

## ***TEMS PTO Meeting Minutes***

The November PTO meeting of the 2008/2009 school year was called to order at 9:00 am on March 4, 2009 by President Gretchen Guttman.

Present at the meeting were: Ayuko Siegel, Jean Purinton, Sue Snyder, Gigi Miller, Maragret MacKenzie, Marybeth Panaro

### **TEMS Administration Reports:**

#### **Principal Mark Cataldi**

National Assessment of Educational Progress – The nation's report card - 90 students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade to participate – happening right now – not sure what results we will get

Revised school calendar – June 23 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade recognition ceremony this morning

Parent Conferences tomorrow; schedules are varied; trend is math teachers have a full schedule overall

Music teachers are looking into separating the 7/8 Spring Concerts into two concerts; Band/Orchestra one night and Choral another night; may mean two different nights for performances if in multiple activities

Spring Sports – signups have occurred/ may have to make cuts in baseball/many opportunities in Track; begins March 16 – typically over 60% of the 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade participate

Close to \$1900 in the coin collection will go to Special Olympics; “Pie Throwing Contest went well”

**Treasurer's Report – no report as the Treasurer was absent.**

### **Fundraising Events:**

Parent Social – Karen Consalo/Johanne Lamarche – Looking at \$14,000 profit; looking for a chair for next year

Bowling party – March 6 – noon – 2 pm; low attendance maybe only 20-25 youth have signed up; have sent several blast emails

### **School/Community Related Topics:**

Cultural Arts –

Ropeworks Residency – May 11 & 12

Received \$1,000 from the school to assist with the cost so we are on budget

The Renaissance man – 8<sup>th</sup> grade; scheduled for 4/2/09

Newsletter – editor is Suzanne Fanelle ([ssfanelle@verizon.net](mailto:ssfanelle@verizon.net)); Deadline is the first

Wednesday of the month; looking for someone to take over doing the newsletter next year

Acme Receipts - \$415.92

Allergy Ingredients list at District

Dave Preston at President's meeting; a list for anyone whose child is allegeric who wants to eat at the cafeteria; go to the TEMS Food Services website to view the list

Dental Clinic – Yankee Candle Sale ended 3/3

Letter from Bernadine Ceter thanking us for our casseroles

ESCRIP – please sign up; a very easy way to raise money for the PTO; need to reregister for those with Genardi's cards; there is an online mall – [shopping.escrip.com](http://shopping.escrip.com), put in your information and you can do all your shopping

**Rep Reports:**

BUILD – no report

School Board –

Marnie Hertzfld reported on the website she created outlines the facts and figures on the history of the Van Leer Cabin

(<http://www.tesd.pa.us/stoga/CHS%20History/van%20leet/index.html>)

Student Representative concern was discussed regarding the fact that the Governor's School of Excellence has been cut from the budget

Proposal to consolidate school districts was discussed; may need grassroots efforts

A discussion was held regarding a review of enrollment projections as they relate to space need for the 5 year period form 2009/10 to 2103/14; the data indicates that is not a current need to build a new elementary school; some adjustments will be made at Devon Elementary to accommodate some of the near term growth; will continue to monitor actual enrollment versus projections and adjust as needed; possible solutions to growing enrollment would be redistricting, room conversion, construction of classrooms and modular classrooms; discussion of the on growing project of the Renovation of maintenance building

Finances – currently at break even for this year

Graduation competency Initiative is being watched and the Board may request a grassroots effort

Looking into using Twitter in addition to the all call program

Diversity Committee reminded about the donation of old computers and prom dresses

Green initiatives – starting to show a positive

Education committee reported on the District's performance in ERB, PSSA and SAT testing

March 9 – budget discussion on at Stoga – all invited to attend

ISC – Next meeting 3/11/09/social Norming/PATHS

Last two meeting; tour of Stoga's library and technology; review of world languages

Next meeting – discussion on social norming which came out of ARCH

PATHS – for the elementary school students which deals with communicate better; peer relationships

April meeting - Strategic plan - Creativity and Ethics

ARCH

3/5 Cyber Safety Talk – 7 pm -Episcopal – open to anyone

3/24 – Help Your Teen Make Good Choices – 7 pm - Radnor Middle School; research on adolescent brain development – issue on decision making process in a USA Today article

### **General PTO Business**

Open Positions 2009/2110:

Please contact Karen Consalo if you are interested

Donation to CAPCO – all our money goes to fund issues/items at TEMS pursuant to our bylaws so cannot donate to CAPCO

Brenda Carpenter – Photographer – 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance- or graduation

If we support it as a school; we have to go through bidding

If sponsored by the PTO – PTO deals with the issue; there is a policy on student photographed

Discussion of having Brenda take photos of each student as they are called to the stage; may reduce parent traffic to the front of the auditorium to take photos; Gretchen will look into with Brenda

Discussion of having a “photo booth” at one of the dances; Gretchen will look into it

The next meeting is on April 4, 2009 at 9:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 am

Respectfully submitted by Rita K. Borzillo, PTO Secretary