

**BETHPAGE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**PTSA MEETING**  
**March 6, 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 February meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Liz Cotton and seconded by Karen Szczesny. Motion accepted.*

**Correspondence:**     None

**Treasurer's Report:**   *The balance on hand as of February 28, 2007 was \$4,613.09*

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

- *Membership dues completed: total of 566 (next year the student fee needs to be \$3.50 vs. \$3.25)*
- *Workshop on Nominations and Elections taking place on March 8*
- *Teacher Fellowship for Graduate Study*
- *PTA Parliamentary Award*
- *PTA History 110 years: ask for help in putting together history/materials*
- *Serve on Regional Board – application*
- *Letters to the Governor: sample letters*
- *Arts in Education Showcase – April 27*

**Principal's Report:**   *Mr. DeTommaso distributed the March calendar. He missed the last meeting but feels it is important to have the two Assistant Principals attend.*

- *Congratulations to kick line and cheerleaders*
- *Mathletes finished 16<sup>th</sup>*
- *Week of 3/19 is Multi Cultural Week*
- *Assembly on Multi Cultural Dance taking place on 3/21*
- *Activities from many departments and kids participation*

*We had a tragedy at the High School. A junior in school for about 15 days passed away. She made an impact on the teachers she was with. Mr. DeTommaso received a phone call at 5:40pm on his way home. He then called the Superintendent, Terry Clark, her 8 teachers, guidance and social worker. The crisis intervention phone chain was used to notify the rest of the faculty. News 12 at 11:00pm spent more time on the LIRR delay vs. the child. We contacted the drama department and athletic office since they will be in school. Kick line and cheerleading notified also. Contact made with the family on Saturday morning. On Monday at 7:15am meet with 8 teachers. At 7:30am crisis intervention meeting held. Pulled together a list of kids that had contact or where*

*friendly with the young girl. We had a discussion about what to say over PA system. We had a moment of silence. Guidance department available if needed. About 14-15 kids showed up. I held an after school faculty meeting to address the events of the day. We are lucky to have a faculty that invests in the kids. Sibling attends JFK. Contacted Kerri McCarthy and she sent an email to the faculty.*

*Things are going well at the high school. Kids have different ways of expressing themselves. Disruptive dress or expression is addressed. Spring student athletes had a meeting with coaches and Mr. Franchi. They completed the code of conduct. We plan to do it again in another few weeks with band, drama and clubs. Discussion took place about drugs and alcohol and the consequences of their actions. This is not just for student athletes but for all students.*

*Question asked if anything be done about kids wearing hats in the new auditorium. Question asked about Olympic Night; is it being rescheduled. Tentative date is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Comment made about hockey team needing to raise money but not allowed to sell coffee at particular events. Discussion on why hockey was not a school sport vs. a club sport. Mr. DeTommaso explained what he thought was the reason for it being dropped years ago from a school sport; cost of ice time & insurance.*

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

- *Math Fair being held on 3/23*
- *Astronomy Night on 3/23 – registration form sent out*

**Site Based Report:** *Drafted letter about dress code, voted on it and will be sent to BOE & Superintendent.*

**Council Report:** *Next council meeting only for Presidents and Treasures*

**Old Business:**

- *Blood Drive: 68 pints received. We missed our goal of 75. Many people with appointments didn't show up.*
- *Relay for Life: Kick off meeting went well. Team captain meeting on 3/19 at BHS. For \$10 you can buy luminaries bag. American Cancer Society receives 97 cents on the dollar.*
- *Reading of Sr. Awards: Susan Marconi, Linda Mangano & Jeanne Paff*
- *Nominating Committee needs to have slate of officers ready for next meeting.*

**New Business:**

- *Teacher Appreciation Week: Janet Lyle and Lisa Corallo to be chairs. Looking at May 9<sup>th</sup> as date for lunch. \$400 in the budget.*
- *Book Sale at budget vote – volunteers needed. Will be selling clothing also.*
- *Italian Feast on 3/19 – need help*

*Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm*