

Tewksbury Memorial High School PAC

TMHS PAC Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2015

Attendees: Maura Rauseo, Loretta Ryan, Linda Rekkbie, Paula Fairweather, Linda Poli, Anna Barboza, Joanne Foley, Laura Hulme, Karyn Gouviea, and Arthy Bennett

Introductions and Minutes:

Co-chair Loretta Ryan/Linda Rekkbie opened the meeting at 6:35 P.M. October and November's PAC meeting minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Erin Asselin will be presenting the full Treasurer's Report at the March PAC meeting.

Scholarship Committee:

Loretta will be updating the scholarship form. Dates changes are the only planned update to the form. The TMHS Awards Night is scheduled for 5/21/15 and the TMHS administration needs to have the winners of PAC scholarship given to them by 4/17. The deadline for the students to return their PAC scholarship forms will be March 27, 2015. The scholarship committee will decide the winners by 4/10. The 2015 scholarship committee members will be Linda Rekkbie, Loretta Ryan and Arthy Bennett.

Trivia Night:

Loretta told members that the Trivia Night is all set for March 6, 2015. Volunteers that are helping with setup at the Tewksbury Country Club should arrive at 4:30 pm. Loretta said that the DJ and Raffle baskets are all set.

All Night Long:

Joanne told members that the envelope stuffing night will be on Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 pm in the TMHS Cafeteria. Laura Lee/Evening with the Angels will be on March 18, 2015 at the Tewksbury Country Club. We have enough volunteers for the Laura Lee event. The ANL raffle calendars will be for April and will be going out in the mass mailing.

Mrs. Vogel approved parent volunteers to come in during lunch time and have student sign-up for ANL (if this is necessary). The cost for the students to attend ANL is \$20 (which includes all the food, activities, gift bag with T-shirts) and \$25 after March 30 with a final deadline of April 15th. We are in the process of securing all the entertainment items.

We are still looking for a volunteer to head up the food coordination for ANL.

Open PAC Positions for 2015/2016:

The Co-Chairs and Treasurer positions are open for the 2015/2016 year. The current Co-Chairs (Loretta Ryan and Linda Rekkbie) and Treasurer (Erin Asselin) have served their allowed 3 year term. They will be available to help the new board members transition into their positions.

We are also in need of a volunteer to handle updating the PAC Website/Emails. Maura Rauseo will be stepping down.

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Important Dates:

February 26 – ANL Meeting at 7 pm

March 6 – Trivia Night

March 18 – Evening with Angels/Laura Lee

March 30 – Next PAC Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The meeting was re-opened at 7:25 pm for the Principal Report/Mrs. Vogel.

Principal's Report/Discussion: Mrs. Vogel spoke about the following items:

- **TMHS Scheduling:** A scheduling committee was put together in November. They have visited 2 different high schools and a 3rd school is planned for later this week to review their schedule/blocks. The scheduling committee will be making their recommendations to Dr. O'Connor/School Committee in April. It would also need to be negotiated with the TTA. They would like to have one year to work out the details so the earliest a scheduling change would be implemented is for the 2016/2017 school year. Right now, they are looking to change it to a 5 blocks/day schedule with 7 courses with a 7 day rotation. The type of rotation is still being reviewed (rainflow, inter-changing middle blocks, etc.). The blocks would be ~68/69 minutes long. This will allow students more flexibility to take more electives. They are thinking they may need to add one more foreign language teacher but they are still reviewing everything.
- **Best Buddies:** The TMHS Best Buddies is an official chapter.
- **TMHS Academic Decathlon** came in 2nd place.
- The style of Picnic Tables for the exterior of the school has been chosen by students and will be ordered soon in hope to have them in place for April. The Class of 2014 had some remaining funds that will be used for purchasing some Teak Benches for the outside area.
- There has been no weather related issues at the high school.
- Currently the last day of school is June 19th (pending no additional snow/weather days) which will be a half day.
- The 3rd term has been extended.
- **PARCC Testing:** ELA is scheduled for the week of March 23-27. Only 100 students in the 9th grade will be taking PARCC test. Only 100 students in the 11th grade will be taking PARCC test. This will be a computer-based test. Full classrooms have already been chosen. The PARCC test is shorter than MCAS and can be covered in one block.
- All 10th graders will be taking the MCAS ELA test on March 24, 25 & 26.
- **Computer Needs:** Mrs. Vogel will provide the PAC with a list of needs (and quantities) for the school including keyboards for iPads.
- Loretta asked if additional staffing has been identified to help with reviewing essays for college applications. Mrs. Vogel stated that a need for an additional guidance person has been placed on the wish list that was given to the School Committee. This person will be able to help review essays for college applications if funded. Right now, students are encouraged to seek help from their ELA teachers and their guidance counselor.
- Parent conference night is March 19th. A survey (written by Endiott College) will be given out to the parents. This is a NEASC requirement.

End of Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. **Next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2015 at 7 PM.**

(Notes recorded by AB)