

**New Tech High @ Coppell PTSO**  
**January 10, 2011**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Alison Durkee	Amanda Ziaer	Anne Tatum	Anthony Hill	Becky Gross
Bridget Bell	Carol Davis	Connie Braun	Dana Shay	Debra Rountree
Jacque Eslick	JoAnn Hill	JoAnn Leach	Karen Bingman	Kelly Durso
Krista Finnegan	Kristy Racz	Mary Porter	Michele McClew	Rene Watten
Sandi Tanner	Sandy Williamson	Tabitha Branum	Tara Krieg	Tressa Wolford
Grant Brown				

The meeting was held in workroom at NTHS.

**Anne Tatum** called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Dana Shay made a motion to approve the minutes from the December Meeting; Sandi Tanner seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

- ▶ Dana Shay reported cash on hand of \$22,147 (see Financials through Dec. 31st attached).

**Fundraising**

- ▶ We are still in 1<sup>st</sup> place for Vista Ridge Mall's My School's Cool contest!
- ▶ Feb 26<sup>th</sup> is the Mardi Gras – donations are needed for silent auction items 50% will go to New Tech and 50% will go to Habitat for Humanity.
- ▶ A motion was made with a second and vote for Fundraising co-chair and chair. Anne Tatum announced that the executive board recommends an official change that Jacque Eslick be named fundraising chair and Karen Bingman named co-chair. They both have been serving in these positions since last fall. A motion was made and seconded - all approved.

**LLC**

- ▶ Grant Brown proudly announced the Mardi Gras float won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Annual Christmas Parade and also asked for donations for the upcoming Mardi Gras fundraiser!

**Director Updates**

- ▶ New Tech is 1 of 25 schools in the nation who received the **Elite accreditation** for their use of the Smartboards! Great work on behalf of the facilitators who engage the students utilizing this innovative technology.
- ▶ New Tech was named an **Apple Distinguished School** (1 of only 2 in the state!), which is a huge honor with many perks! Here's some information: **The most innovative educators in the world.** Apple Distinguished Educators (ADEs) are part of a global community of education leaders recognized for doing amazing things with Apple technology. They explore new ideas, seek new paths, and embrace new opportunities. By engaging learners in powerful, new ways, they foster unique learning environments that inspire creativity and collaboration. And they share their knowledge with peers around the globe so that others can benefit.
- ▶ Congratulations to Randall Ball and Ben Orr for receiving the Super Teacher Award!! Great Job!
- ▶ Watch for the Exam Schedule in our inbox e-mail AND it is also posted on the schools website. There will be no school on January 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of MLK Day.
- ▶ Recruiting for the incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade class has begun. Dates for both tours and meetings with students and parents are scheduled. Camp-out is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ Secondary Coppell Educators watched the screening to "Race to Nowhere" – it is a life changing film that all parents and educators should watch. New Tech is planning a viewing parents – place and date TBD
- ▶ EOC – End of Course to replace TAKS for incoming Freshman

### Community Service Updates

- ▶ JoAnn Hill presented a time line for the Habitat for Humanity Service Project.  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>- trusses will be installed (20 people needed)  
January 29, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> are building days.  
March 26<sup>th</sup> is the day the home will be dedicated!  
Volunteers are needed for all facets of building/landscaping/painting/etc... Contact JoAnn Hill to volunteer!!!
- ▶ Thank you to those who volunteered for the Salvation Army Kettle

### Prom Committee

- ▶ Kristy Racz announced the theme for New Tech's first Prom: "Dreams to Reality an International Affair"  
Tickets will begin selling on 1/19 during lunch/networking. If purchased before 2/21<sup>st</sup> the cost is \$110.00, after 2/21 the cost is \$120.00 and after 3/21<sup>st</sup> the cost \$130.00.
- ▶ On March 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a carwash and all grades can participate as they will win prizes for most tickets sold as a grade! Proceeds will be donated to the Legacy Fund.
- ▶ March 26<sup>th</sup> is the Sadie Hawkins breakfast

### President's Updates

Anne Tatum attended the PTO President's Meeting. Here are some highlights:

- ▶ CHS has their first annual Public Service Academy event scheduled for 1/29/11 for health assessments and screenings. This is free and offered to everyone.
- ▶ BEST: Business Education Success Team has an upcoming meeting to create goals for Coppell Businesses and Coppell students to partner with one another! JoAnn Hill is on this team and will keep us posted.
- ▶ January is School Board appreciation month!
- ▶ Grants were approved and given out to 9 different Coppell schools through the CISD Education Foundation.
- ▶ **RED & BLACK ATTACK** needs your support now more than ever! Our public-private partnership is one of the solutions to our school-funding challenge. We need the support of ALL of our parents, neighbors, and friends to maintain the excellence in education that our children deserve. Our 2010-11 **RED & BLACK ATTACK ANNUAL DRIVE CAMPAIGN** will **begin at the end of December, 2010 and run through April 1, 2011.**
- ▶ Our next PTSO meeting will be on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at New Tech.

Anne Tatum left us with this quote from by Helen Keller ~ "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do."

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Tressa Wolford  
Secretary