



TMHS PAC Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2012



Attendees

Cathy Burgoyne, Diane Dunlevy, Paula Fairweather, Joanne Foley, Linda Poli, Maura Rauseo, Linda Rekkbie, Loretta Ryan, and Vice Principal Eileen Osbourne

Introductions and Minutes

Co-chairs Diane Dunlevy and Maura Rauseo opened meeting at 7:05 PM. April's minutes were presented, and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Principal's Report

Summer Reading – freshman & sophomores will be required to read a specific book and then they can choose other books to read in addition. Students are also encouraged to participate in Study Island.

Wednesday evening School Committee will honor retiring teachers.

Senior week has started, and continues with different activities each day. The week includes: Harbor Cruise, Six Flags, Field Day, Senior Breakfast, and Senior Prom. Graduation is Friday, rehearsal in the morning, graduation starts at 7:00 at Tsongas Arena in Lowell, followed by ANL.

Finals for students will be Thursday and Friday. Students are eligible to exempt finals if they have a grade of 93 or better. If students exempt two exams on Friday they can leave after the 1st two blocks.

The high school continues to be cleaned out. Mr. Sands is in charge of inventory and items that are needed in other schools are being moved based on need. It is expected that everyone will be out of the building by June 22nd.

Meeting Discussion

The PAC decided to award 8 prizes for participation in summer reading and Study Island. One will be given for each grade level, one for summer reading and the other for Study Island.

Meeting Discussion (cont'd)

Amendment to By-Law: Lisa Kuegler proposed to change the by-law that handles scholarships. The text is attached to the minutes. Discussion on the amendment was held, a motion and second were made to table the proposed amendment until next year and the motion to table was passed. The intent is to review the scholarship procedure/policy next year when the PAC has time to review the process.

It was discussed that since the scholarship selection process has never been documented and it seems to vary, it would be best to help future scholarship committees and for the sake of transparency that the scholarship committee documents the process that was used this year and pass it forward.

Request: Diane Dunlevy reviewed the request to sponsor Senior Field Day with \$300, for cookies, chips and water and drinks. This was based on 200 students. The request was approved.

Response: Diane Dunlevy read a prepared letter that pertained to conversations that took place between members of the scholarship committee and other PAC members prior to the PAC meeting. Diane's letter is attached to the minutes. After reading her letter, Diane expressed that the PAC had additional money in the budget which would allow for additional scholarships. Maura Rauseo corrected a statement that Diane made and said that she had sent a letter that she received from scholarship members to all board members. Scholarship members started to react to Diane's letter and Diane left the meeting. Scholarship members expressed concern that they did not have a copy of Diane's letter and that she did not stay in order to let them respond to her letter and to defend their process.

It was decided to end the meeting and to review the scholarship process and the PAC's by-laws during the next year.

End of Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.