

Minutes of the April 9th, 2009 PTA Meeting

Tesago Elementary School Shenendehowa Central School District

The meeting commenced at 7:04pm in the Tesago library and the following people were in attendance:

Julie Plumadore	Greg Pace	Cathie Smith	Susan Flint	Beth Hart	Beth Silaika
Rose Savallo	Samantha Yattaw	Vidia Wray	Chris Meagher	Robin Lamb	Margaret Matocha
Sue Stoddard	Karen Doescher	Jen Landers	Kate Pierce	Sharon Bowles	Jill Van Dusen

Items discussed:

<p>Cathie Smith <i>VP of Academics</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Committee Positions</u> – we are still looking to fill several committee positions for next year. Please let Cathie know if you are interested. Several of them are easy to do from home or on your own time such as Helping Hands, Bulletin Boards, Kindergarten Orientation, PARP, Reflections etc... • <u>Arts in Education</u> - we still have several upcoming programs going on this year. Please see the PTA newsletter for details. This spring Stephanie and Margarita will be meeting with staff to plan for next years events.
<p>Sue Stoddard <i>Representative from Girl Scouts</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Girl Scouts in our area are working hard to develop a culture of philanthropy. They are also looking for new pathways for participation beyond the traditional troop approach. For example, any girl can attend a Girl Scout camp. They do not have to belong to a troop. They are also creating short-term interest groups in which girls from different areas come together for 6-8 weeks to work on specific projects. • They also have “special destination” programs in which girls travel or explore different parts of the globe. They are developing some virtual opportunities for girls who can’t get to troop meetings or Girl Scout programs. • They have a strong focus on leadership for girls. • There are also many opportunities for troop leaders, program leaders and other adult positions. • Shenendehowa has a 29% participation rate among girls of elementary age. But they are always looking for more!
<p>Sharon Bowles <i>Board of Education</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Budget</u> – the Board has adopted a proposed budget – see the district web site for details. It contains less than a 1% increase in spending from last year. This represents about a 1.78% increase per homeowner. The vote will be on May 19th at the Gowana gym. Absentee ballots are available by calling the district office. • <u>Board Seats</u> – there are three board seats up for reelection. Both Janet Grey and Sharon Bowles are running for reelection.

<p>Greg Pace <i>Principal</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Class Lists</u> – the letters regarding class lists for next year have been sent home. The staff is working hard on this process. Staffing changes are being discussed and some teachers may move to different grade levels. • <u>Special Ed/Gifted Meetings</u> – these groups are meeting to determine what works and what needs improvement. • <u>Paperless</u> – as of April 1st all communication will be posted on the bulletin board on the Tesago web site. After break we will be getting e-mails alerting us to updates on the bulleting board. In some cases the message/notice itself will be included in the e-mail. Starting May 1st nothing will be coming home in paper. • <u>Report Cards</u> – the teachers are working hard on the report cards. • <u>Fall Kindergarten</u> – parents will find out whether their child has am or pm Kindergarten by orientation in May. • <u>Spring Carnival</u> – we have gotten lot of praise from parents about this event. • <u>4th and 5th grade play</u> – the play was wonderful! Great job to all who participated.
<p>Beth Hart <i>VP of Non-Academics</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Spring Carnival</u> – we exceeded our monetary goals and this event went very well. • <u>Spring Fundraiser</u> – this has gone very well also. • <u>Staff Appreciation Week</u> – will be held May 4th – 8th. The theme is “I Wish...” More details about the various events will be coming home soon. • <u>Ice Cream Social</u> – will be held on May 14th from 6:30 – 8:00 during the Spring Walk-About. Many teachers will be there, and the classroom and hallways will be showcasing the children’s work. The sundaes will be \$1 each.
<p>Julie Plumadore <i>Co-President</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Volunteer Night Out</u> - all of our volunteer run events have gone really well this year. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped out. Our volunteer night out is on Monday, June 8th at 7:00pm at Ravenswood (in the room downstairs). Please come if you can for an evening of fun! • <u>March Madness DVDs</u> – will be available in another week or two. • <u>May PTA Meeting</u> – we will be electing our officers for the next school year in May. Please come to vote. Julie will be sending out an e-mail with the slate of officers soon. We may also be voting on our 2009-2010 budget. It is also possible that someone will be here from the district to discuss their proposed budget. • <u>TPT</u> – we have two spots open for the Tesago Partnership Team. Please let Julie know if you are interested. • <u>Building Use Forms</u> – Julie has these for all new committee members.
<p>Rose Savallo <i>Treasurer</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Budget</u> – we have been doing a great job with our budget this year. We have made about \$8,000 more than we had planned. We hope to use some of it next year to keep the existing programs running as we expect that it will be a more difficult year in terms of fundraising. • <u>Scholarships</u> – the Tesago scholarship committee has met and chosen two winners out of the 14 applicants. They will be announced at the high school awards ceremony in May.
<p>OTHER:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PARP</u> (Miss Pierce) – thank you to everyone who supported PARP. The Battle of the Books was a big hit. Thanks to this program we will be able to put about 20 new books in each classroom this year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Susan Flint
Tesago PTA Secretary

