

Minutes of the January 19, 2010 PTA Meeting

Tesago Elementary School Shenendehowa Central School District

The meeting commenced at 7:09 pm in the Cafeteria and the following people were in attendance:

Debbie Clark	Katie O'Brien	Robin Lamb	Jill VanDusen	Chris Meagher	Kate Pierce
Deb L'Amoureux	Stephanie Reilly Dobo	Margaret Matocha	Greg Pace	Tony Morrelli	Margarita Zacher
Marilyn Pickett	Stephanie Goodman	Sherrill Brown	Julie Nelson		

Items discussed:

Board of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Board of Education Update – representative absent.
Mr. Pace Tesago Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Grade was in Community News • Tesago Building – 3 teachers received an interactive white boards. Teachers that received them are: Michael Latano, Michelle Hickock and Lisa Grow • 5th grade students made up menus: Turkey club and a Blazing Burrito
Stephanie Reilly Dobo Margarita Zacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Chevalier for kids through 5th grade. Lake George Opera on February 24th. Will be 2 performances of The Three Little Pigs. More information will be going out. • Songs grade 1-4. Pelko's choice – 2nd Grade "If you have a problem" CD was played for all in attendance to hear. • 4th graders – Perseverance – Fundraiser in spring. Perhaps sell CDP for \$5 or less. This was a really interesting way to introduce writing with the arts. Kids were able to take a step back and look at the whole process. • Friday – Robin K will be performing African Folktale in the a.m.
Margaret Matocha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box Tops – keep sending them in. Would like to hit 2000. Would like to see if everyone can send them in before Winter Break.
Julie Nelson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Carnival – need someone to assist Sherrill Brown and me with obtaining raffle prizes for the Spring Carnival. Please let Julie know if you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested.
Sherrill Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2009 Minutes were approved and placed out on website. • Odyssey of the Mind – The PTA Board is looking for several individuals to help with the concessions at the March 6th, 2010 high school function.

Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorary Lifetime Membership Award. This NYS PTA Honorary Life Membership Award is given to individuals in recognition of superior dedication and distinguished service to children and youth in different areas. Please see attached Tesago PTA Honorary Life Membership Award Nomination Form for more information. • PARP – update – see attached document from meeting. • Battle of the Books competition will be held in February for books trivia. • Family Library night will be held on March 25th. Library window is decorated as a book and then guess which goes with which window. • Book Sale – Collecting books (kids thru adult). Books will sell for .25 cents each.
Toni Morrelli <i>Treasurer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 2010 Budget Submitted, and approved. Motioned to move and Julie Nelson 2nd the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Sherrill Brown
 Tesago PTA Secretary



TESAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2010



1. BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE ✓
2. PRESIDENT REPORT...BETH SILAIKA ✓
3. PRINCIPAL REPORT....GREG PACE ✓
4. VP ACADEMICS.....ROBIN LAMB ✓
- ARTS IN EDUCATION UPDATE (STEPHANIE REILLY-DOBO, MARGARITA ZACHER) ✓
5. VP NON-ACADEMICS.....JULIE NELSON ✓
5. TREASURER REPORT....TONY MORRELLI ✓
6. SECRETARY INFORMATION....SHERRILL BROWN ✓
7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



✓ **Arts-in-Education**
Stephanie & Margarita

Parents as Reading Partners (PARP)
Update?

Helping Hands

Helping Hands provides assistance on an as-needed basis, often short on notice. Examples include helping in the bus port during the first few days of school or assisting with a special classroom project. Help is also needed during kindergarten orientation, screening and registration times and at times making phone calls. Consequently, we will be looking for some helpers for the kindergarten registration in March. Perhaps we could send out an e-mail looking for volunteers?

Discovery Program

I have a request in to Whitney to get the Discovery Program information & permission slips into our next newsletter. Consequently, requests for the next newsletter are going out either tonight or tomorrow. ☺

NEW CHAIRS

We are going to need new chairs for the following positions, if anyone knows of someone who might be interested. I will have a "classifieds section" in our next newsletter.

Kindergarten Orientation

This has been run by Janet Chamberland. It's her last year.
Lisa McCarthy expressed an interest in the committee, but I'm not sure if she wants to take over as chair.

