

Minutes of the October 19, 2010 PTA Meeting

Tesago Elementary School Shenendehowa Central School District

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm in the Library and the following people were in attendance:

Beth Silaika Jen Landers Evelyn Hickock Vidia Wray Margarita Zacher Greg Pace
Stephanie Goodman Robin Lamb

Items discussed:

<p>Board of Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No One was present from Board of Education.
<p>Mr. Pace Tesago Principal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Mott’s class wanted to know what the principal does all day. • 7 Goals impacting us (RTI). • Interventions on how students are responding from assistance from their support teachers/teachers. 21st century skills. • How things impact the elementary & how to accomplish it. Talked about getting white boards and how they are used to teach material & how to present to students. • PLC. Best practices. • The district is looking to identify students with acceleration needs. Tesago is aggressive in this area. • Co-teaching model. Instead of having a special education teacher with just special education students, have a blend teaching environment. • Review of reading curriculum. • New math textbooks were implemented last year. • Asked PLC groups to start common assessments which are now a district requirement. Two student tests to be given at each grade level in two different subjects. • Board of Ed wants building to do a program review once a year. This year, GP is in on it and they chose to do “the carrot” a presentation on the garden by Garden Club. It was a fun project. Presentation was on Tuesday the 28th. It is a 10 minute video with 50 hours worth of work on it. The Garden Club had a raffle of their gigantic pumpkins.
<p>Beth Silaika President</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today was the last day of basket items. We still need baked goods for the Monster Mash. Contact Julie Plumadore. • We had a Popcorn Day on October 1st. • Picture Day was on October 13-14. Many questioned why we changed. Tesago flows into Acadia. Acadia switched, so we followed. We have had positive feedback from the teachers. • We’re thinking of sending home a PTA letter & membership forms. Possibly showing pictures from past PTA events at the Monster Mash.

Robin Lamb VP Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had 20 entries for Reflections. They are currently being judged. The committee has to narrow it down to the ones moving on to Regionals that should be completed by the end of the week. Medals are being ordered. Each winner will receive a medal & a certificate.
Evelyn Hickok/Vidia Wray VP Non-Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie raised \$3,680 for fundraising. Last year we brought in about \$6,600. That includes straight donations. We need help for the Spring Carnival. We need at least 2 or 3 people to run it or it will be canceled.
Margarita Zacher Arts & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We received a thank you from Ms. Jones's third grade class last year. We sent them to see Alice in Wonderland. 11/3 & 4/11 - Scotia Glenville - Eating Adventure - Grade 2 11/4/10- Scotia Glenville - They Lived Along The Mohawk - Grade K 11/30/2010 - Scotia Glenville - In Days Gone By - Grade 1
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first Movie Night will be on Nov. 12. We're showing Toy Store 3. We'll have popcorn, pretzels & drinks. The Holiday Extravaganza is Nov. 6. We're still booking vendors. Nov. 9 @ the Clifton Park - Halfmoon Public Library, we're having a launch party for the latest Diary of a Wimpy Kid book for grades 3 – 5.
Stephanie Goodman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a
Jen Landers Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Treasurers Report covers Movie Night & popcorn for Popcorn Days, so it shows a negative right now. Similar for Arts in Ed. The BBQ numbers are final.

The meeting adjourned at
Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Sherrill Brown, Tesago PTA Secretary