

# **Minutes of the May 17, 2010 PTA Meeting**

## **Tesago Elementary School Shenendehowa Central School District**

**The meeting commenced at 7:10 pm in the Library and the following people were in attendance:**

Robin Lamb	Beth Silaika	Greg Pace	April Kohler	Lisa McCarthy	Mary Blabauber
Samantha Yattaw	Stephanie Reilly Dobo	Rebecca Telish	Cathie Smith	Rick Mincher	Gary DiLallo
Andrew McCarty	Dr. Robinson	Tony McCann	Jen Landers	Melinda Teter	Chris Meager
Kelly Deteciani	Kate Pierce	Margarita Zacher			

<p><b>Items discussed: Name of Representative Mary Blaauboer Board of Education</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Blaauboer – Trail – the black top had been laid that day and this was funded through a grant.</li> <li>• Elementary Ed Students have been presenting to the Board.</li> <li>• Middle School have presented using Portfolio project.</li> <li>• High School is using 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.</li> <li>• Richard Mincher, Gary DiLallo, Rebecca Telish, and Andrew McCarty and Dr. Robinson</li> <li>• Floor was opened for questions:</li> <li>• What is major issue currently facing Shenendahowa?</li> <li>• Dilallo – ability to maintain what we have will be more of a challenge next year.</li> <li>• McCarty – Budget and what we do for the students looking to grants.</li> <li>• Telish – Maintain teachers and programs.</li> <li>• Mincher – Budget – looking at all of the peoples needs and fiscal constraints.</li> <li>• McCarty – Passion from PTA and parents children cannot suffer. Our first goal is to help the children.</li> <li>• Mincher – Class size and courses are important. We want to keep them commented on how the first questions we get are not “what are my taxes”?</li> <li>• Telish – Here for the children so they stay and work in the community and also wants to keep great teachers.</li> <li>• DiLallo – keep the highly successful alternative ed program that has been phased in so that the students can get more for less money.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mr. Pace</b> Tesago Principal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talent Show on Friday night went very well. The kids have a lot of talent.</li> <li>• Teacher Appreciation – was a great week and the staff were all in high spirits. The PTA does a great job so a HUGE Thank you!</li> <li>• Field Testing – all students took field test. The teachers were not given given copies.</li> <li>• Ice Cream Social – was very well organized and well run.</li> <li>• Chorus – Concert is May 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gleeson’s last day will be Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. He did a great job. Mr. Lotano is returning from leave on Monday.</li> <li>• Orchestra Band Concert is on May 24<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Fourth Grade Science Lab testing – is May 26<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Kindergarten Orientation – will be hel on May 27<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• DJ in the Gym – is on May 28<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Student Council had raised some money and got pricing to black top 2 Square Courts – price is \$3,800 and they passed on it.</li> <li>• End of the Year – Class Lists are being finalized and will be tweaked over the summer.</li> <li>• Best Assembly – June 11<sup>th</sup> (May Best Assembly had to be rescheduled)</li> <li>• Talent Show – June 11<sup>th</sup> – Talent Show will be performed for the whole school.</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boston Field Trip – June 10<sup>th</sup>. Kudos for organizing the trip.</li> <li>• June 7<sup>th</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> grade written portion of the science test.</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will have classroom in the primary wing next year. That class will get a white board since they are being left on primary wing and they will still switch classes as normal.</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher will be looping to 4<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> <li>• Greg recognized Board members and the candidates (Richard Mincher, Gary DiLallo; Rebecca Telish and Andrew McCarthy) and spoke about the running for the school board and the qualifications.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>

<b>Beth Silaika President</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May has been extremely busy. The Tesago CD is on sale and a reminder email went out that the sale is until May 19.</li> <li>• Spring Walkabout was a success.</li> <li>• Ice Cream Social – was a huge success.</li> <li>• Kindergarten Orientation is on May 27<sup>th</sup>. We need more help for in the afternoon. There will be only one day of orientation this year. Bus rides will be on this day as well.</li> </ul>
<b>Sherrill Brown Secretary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent from meeting. Jen Landers took minutes.</li> </ul>
<b>Stephanie Reilly Dobo And Margarita Zacker Arts &amp; Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephanie showed the Tesago CD.</li> <li>• Margarita and Stephanie – made the \$500 donation to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to Boston.</li> <li>• May 20<sup>th</sup> – Scotia Glenville – Mexico presentation</li> <li>• June 1<sup>st</sup> – Scotia Glenville – Canada presentation</li> <li>• All students in Grades 1-5 attended a professional show this year. Grades 3 &amp;4 will be attending Alice in Wonderland.</li> <li>• Welcome to Melinda Teter and April Kohler who will be assisting Margarita. And a huge thank you to Stephanie and Margarita for all of their hard work.</li> <li>• _____</li> </ul>
<b>VP of Academics</b>	<p>n/a</p>
<b>Jen Landers Treasurer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurer’s report. Made a motion to approve the amended budget. <b><i>Margarita Zacker made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion. Kate Pierce made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.</i></b> All were in favor.</li> </ul>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice Cream social was extremely successful.</li> <li>• The money from Hannaford Helps School is lower this year than last year but with the Price Chopper Gas special it is pulling people away from Hannaford.</li> <li>• Giffy’s BBQ- sold 47 meals which was far above the 25 requested by the PTA Council. Sherrill Brown volunteered to help disseminate the meals.</li> <li>• Anyone who is stepping down or if there are openings to please let Beth Silaika know as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Stephanie Goodman commented on clean the school is and what a great staff we have.</li> <li>• Mr. Pace advised that Tesago has been pin pointed as the school to give tours for families moving in to Clifton Park. Most families are looking at Niskayuna, Saratoga and Shenendahowa. Families feel we offer what they need. The only gap is the a white board. Currently we have 2 for next year and will have 4 in the building. None are portable.</li> <li>• PTA donated the movie “Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs” to Kate Pierce for the library.</li> </ul>

**The meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:**

Jen Landers, Treasurer/Sherrill Brown, Tesago PTA Secretary