

Minutes of the March 29, 2010 PTA Meeting

Tesago Elementary School Shenendehowa Central School District

The meeting commenced at 7:06 pm in the Library and the following people were in attendance:

Robin Lamb	Vidia Wray	Sherrill Brown	Kate Pierce	Chris Meagher	Beth Silaika
Samantha Yattaw	Stephanie Reilly Dobo	April Douglas	Greg Pace	Beth Silaika	Marilyn Pickett
Andrew McCarty	Mary Blaabra	Julie Nelson	Jen Landers		Samantha Yattaw

Items discussed:

Name of Representative? Board of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crosswalk - • Transportation – • April 13th voting to approve next years budget. Voting late this year as want to see if receiving additional funds from the state. • Shensational was Saturday, March 27th and was very well attended. • 2011 School Calendar – Draft tomorrow
Mr. Pace Tesago Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paperless efforts – we are still going paperless. PTA sending out paper reminders regarding different functions as paperless doesn’t seem to be going well to get the word out regarding PTA functions. PTA just sent a paper reminder out regarding most recent movie night and they received a really good turnout. • Partnership Meeting – 15 Parents signed up. Want parents involved in the school to assist different teachers at different grade levels who may want assistance. Still looking for talents “outside the box”. • PARP- Kate read posters – brilliant idea. Children and parents had a great time! • Field Testing will be held for English and Math. Staff will become extremely busy. • Early Class Placement – A lot of time and debate goes into classrooms and with those with special needs. • School Schedules – are typically made up in June on the day after school is out. Literally work on this schedule for 12 to 13 hours. There is a committee in place.
Beth Silaika President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth advised that Tony Morelli no longer treasurer and that Jen Landers is now officially the PTA Treasurer. • PTA Board Vacancies – we have a number of open PTA Board vacancies. Please let Beth, Robin or Julie know if anyone is interested in volunteering for any of these vacancies. • School Supplies – We will be doing the School Supplies again this year. <i>What else do we want to say on this?</i> • Mascot was purchased as opposed to renting it. • The Spring PTA Fundraiser is being extended to April 1st. • <i>Clifton Park Hockey – the 5th graders</i>

Robin Lamb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta Factory night – For fundraiser – additional money to hopefully obtain more business? Thoughts? • Kindergarten Orientation – PTA helpers are needed in order to show people where people need to go. Discussion was formed around the possibility of 5th graders helping as well? • Student Council Night is being held on April 28th – will be their McDonald’s night. •
Sherrill Brown Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February Minutes have been approved and are out on the website. • Odyssey of the Mind – Was held on March 6th. Myself, Vidia Wray, Robin Lamb and a couple of personal friends volunteered our time for the Odyssey of the Mind Function on March 6th. Unfortunately there were more volunteers than customers and the PTA Board disappointed not a better turn out this year compared to last year. Tesago did not participate this year as there was no one to chair this committee.
Stephanie Reilly Dobo Arts & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be Stephanie’s last year working with Arts & Education. They will need another person. • March 10th – 2nd grade goes to see The Little Mermaid at Proctors. On March 15th and 16th _____ • Brian Chevalier – 9th and 10th will be more recording dates.
Julie Nelson VP of Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 Spring Carnival – will be held on April 16th, 2010. We are currently still working on raffles. We need to push staff to sign up to volunteer for the carnival. Sign up sheet was just posted. We will be sending a mass email to call out for volunteers for the Carnival this year. • End of School Barbecue that is held at the end of the year. PTA kicked in \$505 last year. And we received \$250 from the Student Council. •
Jen Landers Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Fundraiser – was phenomenal. The Spring Fundraiser didn’t go over very well. Believe the Student Council’s Fundraiser and the PTA’s Spring Fundraiser were held to close together and caused a lot of confusion with parents. A lot of the parents ordered from the Student Council because they thought it was the PTA. • 1st to motion to approve March 2010 PTA Budget. Beth Silaika was 2nd to approve.
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campbells Soup Labels – 38,451 points and we have about 4,000 more points that she needs to send in. • PARP – Kate advised that the book sale was a huge success. We raised about \$435 for Hannah’s • Andy McCarty – is running for seat on the Board. Voting is on May 18th and he would represent Tesago.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Sherrill Brown, Tesago PTA Secretary