

Tewksbury Memorial High School PAC

TMHS PAC Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2016

Attendees: Mariellen Tsaousis , Joy Beatrice, Laura Hulme, Karyn Gouveia, Paula Fairweather, Linda Rekkbie, Cathy Burgoyne, Arthy Bennett and Joanne Foley arrived a few minutes late

Introductions:

Co-chairs Mariellen Tsaousis/Joy Beatrice opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Writing in the Community Writer's Workshop:

Ms. Palladino (TMHS English Teacher) presented details on her upcoming TMHS Writer's Workshop being held on March 15th from 2:15 – 4:15 pm in TMHS Larrabee Library for all TMHS Students . The Writing in the Community Committee consists of several community members, students, parents, and TMHS faculty members. The goals of the Writer's Workshop are two-fold; not only would we like to create a safe space where students can bring a piece of their writing and receive constructive criticism, but we are also promoting the message that writing is important regardless of profession. In support of our causes, the committee and Ms. Palladino have recruited both students and community members to act as volunteer tutors. Students can see as many tutors as they wish and there will be snacks provided as well as door prizes. Advanced registration is encouraged (by seeing Ms. Palladino in room B106), but walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the event.

The PAC members motion was made to donate \$100 to this event towards snacks & prizes for the students. The motion was approved by PAC members.

Later in the meeting, Arthy Bennett informed members that Leanne D'Entremont (who is part of the Writing in the Community Committee) would like to donate \$100 to the event in memory of Ed Dick. The PAC accepted the check and will be providing another \$100 check on behalf of Leanne D'Entremont to Ms. Palladino for the event.

Minutes:

January's PAC meeting minutes were presented and approved.

Financial Report:

Laura Hulme presented the Financial Report. Our starting balance on July 1, 2015 was \$29,311.02 (this is the beginning of our 2015/2016 TMHS PAC school year). After speaking with Erin Asselin (past treasurer), Laura has determined that the \$2,000 hold-over amount was kept to use to start this school year. So, Laura will be removing the \$2,000 allocation in next month's financials. The balance of the account as of 2/24/16 is \$40,995.37. The PAC had allocated \$32,576.92 (to enrichment, scholarships, ANL, Trivia Night, bereavement, staff appreciation, etc.). This leaves a total of \$8,418.45 that is not allocated at this time. Mariellen Tsaousis and Joy Beatrice are now on the PAC bank account as well as Laura Hulme. Members motioned and approved the treasurer's report.

Principal's Report:

Mariellen Tsaousis provided members an update from Mrs. Vogel.

- Students are meeting with their guidance counselors to discuss/review their new schedules.
- Guidance counselors will be available during the parent/teacher conference night (on March 16th) to discuss course selections/new courses with parents.

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- On March 14th, the NHS Induction Ceremony will be held at 7:00 pm.
- On Super Tuesday, the AP Government students will be conducting exit polling.

Enrichment:

Cathy Burgoyne gave members an update. Davey Muisse will be presenting on 4/12. Davey is a former teacher turned rock star who's returned to inspire students. We'll be posting his information on the PAC website. Members discussed other potential enrichment presentations. Cathy will contact the principal to see if any staff members have any ideas.

Trivia Night:

Laura Hulme updated the members on behalf of Loretta Ryan. Trivia Night is on 3/11 at the Tewksbury Country Club. She believes there are still two tables left. If anyone is interested, please contact Loretta Ryan as soon as possible.

All Night Long:

Joanne Foley updated the members. We had a large group of volunteers come and help with stuffing envelopes for the ANL mailing yesterday. We will be placing all the fliers on the website. The Evening with Angels/Laura Lee will be held on March 30th. Joanne mentioned that we will not be allowed to put any tape on the walls (except on the tiled walls) in the Wynn School for ANL since the walls were recently painted. A small group will be getting together to determine creative ways to hang all the decorations. The gift bag group is looking into various items for gifts.

Joanne suggested that the PAC members do some research to determine if next year's ANL event should be held in another venue or not. Currently, we have a few people informally review other venues (Loretta Ryan - Kings in Burlington, Arthy Bennett - Wamesit Lanes, Sharon Pierce - Lowell Boy & Girls Club). We'll create a more formal assessment of these venues and present it to the PAC members before the end of this school year.

By-Laws Vote (change to Scholarship Section only)

Arthy presented the modified Scholarship section of the Bylaws based on last month's scholarship changes. PAC members discussed making the section more generic since the scholarship/Awards night seems to change every year. Any mention of timeframe was removed and replaced with "by the TMHS guidance scholarship deadline". A more generic selection criteria was added -- "based on the criteria voted by the PAC members". A motion was made to accept and approve the amended ByLaws by the PAC members.

Letter to Incoming 2016-2017 Families:

Joy Beatrice circulated the letter about the TMHS PAC that will be given to all 8th grade families.

Request for Fundraising:

Laura Hulme told the PAC members that Dr. O'Connor and the School Committee has approved our fundraising activities for this year (Trivia Night, Calendar and Laura Lee Event)

Future PAC Dates Mar. 24th (Thursday) – note that this is a date change, April 27th (Wednesday), May 25th (Wednesday), June – No Meeting

End of Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Next meeting is March 24th (Thursday).

(Notes recorded by AB)