

TTA Parent Partners Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2008

Call to Order 7:03 p.m.

September Meeting Minutes - bypass reading of the minutes.

Motion proposed, 2<sup>nd</sup> carried, unanimous vote approving bypass reading of the minutes.

Treasurers Report submitted by Amy Mollenkopf

Balance of \$1932.37

Election Day Bake Sale proceeds \$340.00

Lego League proceeds \$435.41

Directors Report submitted by Mr. Gary Thompson, Director

Lego League competition went very well. Organizers of the regional event complimented TTA on preparation and execution of the event.

Approximately 55-60 students participated. A TTA team mentored students from Ryder Achievement, and after a technical problem that required help from several TTA students, Ryder Achievement team won a trophy. A first for Ryder and another example of our TTA students demonstrating leadership within their community.

Open House went very well. Many TTA student volunteers participated as guides.

Community outreach and recruiting is paying off in student involvement and genuine parental interest in the TTA program for incoming students.

Contents standards lesson plan whereby Mr. Farley, Mr. Price, and Mr. Tanner approach area middle schools and spend a day teaching a TTA-style curriculum in their classrooms. Students are then invited to come to TTA via open house or shadow days and several 8<sup>th</sup> graders have accepted our offer to attend TTA next year. Interest continues to grow as do the staff outreach programs and ideas.

Alternative Energy Team headed by Mr. Richardson has many accomplishments to report.

\$10,000 grant from Standard Petroleum

\$11,000 grant from GM

\$2,000 gift from Johnson Controls

Bay Shore Golf Club donated a golf cart

Goal is to create an alternative fuel people mover to The Toledo Zoo

Vehicle #1 bio-diesel electric people mover should be ready by this Spring to be put into use at the zoo. It will not be completely green, it will require outside fuel sources.

Vehicle #2 is proposed to be ready next year and will most likely need \$0 outside fuel costs. One proposal was to use methane gas generated by elephant waste.

Robotics team partnered with Dana Corp is going to Atlanta, GA for the national competition. Past Dana Corp CEO provided support and donations to TTA since their inception and his widow is trying to found a grants and/or scholarship trust.

Request TTA Parent Partners financial officers to meet with Community Foundation Committee members to arrange to use tax exempt funds to pay some bills. President and Treasurer agreed to explore the opportunity.

TTA received bronze metal status that ranks us in the top 8.4% of high schools in the nation.

#### Old Business

Kelly Herrera reports that parent student handbook will be available in the school office by 01/22/2008. Unsure of the cost at this time. Will check with Kelly to determine if books are already printed, or they need to be submitted to TPS print shop. More information will be posted on the TTA web site when it is available.

Halloween Dance chaired by Cynthia Fisher was a great success. Many good ideas were executed and fun memories were made. Mention was made of two student check points where ID's were checked is a very good security measure. Enough chaperones were available in order to maintain a cordial atmosphere.

Also invited Grove Patterson students over to tour the haunted house in the spirit of community sharing and involvement.

Lego League competition chaired by Randy Francis was a great success. Many student and parent volunteers on hand, and an opportunity for community outreach.

Election Day Bake Sale chaired by Mrs. Baer was a great success.

#### New Business

Winter Bash will be held on 02/09/2008 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with a Las Vegas Casino Night Theme using purple and gold decorations.

Dress will be less formal. Games such as poker and black jack where you play against the house and win tickets to purchase items in the TTA store as prizes.

Need parent volunteers to run the events and to be the house to oversee and verify winnings.

Building Permit is from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. need parent volunteers to do last minute decorations before the event starts. Heavy set up will be completed on Friday.

8<sup>th</sup> graders that have already committed to TTA Freshmen class will be sent 2 tickets to come and bring a friend.

Proposed hiring a photographer for one or two hours. Someone who will take digital photos that the subjects can then pick one or two shots from and receive as a souvenir of the festivities, which will be paid for out of ticket proceeds.

Tickets, \$5 advanced sale and \$6 at the door. First 50 tickets sold will also get a t-shirt. Refreshments - pop by ticket, 2 tickets per person. Cuts down on waste.

Valentine's Day Sale chaired by Bonita Johnson. Starting 02/01/09 prepaid orders will be accepted for red, white, and pink carnations or small bears with a mylar balloon. Mrs. LaPoint could be a good resource person for past event details.

### First Robotics Team Presentation.

Taylor, Isaac, and Keyona representing the First Robotics Team shared an overview of the task required at this years competition. Given 6 weeks to build a robot base of 38" x 28" that stands 6 feet tall. Task is to complete a closed course in 2 minutes and either propel a large round object or strike down an object that reaches 6 feet off the ground. The First Organization is made up of high school teams pursuing engineering, technology or robotics careers.

Regional competition is in March in Ypsilanti, MI

National competition is in April in Atlanta, GA

The team consists of approximately 22 students and the cost is \$400 per student.

The team requested financial help from the TTA Parent Partners .

Motion proposed, 2<sup>nd</sup> carried, unanimous vote approving a \$400 donation.

Proceeds from the upcoming Election Day Bake Sale may be used to meet this goal. Any student donating a baked good will receive a jeans day pass to be used at a later date.

Mrs. Baer will apply for the building permit.

Senior Educational Field Trip not to be held in this town.

Seniors are very busy, possible dates of 04/20/08 (Sunday) - 04/24/08 (Thursday) have been suggested and a possible destination is Chicago.

Exact details have not been hammered out as yet.

Senior qualifications to be included in the trip; grades, internship groundwork completed.

Would need many parent chaperones.

Trade Show IMTS (International Machine Trade Show) in the past has been attended by Seniors only once every other year. Petitioning to have Juniors included as they will miss out on the show due to other commitments unless they are able to go this year. Group has grown from 25 students to 75 students and logistics have not been worked out as yet.

Prom - date moved to Saturday 4/12/08 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Mr. Richardson is using the lobby of the auditorium for construction of a modular stairway and balcony to be used as a Victorian setting. There will also be perimeter decorations and chandeliers.

Parent volunteers are needed for set up Friday night 4/11/08 from 6:00 p.m. until done.

Saturday 04/12/08 last minute set up from 6:00 p.m. and chaperones need to be there by 7:15 p.m.

Graduation Reception for Seniors on 6/2/08 (Monday.) Students are able to invite 4 people. Catered hors d'oeuvres are provided. Need a chairperson that doesn't have a graduating senior this year. Also need parent volunteers to set up, decorate, circulate, and clean up. Sign up sheet was circulated. Decorating on Sunday 6/1/08 and host/hostess needed Monday 6/2/08.

Mrs. McAbier is organizing a Financial Aide night for seniors.

It was also requested that Mrs. McAbier organize an undergraduate financial planning night as well. To assist families of freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior students to understand the scholarship, grant, and financial aid process and paperwork necessary. A

date has not been announced as yet.

The next TTA Parent Partners Meeting is scheduled to be held on 04/16/2008.

It was suggested that we move the meeting to 04/09/2008 in order to have it fall before PROM instead of the week after.

Motion proposed, 2<sup>nd</sup> carried, unanimous vote approving the next TTA Parent Partners Meeting be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.