Parents as Reading Partners (PARP)

This is Fran's last year.

Odyssey of the Mind

We still don't have anyone for this position & we need someone ASAP. I've reached out to a few people, but they don't have the time.

About It:

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program. This committee prepares students to compete in the national Odyssey of the Mind program. This program fosters cooperative, creative approaches to problem solving. Tesago teams have a proud history of doing well in the competition. Volunteers are always needed to serve as team coaches.

Reflections - Fall

Judy Thayer has run it, but will be leaving after this school year.

Vincent R. DeLucia Scholarship

Rose Savallo has run this committee, but will be leaving after this year.

**Tesago Elementary PTA
Treasurers Report
For the period July 1, 2009 to January 19, 2010**

REVENUE	Budget Amount	Actual Amount	Budget Variance Over/(Under)
Fundraisers:			
Fundraisers	\$8,000.00	\$6,729.51	\$(1,270)
Holiday Extravaganza	\$1,200.00	\$2,288.08	\$1,088
<i>Subtotal Fundraisers</i>	<u>\$9,200.00</u>	<u>\$9,017.59</u>	<u>\$(182)</u>
Contributions	\$750.00	\$9.00	\$(741)
Other Revenue Producing Activities:			
Almost March Madness	\$500.00	\$-	\$(500)
BBQ - School Picnic	\$200.00	\$461.50	\$262
Box Tops	\$2,000.00	\$1,159.89	\$(840)
Hannafornd Helps Schools Program	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$(400)
Ice Cream Social	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$(300)
Membership	\$750.00	\$1,154.00	\$404
Movie Night	\$500.00	\$52.73	\$(447)
Pictures	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$(1,800)
School Supplies	\$0.00	-\$2,292.53	\$(2,293)
Spring Fling - Carnival	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$(1,500)
Sportswear Sale	\$500.00	\$1,095.00	\$595
<i>Subtotal Other Revenue</i>	<u>\$8,450.00</u>	<u>\$1,630.59</u>	<u>\$(6,819)</u>
TOTAL REVENUE (Net)	<u>\$18,400.00</u>	<u>\$10,657.18</u>	<u>\$(7,743)</u>

EXPENSES			
Programs:			
Arts in Education	\$15,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$(13,700)
Birthday Board / Ice cream	\$200.00	\$39.86	\$(160)
DARE	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)
Discovery Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-
Drama Club	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$(500)
End of Year Picnic	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$(750)
Fall Family Fun Night	\$500.00	-\$922.38	\$(1,422)
Field Days	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$(100)
Fifth grade activities	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$(100)
Fifth Grade moving up gift	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$(500)
Founders Day Dinner	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$(210)
Healthy Steps Program	\$200.00	\$70.36	\$(130)
Hospitality and Promotion and Goodwill	\$400.00	\$80.31	\$(320)
Kindergarten Orientation	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$(50)
Legos	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$(1,000)
Lifetime Achievement	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$(180)
Odyssey of the Mind	\$360.00	\$350.00	\$(10)
1000 Book Club	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$(300)
PARP	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$(1,000)
Principals Discretionary Fund	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)
Prior Year Expenses	\$0.00	-\$544.47	\$(544)
Reflections	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)
Scholarship Award	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$(750)
Shen Inventors	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)
Staff Appreciation	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$(350)
Sunshine Club	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$-
Teachers Fund - Book Fair	\$100.00	\$41.96	\$(58)
Teachers Fund - Other	\$825.00	\$0.00	\$-
Contingency Fund	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$(1,000)
<i>Subtotal Program Expense</i>	<u>\$26,025.00</u>	<u>\$1,265.64</u>	<u>\$(24,759)</u>
Administrative:			
Insurance	\$235.00	\$0.00	\$(235)
PTA Administrative Expenses	\$300.00	\$113.56	\$(186)
PTA Council Assessments	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$-
PTA Meetings	\$500.00	\$10.00	\$(490)
PTA Supplies	\$250.00	\$144.90	\$(105)
<i>Subtotal Administrative Expense</i>	<u>\$1,585.00</u>	<u>\$568.46</u>	<u>\$(1,017)</u>

