

## Minutes of the April 26, 2010 PTA Meeting

### Tesago Elementary School Shenendehowa Central School District

**The meeting commenced at 7:07 pm in the Library and the following people were in attendance:**

Robin Lamb	Vidia Wray	Sherrill Brown	Stephanie Goodman	Greg Pace	Beth Silaika
Samantha Yattaw	Stephanie Reilly Dobo	Jill VanDusen	Kristyn Alheim	Margarita Zacker	Katie O'Brien
Melinda Teter					

Items discussed:

<b>Name of Representative? Board of Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not present</li> </ul>
<b>Mr. Pace</b> Tesago Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We receive state aide and our state aide cut by 6 million. We have worked with every line item, budget is in 6 inch binder. Some cuts have been made due to retirements. Shenendehowa is not at the point where we are going to be struggling. There were also 2 retirements at the district level.</li> <li>• Mrs. Brown is retiring (reading) and Tesago will most likely add a kindergarten teacher.</li> <li>• School Report Card – is available on the website.</li> <li>• Cheryl Liviska inquired as to whether or not we can purchase a new movie camera. Mr. Pace advised is trying to pull the money together so they can purchase one.</li> <li>• Fifth Grade Graduation – last day of school.</li> <li>• School Bullying – Mr. Pace advised that discipline is addressed through counseling. Normally right of passage is Amy, Greg and Mary Lou.</li> </ul>
<b>Beth Silaika</b> President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTA Communication – Send out a weekly email.</li> <li>• Newsletter – set up a link to the newsletter so it's still there.</li> </ul>
<b>Robin Lamb</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTA Committees Open – Outside Bulletin Board, PARP – we need a co-chair. Odyssey of the Mind; Reflections.</li> <li>• Kindergarten Orientation – we need volunteers but need to find out how many. Greg Pace suggested contacting Mary Lou.</li> <li>• Lego League – meeting – he has a small group. Learn how programming is done (5<sup>th</sup> grade)</li> <li>• Vincent Delucia Scholarship – there are 2 winners however we won't find out until</li> </ul>

	the last day.
<b>Sherrill Brown Secretary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March Minutes have been approved and are out on the website.</li> <li>• Spring Carnival – Thank you to everyone who helped with the Spring Carnival. Unfortunately we only made a little over \$500 this year. Don't know if the turnout was as good as last year – didn't seem like it was. Greg Pace suggested it could be because everyone was just getting back from Spring Break. And also suggested to get the Carnival on the Calendar prior to Spring Break in 2011.</li> </ul>
<b>Stephanie Reilly Dobo Arts &amp; Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CD's selling for \$7.00. Working with Julia Z's to get logo . Will give her a free CD. Chose name for Tesago Tunes.</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> grade is going to Boston – June 9<sup>th</sup>. This is major for 5<sup>th</sup> grade – can we give them \$500 for field trip. <i>1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Stephanie Dobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Jill VanDusen. All were in favor.</i></li> <li>• BOCES Funding – looks like it will remain the same for next year.</li> </ul>
<b>Julie Nelson VP of Academics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2010 Spring Carnival – Thank you for all helping and volunteering with the Carnival and Raffles this year.</li> <li>• Staff Appreciation will be held next week.</li> </ul>
<b>Jen Landers Treasurer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March Treasurer's Report approved. We are adding a line item for \$200 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Drama Club.</li> <li>• 1000 Book Club – Increase Budget from \$300 to \$700.</li> <li>• <i>1<sup>st</sup> to motion to approve March 2010 PTA Budget. Beth Silaika was 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve. All were in favor.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heidi Gerstenberger – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Drama Club. All 35 students that joined received a part and has 2 5<sup>th</sup> graders, 2 teachers and 2 parents helping her. Heidi was looking to see if PTA would provide \$200 to help with expenses for the Drama Club. <i>Beth Silaika make the 1<sup>st</sup> motion; Sherrill Brown made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All were in favor.</i></li> </ul>

**The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**  
**Minutes respectfully submitted by:**  
Sherrill Brown, Tesago PTA Secretary