

New Tech High @ Coppell PTSO

March 7, 2011

Minutes

Attendees:

Anne Tatum	Tressa Wolford	Ellen Orr	Carol Davis
Connie Braun	Sandy Williamson	Michele MCClew	Alison Durkee
Debbie Anderson	Becky Gross	Karen Bingman	Dana Shay
Lindsey Ayers	Anthony Hill	Judy Humphreyson	Debbie Macziewski
Kristy Racz	Sylvia Dendy	Kelly Durso	JoAnn Leach
JoAnn Hill	Mary Porter	Sandi Tanner	Tabitha Branum
Amanda Ziaer	Lisa Armstrong	LLC: Dani Pearsall	

Anne Tatum called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. Judy Humphreyson made a motion to approve the Minutes for February and Lisa Armstrong Seconded. All approved and the motion was passed.

Anne announced that **Mardi Gras raised over \$15,000.00!**

Treasurer's Report

- Dana Shay provided an overview of the treasurer's report that was distributed via e-mail. Available funds are **\$22,001.00**

LLC/Environmental Energy

- Dani Pearsol reported on New Tech's Recycling program. This program is completely run by the learners; they have been identifying recycling opportunities throughout the school and implementing procedures. Learners are sorting and collecting various items, as well as, working on a garden that will be similar to the Coppell Community Gardens. Food from this garden will be donated to Metrocrest Food Pantry.
- Compost Bin is needed.

Director's Report

- Tabitha debriefed with the Learners after they viewed Race to Nowhere. They identified pressures and are addressing issues that were mentioned.
- The Kilpatrick family is in need of meal assistance. A card was signed and sent around; Tabitha took up volunteer donations for their family. Kory and Kyle are students at New Tech and their mother recently died of cancer. Sylvia Dendy will e-mail everyone to get meals started. Look for an e-mail from mealtrain.com.
- The incoming 9th grade parents lined up early on Tuesday, February 22nd to get their spot at New Tech. 1st come 1st serve at Buddy Echols Field went great. Spots were filled by 8 a.m. 2/23
- March 10th by 4 p.m. will be the last day to turn in applications for the lottery for incoming 9th graders.
- March 11th at 9 a.m. lottery held at Vonita White Admin. Building – open to the public. 50% of the freshman spots will be filled through the lottery.
- Tabitha will follow-up with a call and letter/e-mail to the families who are chosen by lottery.
- 22 siblings from current New Tech students are confirmed to start as freshman next year.
- Tabitha requested information regarding all of the clubs at New Tech be included to Hot Sync. JoAnn Leach is gathering this information for a special addition Hot Sync.
- Open House will be held along with our Spring Fling on May 6th. Open House is 5:30-6:30 and Spring Fling will be starting around 7 p.m. **Lisa Armstrong and Karen Bingman volunteered to oversee the Spring Fling! Thank you!!**
- March 22nd cap and gown pick up 2-5:30 p.m.
- Connie Braun identified an outstanding speaker for the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Day held at CHS during the day for rookies and sophomores on March 31st.

- April 1st is Shattered Dreams for Junior and Seniors who will be bused to CHS
- April 5th Nicole Bartley is conducting her capstone project – 1 day without shoes – all Learners are encouraged to participate.
- Lock in is scheduled for April 8th

Lindsey Ayers/Senior Internship and Capstone Project Update

- Facilitator Lindsey Ayers attended the PTSO meeting to give an update and overview of what is necessary for all Senior's to graduate with regard to their Internship requirements and Capstone Project.
- *Juniors are required to Job Shadow for 10 hours and seniors are required to work at a company as an Intern for 15 hours. If you know of any companies who are willing to allow these Learners to do either, please contact Lindsey.*
- Capstone Project – is a requirement for seniors and is a culmination of their learning experience and a further understanding of how they have grown as a human being.
- For the Capstone Project, each senior will assign themselves something that is of interest to them i.e. if interested in design, the learner can create their own home from the ground up.
- Presentations will affect exemptions.
- Amanda Ziaer and Lindsey Ayers ascertained how to implement the Capstone Project from Spring I.S.D. They spoke with seniors who came back saying they felt more prepared for college having gone through this process.

Judy Humphreyson/Nominating Committee

- Judy reported she is recruiting for the nominating committee. The slate needs to be complete before the next meeting so we can present a slate of candidates at the May meeting.
- The committee is made up of the following people:
Parliamentarian (Chair)
Volunteer Coordinator
Membership/Directory Chair
(2) Members-at-large
Please contact Judy for additional information!

JoAnn Hill/Community Service Committee

- JoAnn thanked Karen Bingman for getting food donated from Pot Belly's! This Saturday there will be no lunch, so please bring your own.
- Get ready to landscape this Saturday – all Learners and Parents are encouraged to participate, so plan to meet at 7 a.m. at New Tech to caravan.
- *March 26th Habitat House Dedication will begin at 9 a.m. – everyone is invited! New Tech will be giving the Geometry Quilt to the family.*
- Don't forget to enter your service hours into X2Vol
- We will need *volunteers from 3-6 p.m. on April 16th for Wilson Fest.* Contact JoAnn Hill to find out ways you can help! We had outstanding volunteers last year and look forward to working with Wilson again.

Becky Gross/Scholarships

- Becky reported on a scholarship of *\$1000.00 to be given to graduating senior.*
- Becky and Sandi need to a committee (with no senior parents) to write criteria for this scholarship.
- Tabitha added that she met with the Storch Family and they are giving a *Taylor's Gift Scholarship* to a senior at both New Tech and CHS who has giving back to the community.
- Lisa Armstrong mentioned that the *Assistance League gives scholarships* based solely on community hours, not grades. Applications for the scholarship are due by March 21st.

Kristy Racz

- **March 26th is the car wash** with proceeds going to the Junior, Senior and Legacy Prom Fund; Tickets are \$10 each with prizes for the learners who sell the most tickets.

Anne Tatum

- Announced our next meeting will be held on April 4th.

Anne closed the meeting with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson:

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

JoAnn Hill made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Dana Shay seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM

Tressa Wolford, Secretary