Ending cash balance

Cash Balance Summary

Beginning Balance @ July 1, 2009	\$22,521.58
Total Revenue for the period (net)	\$10,657.18
Total Expenses for the period (net)	<u>\$1,834.10</u>
<i>Ending Cash Balance</i>	<u>\$31,344.66</u>

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Tesago Library and Tesago PTA present:
PARP 2010 – A Community of Readers
Parents as Reading Partners Program
January 4th – March 25th

Tesago's popular Parents as Reading Partners program (PARP) is here once again! Our annual reading challenge encourages children to discover the joy of reading by making it a daily family activity. PARP strengthens the bond between school and home and also improves family reading habits. To take part in the PARP program, students read **every day** for at least 15 minutes with parents, friends, or family members.

This year, PARP is going in a new direction. We are asking that families read together as usual, but instead of keeping track of minutes on a calendar, students will be asked to contribute a review of their favorite book to our Tesago Reads website! This review will be due at the end of the PARP season at our culminating event, Family Library Night, on March 25th. More details about the review will follow soon.

Join us for our exciting PARP events this year:

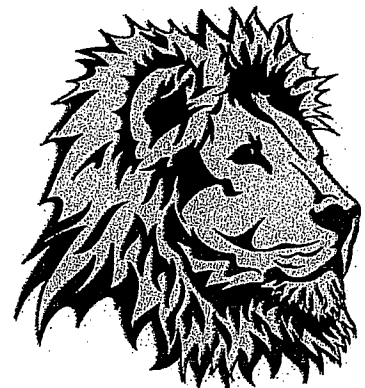
- ☺ PARP kick off assembly with storyteller Robbi K – **January 22nd** Students in grades K-5 will get to see this dynamic performer during school hours.
- ☺ Battle of the Books – The popular competition is back this year on Thursday, **February 4th** at 6pm in the Tesago Cafeteria. Join us for the fun as teachers, parents and students form teams and answer book trivia. Last year the students easily beat the grownups...who will win this year??
- ☺ Family Library Night – Thursday **March 25th** from 6-8:15pm. Come to our annual celebration of reading with your whole family. Compete in the ever popular *Classroom Window Scavenger Hunt*, explore the media center and participate in fun activities. This year we will also be hosting a *Book Swap* in the cafeteria during Library Night. Drop off books in good condition that you no longer need (preschool – adult titles) in the lobby from January to March. Then stop by the cafeteria on Family Library Night to pick up some new ones for 25 cents each!

Students will begin PARP during the first week of January. As part of the PARP kick off, each student at Tesago will receive a brand new book to take home and share with their family. These books, courtesy of PTA, are meant to encourage excitement about reading for the whole PARP period. Once you have read your gift book, consider donating it to the Book Swap or giving it to your child's classroom library once PARP is over so that more children can enjoy it.

Be on the lookout for more PARP information (including details about each of our PARP events) posted on the Tesago Online Bulletin Board and sent home via SIS.
Any questions? Please contact Ms. Pierce at pierkath@shenet.org.

While you are reading for PARP try:

- 📖 Asking older siblings to read to younger ones
- 📖 Reading while dinner is being prepared
- 📖 Listening to a book on tape or CD
- 📖 Visiting the public library together to look for books
- 📖 Reading to your pet!



**TESAGO PTA
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

The New York State PTA Honorary Life Membership Award is given to individuals (not couples or groups) in recognition of superior dedication and distinguished service to children and youth in any or all of the following areas: Home, School, Community and Place of Worship. Nominees may be chosen from any area, are not required to be PTA members nor be well known beyond their own area of service. The nominee may be a staff member, administrator, parent or community member. The recipient does *not* become an active member of PTA by receiving this award.

To submit a nominee for consideration by the Tesago PTA Honorary Life Membership Award Committee, please fill in the information below and mail to Tesago PTA Honorary Life / Attn: Julie Plumadore, 5 Sandpiper Lane, Rexford, NY 12148 or e-mail to mrsjules@nycap.rr.com, or drop off in Tesago's office marked Honorary Life Membership, attention Julie Plumadore. Deadline to submit is 1/29/2010.

Name of Nominee _____

Reasons for Nomination _____

Contribution to Children and Youth _____

Membership in Organizations _____

Biographical/Personal Information _____

Nominated By: _____