**Tesago Elementary PTA
Treasurers Report
For the period July 1, 2008 to April 9, 2009**

REVENUE	Budget Amount	Actual Amount	Budget Variance Over/(Under)	
Fundraisers:				
Fundraiser #1	\$4,000.00	\$8,155.66	\$4,156	\$8,155.66
Fundraiser #2	\$4,000.00	\$9,273.00	\$5,273	\$0.00
Holiday Extravaganza	\$500.00	\$1,766.40	\$1,266	\$1,766.40
<i>Subtotal Fundraisers</i>	<u>\$8,500.00</u>	<u>\$19,195.06</u>	<u>\$10,695</u>	<u>\$9,922.06</u>
Contributions	\$1,000.00	\$701.00	\$(299)	\$701.00
Other Revenue Producing Activities:				
BBQ - School Picnic	\$200.00	-\$46.70	\$(247)	\$(46.70)
Box Tops	\$1,000.00	\$1,129.07	\$129	\$1,129.07
Hannaford Helps Schools Program	\$0.00	\$779.00	\$779	\$-
Ice Cream Social	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$(300)	\$-
Membership	\$750.00	\$867.00	\$117	\$863.50
Movie Night	\$500.00	\$321.35	\$(179)	\$183.37
Pictures	\$1,800.00	\$1,794.00	\$(6)	\$1,794.00
School Supplies	\$0.00	-\$1,789.68	\$(1,790)	\$(1,789.68)
Spring Fling - Carnival	\$1,500.00	\$2,198.02	\$698	\$(433.00)
Sportswear Sale	\$300.00	\$892.20	\$592	\$892.20
Target Rewards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-	\$-
<i>Subtotal Other Revenue</i>	<u>\$6,350.00</u>	<u>\$6,144.26</u>	<u>\$(206)</u>	<u>\$2,592.76</u>
TOTAL REVENUE (Net)	<u>\$15,850.00</u>	<u>\$26,040.32</u>	<u>\$10,190</u>	<u>\$13,215.82</u>

EXPENSES				
Programs:				
Arts in Education	\$15,000.00	\$3,912.82	\$(11,087)	\$3,497.62
Birthday Board / Ice cream	\$180.00	\$114.13	\$(66)	\$96.63
Bowling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-	\$-
DARE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-	\$-
Discovery Program	\$0.00	-\$3,200.39	\$(3,200)	\$(6,427.09)
Drama Club	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$(300)	\$-
End of Year Picnic	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$(500)	\$-
Fall Family Fun Night	\$0.00	-\$1,417.06	\$(1,417)	\$(1,417.06)
Field Days	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$(100)	\$-
Fifth grade activities	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$(100)	\$-
Fifth Grade moving up gift	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$(750)	\$-
Founders Day Dinner	\$160.00	\$252.00	\$92	\$-
Hospitality and Promotion and Goodwill	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$(400)	\$-
Community Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-	\$-
Kindergarten Orientation	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$(50)	\$-
Legos	\$500.00	\$626.86	\$127	\$557.93
Lifetime Achievement	\$220.00	\$275.00	\$55	\$275.00
March Madness	\$0.00	\$1,024.10	\$1,024	\$758.81
PARP	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$300.54	\$(699)	\$300.54
Principals Discretionary Fund	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)	\$-
Prior Year Expenses	\$0.00	\$904.09	\$904	\$904.09
Reflections	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)	\$-
Scholarship Award	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$-	\$1,500.00
Shen Inventors	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)	\$-
Staff Appreciation	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$(350)	\$-
Sunshine Club	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$(100)	\$-
Teachers Fund - Book Fair	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00	\$-	\$-
Teachers Fund - Other	\$825.00	\$25.00	\$(800)	\$25.00
1000 Book Club	\$200.00	\$20.50	\$(180)	\$20.50
Contingency Fund	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$(1,000)	\$-
<i>Subtotal Program Expense</i>	<u>\$23,835.00</u>	<u>\$4,337.59</u>	<u>\$(19,497)</u>	<u>\$91.97</u>
Administrative:				
Insurance	\$235.00	\$0.00	\$(235)	\$-
PTA Administrative Expenses	\$450.00	\$112.00	\$(338)	\$112.00
PTA Council Assessments	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$-	\$300.00
PTA Meetings	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$(400)	\$-
PTA Supplies	\$250.00	\$253.92	\$4	\$253.92
<i>Subtotal Administrative Expense</i>	<u>\$1,735.00</u>	<u>\$765.92</u>	<u>\$(969)</u>	<u>\$665.92</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES (Net)	<u>\$25,570.00</u>	<u>\$5,103.51</u>	<u>\$(20,466)</u>	<u>\$757.89</u>

Cash Balance Summary

Beginning Balance @ July 1, 2008	\$19,951.23
Total Revenue for the period (net)	\$26,929.32
Total Expenses for the period (net)	\$5,999.51
<i>Ending Cash Balance</i>	<u>\$40,881.04</u>

Membership Summary

TESAGO Membership Revenue	\$867.00
NYS PTA portion of dues collected	\$889.00
NYS PTA portion of dues remitted	\$896.00
<i>Total Membership Revenue</i>	<u>\$860.00</u>