
- Relay for Life, which benefits the American Cancer Society, will be held in May this year. Anyone interested please contact Judy Wichter at relayforlife@yahoo.com.
- The Book Fair will be held on May 19 & 21 for students and staff only. May 20th for the entire community. We have changed the book fair, which was normally held during the train show, to coincide with the Budget Vote.
- Every Member of the PTSA that provided an E-mail address has been added to the Bethpage High Schools PTSA listserv. Special thanks to Terry Clark and Bill for all there help.

Principal's Report: Mr. DeTommaso spoke about the Student Civic Talent Show being held Monday, February 11th. He spoke regarding Olympic Night which will be held February 28. They are trying to make it earlier in the day so more kids will attend. Mr. DeTommaso also spoke about January testing week. Moving the English Regents

to January has been a big help to us. It has shown in the students higher achievements, leaving students more time to concentrate on June Regents. Mr. DeTommaso discussed the Advanced Placement Exams. 4 or 5 years ago only 150 tests were given out. Two years ago 375 tests were given with 31% scoring 3 or above. Last year 478 tests were given with 41% scoring 3 or better. There are 670 exams set to be taken this year. Our students are challenging themselves.

Teachers Report: Mr. Whittemore spoke in regard to the Astronomy Night which will be held March 18. Mrs. Yale will be in charge of this exciting and enjoyable night. Great news for the Math Department, the Senior Math team came in first place in Nassau County. Kevin Sacchal went to a tie breaker for the entire first place position and lost by 10/16 seconds. Junior team came in 6th. We really had a great performance. February 12th, there will be an in school field trip for the 9th and 12th graders to take the American Mathematics Test. Depending how well we do we, can go onto international competition.

Old Business:

- School Board Meeting will be February 25 at 7:30.
- Board of Ed: Dr. Marsh reported that all 3rd Graders in CBS received Dictionaries from the Bethpage, Plainview Rotary club. They are looking for more members for the budget advisory meeting. Registration for full day kindergarten for next year is in effect. The work on the elementary building is going well. An interesting teleconference between former Students presently attending Duke held.
- Dads' Club Next meeting will be February 27 at 7:30.
- PTA Council Meeting will be held February 25th at 7:30pm
- PTA Council meeting: a presentation was given by the new Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. The blood drive, run by Cathy Chiddo, will be held February 27th. The PTA dinner will be June 9th at Woodlands in Syosset.

New Business:

- Full Day Kindergarten: If you know anyone ready to enter kindergarten next year please have them contact the school district by calling 644-4000 to register.
- The Nassau County Bar association is hosting a contest much like the Reflections contest. The theme is "The Rule of Law".
- Students can submit entries in the following categories: Written (Poems, essays, plays) Visual (Paintings, posters, sculptures, photographs) Multi-Media (Songs, dramatic video presentation). The two age categories are: Junior (grades 7-9) and Senior (grades 10-12). Dead line for submission is March 28, 1008. Entry forms will be available in the High School main office. The winners in each category will receive a savings bond.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm

