

T.T.A. Parent Partners Meeting
January 21, 2009
Minutes

Attendance: Director, Gary Thompson, Mr. Richardson, President, Cathy Miller, Treasurer, Cynthia Fisher, Secretary, Carol McCallister as well as 6 parents.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Cathy Miller at 7:04pm on January 21, 2009.

September Minutes: A copy of the September 17, 2008, meeting minutes were distributed and therefore, not read aloud.

Treasures Report: Cynthia Fisher reported a balance of \$4671.40 as of January 21, 2009, and presented new IRS regulations requiring the creation of a 501C3 umbrella fund totaling \$750 per organization, per year. At a TPS Parent Congress meeting information on a fundraising expo to be held at Bowsher High School on Saturday, February 28, 2009, was distributed. This expo is intended to defray the cost of funding the 501C3 account.

Directors Report: Mr. Thompson said the freshman class is doing well with only 3 students leaving the program. Currently we have a student count of 61.

The program has allowed a freshman student to transfer in midyear. The staff is using this opportunity as a way to develop transition curriculum, as midyear transfer has not been successful in the past.

A new approach to increasing OGT test scores and achieve passing grades on the first try is being tried out in the sophomore class. Students are identified that may need help and offered in school remediation. OGT will be taken March 16, 2009. Time will tell the success of the program.

A personal appeal was made to write or contact our Ohio senators and representatives to urge them to include TTA as a line item appropriation on the upcoming budget. Sign and send letters will be made available.

Old Business: Halloween dance was a great success due to large turn out and the seniors were voted the top haunted house.

Bake sale earned \$532.96. It was suggested that next time we serve coffee.

Lego League made \$935.83 with 22 teams participating. Mr. Ragan's Blade article praising TTA and the Lego League competition was read aloud. New this year, Ambassador Award was presented, and Chase School was the recipient.

To date \$71 has been made on TTA decals which will be available at Open house.

New Business: Open House is Saturday, January 24th from 1pm – 3pm

Valentine fundraiser is being chaired by Cynthia Fisher and showcases Toledo made products.

A \$4.50 package contains a votive holder hand painted by Cynthia, a candle, and chocolates or for \$1.50 a duct tape rose. Both will be sold during school hours Thursday and Friday, February 12th and 13th.

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New Business Cont.: Winter Bash is being chaired by Cynthia Fischer. Students can enter a t-shirt design contest. Deadline for entry is January 30th. Theme is Hollywood, and there will be a casino set up again. Prizes will be available at the casino instead of issuing tickets as was done last year. Area 8th grades are being invited again.

Robotics goodie bags. Cathy Miller asked for a motion and vote to give \$100 to First Robotics team leaders to purchase snacks and drinks for the bus ride to Atlanta. Motion was made by Dean Weygandt, seconded by Cynthia Fischer, and the vote was carried.

Prom is being chaired by Cathy Miller and will be held on April 25th. Theme is Medieval Nights and set up should be expedited by students as most props are already available. Request was made by Mr. Richardson for funds to purchase picture frames for the pictures taken.

Graduation is being chaired by Cathy Miller. Set up should be expedited by students. Mr. Thompson will arrange catering, parent organization provides cake. There are 28 graduates. Yard signs are available and will be placed by Dean and Trudi Weygandt.

Additional Discussion: Quiz bowl is competing and doing well.

Senior trip is still being discussed.

So far 40 8th graders have been offered a spot in the freshman class of 2009/2010 and 28 have committed.

Script fundraising for First Robotics will be taken over by Robin Berman effective now.

The alternate energy team has acquired a 1975 Corvette with which they are planning to convert to electric power.

Next scheduled T.T.A. Parent Partners Meeting will be on April 22, 2009.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Cathy Miller at 8:30p, seconded by Bonnie Shelhart, and the motion was carried.