

NewTech High @ Coppell PTSO

November 1, 2010

Minutes

Attendees:

Alison Durkee	Andrea Miller	Andrew Shay	Anne Tatum
Becky Gross	Connie Braun	Crystal Bates	Dana Shay
Debbie Anderson	Debbie Macziewski	Debra Rountree	Ellen Orr
Jacqueline Eslick	JoAnn Hill	JoAnn Leach	Judy Humphreyson
Karen Bingman	Kelly Durso	Kristy Racz	LuAnn Kamstra
Marca Hiller	Mary Keane	Michele McClew	Rene Watten
Tabitha Branum	Tara Krieg	Taylor Barnes	Tressa Wolford
Amanda Ziar			

The meeting was held in the Work Room

Anne Tatum called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Kristy Racz made a motion to approve the minutes from the October Meeting; Tara Krieg seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

- ▶ Dana Shay reported cash on hand of \$23,231 (Financials are attached).
- ▶ As of November 1st, **Write-A-Check has contributed \$12,750** -within \$250 of the \$13K goal!

Fundraising

- ▶ Jacque Eslick announced we are currently in **1st place in the "My School's Cool"** contest at Vista Ridge Mall. Please shop at select stores on Wednesday for double points during the month at November. To get more information regarding this fundraiser, please contact Jacque Eslick @ jeslick44@gmail.com.
- ▶ The Mardi Gras fundraiser will be in February; however the day is to be determined. If you would like to donate money or items, there are tax deductible forms available at New Tech. This year there will be a live and silent auction and the fundraiser will benefit New Tech and Habitat for Humanity.
- ▶ PTSO Fundraiser - Fall Fundraiser kick off December 1st – more information to follow.

Gift to School Update

- ▶ Tara Krieg, chair of the Gift to School Committee, presented the list of requested items from the New Tech Facilitators, along with the committee's recommendations. After some discussion, Alison Durkee motioned to approve \$2108 from PTSO funds and this was seconded by Tressa Wolford. All approved and the motion was passed.

LLC Update

- ▶ Taylor Barnes and Andrew Shay reported that Red Ribbon went extremely well. \$44.00 was made selling red drinks; all grade-levels participated in the dress-up days and other fun activities.
- ▶ **Veteran's Day is on November 11th** and the LLC is trying to locate a veteran and an active soldier of war to honor on this special day. Several PTSO members' volunteered their help with this.

Director's Update

- ▶ Our juniors and seniors are attending a showing of Waiting for Superman tomorrow, November 2nd. This group of learners in Economics had a project studying the economic impact of the education system and designing solutions to these issues.
- ▶ **SENIOR PARENTS:** panoramic pictures will be taken this Thursday at 1 p.m.
- ▶ **JUNIOR PARENTS:** Jostens will be here tomorrow from 12:30-6:30 AND Friday from 12-1pm to help you design your junior's class ring.

NewTech High @ Coppell PTSO

November 1, 2010

Minutes

Director's Update Cont'd.

- ▶ Our **2nd Annual Snacker Challenge** is underway. This year's theme is **Fall-A-Licious snacks**. I cannot wait to see what all of the networking teams come up with for this year's events. We will have a snacker showdown where all the proceeds will once again go towards Habitat for Humanity!
- ▶ **Senior Laura Harris** was recognized at the Chamber of Commerce meeting! She was honored for her commitment and leadership ~ Laura ranks in the top 12% and is in the LLC!
- ▶ The Pumpkin' Chunkin' was an amazing success. I cannot **thank our parents, Mr. Londot and our Networking teams** enough for their blood, sweat and tears to pull this event off again this year. We raised **over \$600** for Habitat for Humanity off of Pie Your Facilitator, Puppy Chow, Popcorn, etc. The trebuchets and catapults were better than ever. I know so many of you were a part of assembling those beasts and for your involvement, I am so thankful. I know it is a large project but so many of our kids rallied around those machines and really came together as a team. It was awesome to watch. Additionally, on a Friday night we had 200 kids safe and protected. If I could design an event like that every Friday night to keep our kids safe I would! Thanks for coming out and supporting NTH! You are so appreciated!
- ▶ **Thanks to the Enrichment committee** for all of their hard work for Red Ribbon Week
- ▶ Renaissance Lunch starts this Friday – will need volunteers for this event.
- ▶ **November 14th** we will host/co-host the CGA/ Chess with Dr. Alexey Root from 2p.m. to 4 p.m. at New Tech.
- ▶ **Amanda Ziar reported that we are looking for job shadowing opportunities** for our Junior and Senior Learners. If you know of a company who is willing to allow a student to internship or job shadow, please contact **Lindsay Ayers**.
- ▶ SENIOR Cap and Gown Retakes are this Friday at 9am. Once we finish these retakes, Robyn will have all of the cap & gown pictures ready to send home to parents.
- ▶ Senior Exemptions – Tabitha asked the PTSO for their thoughts regarding this issue. Most parents were in favor of the Senior Exemptions as long as the students fit the parameters of the rules in place by New Tech.

PTSO President

Plan to attend the meeting on **December 6th at 7 Salsa's at 5:30 p.m.**

Other Business

- ▶ Becky Gross – Please contact Becky regarding any information you become aware as it pertains to scholarships.
- ▶ JoAnn Leach – please submit any news items by Thursday afternoon for HotSync to leachmail@verizon.net. HotSync is distributed to parents via e-mail.

Anne Tatum left us with this quote from Joseph Joubert a French writer/philosopher
"The aim of an argument or discussion should not be victory, but progress."

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Tressa Wolford
Secretary