

Minutes of the January 10, 2011 PTA Meeting

Tesago Elementary School Shenendehowa Central School District

The meeting commenced at 7:37 pm in the Library and the following people were in attendance:

Samantha Yattaw	Andrew McCarty	Sherrill Brown	Katie O'Brien	Kate Pierce	Kristin Ignatz
Greg Pace	Kim Buff	Lauren Grabowski	Melinda Teter	Jen Landers	Michelle Ryan
Robin Lamb	Margaret Matocha	Vidia Wray	Kirstin Piskun	Susan Flint	Kim Gibbs
Beth Silaika					

Items discussed:

<p>Board of Education Andrew McCarty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board has been busy with Admin and Teacher Contracts. Doing Assessments – Race to Top - \$43k New Admin & Teachers – evaluations start this year. Budget time – looking at zero increase in State Funding. If there is a tax cut, along with that will come big cuts with everything. 13% insurance increase. STEM – Science Technology Engineering & Math 21st Century skills. 75 seniors will be eligible for it and it will be a 3 period class. Mary Wiggins was present. Max kids in room is 24. Chango is not full. 2% Property Tax cap – District won't be able to commit. Which classes can afford higher numbers of children. Used to be classes of over 30.
<p>Mr. Pace Tesago Principal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children should all get to bed early there is a lot of sickness going around. Discussed window decorating contest. Great job done by all Fundraiser Memo's – cannot go through schools themselves; i.e., Hannah's Hope, Soldiers Fund, etc. These memos must go through group not the building. 2011 Food Drive – goal is to collect 2011 items. Thinking if each child can donate 3 to 4 items for the Food Pantries we should be able to make the goal. Rules-Rules-Rules – Why do we have all these rules? Working on a information sheet to explain school rules. Examples: Straight Lines to keep control in building – drop off and pick up in the morning and afternoon. Kids MUST be supervised when dropped off, etc. Survey is being done on how much time is actually being spent on homework. This is on core assignments only. How many activities are kids involved in? If in 2 activities the students will be challenged, if they are in 3 or more activities – the student will be overwhelmed. Partnership team can bring up at meeting. School Delays – if there is a 2 hour delay Best Assembly would be cancelled. Mr. Pace reserves the cafeteria. Board Meeting tomorrow – Mr. Pace is up for Tenure.
<p>Jen Landers for Beth Silaika, President</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Shen All In” – Julie Plumadore has enough volunteers.

Robin Lamb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shen Inventors – January 21st is registration. Display will be Feb. 4th thru Feb. 12th • Lifetime Achievement Awards – Form was handed out. Form needs to be completed in order to nominate someone for the award. All forms need to be in by January 18th.
Vidia Wray – Vice President Report (Non-Academics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box Tops check has been received for \$660.64. Deadline for next mailing is the last week of February. • New K thru 2 trophy in works that will have names • Labels for Education (Campbells Labels) – a lot has come in. Online promotion going on at eLabelsForEducation.com register your Price Chopper card and receive 100 bonus points. • Spring Carnival – no update available at this time. • Vidia will touch base with Stephanie Goodman regarding the Spring 2011 Fundraiser.
Sherrill Brown Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes submitted, approved and placed out on website.
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Flint – there are 284 members – had 315 members last year. • Movie Night – January 28th – Helpers are needed from 6 to 6:30p.m. • Kate Pierce – PARP Story night – Grandma Tippy Toes was a great hit. • Kate Pierce – PARP 2011 – Website – battle of the books will be on February 16th. Will be teams of adults and children. Finale celebration will be on February 26th the window will be decorated. • Kate Pierce - Books will be for sale again this year. Adults, kids and baby, etc. Will let us know where monies will be going.
Jen Landers Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Fundraiser – is still receiving proceeds currently we have made \$7,366. There were some late orders and some still being placed online. We will continue to receive payment until the orders stop. • All Shen In – changed on Treasury report from old name Almost March Madness. • Sportswear –had a great year final numbers on Treasury Report 1st motion made by Sherrill Brown to pass budget. Vidia Wray was 2nd to motion. • All were in favor and Treasurer’s report/budget was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Sherrill Brown, Tesago PTA Secretary