

NewTech High @ Coppell PTSO

December 7, 2009

Minutes

The December meeting was held at Jean Ainsworth's home. Following dinner, Jean called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Cash on hand as of November 30 was \$21,054. There was very little financial activity in November. Allison will meet with Tabitha next week to discuss gifts to school, estimated to be about \$10,000.

PTO President's Meeting Update

- The main topic at the meeting was the last "The Discussion" session. The topic was rigor and relevance, highlighting the differences between rigor and "hard." Jean explained to the other PTO president's that New Tech's strategies and techniques are correlated with the ideas presented as (good) rigor. She invited and encouraged all to serve as project evaluators and/or tour New Tech.

Director's Update

- Registration for 2010-11 will begin with meetings the third week in January. The school board will determine the selection process at the upcoming school board meeting. A process similar to last year's first-come, first-served for half the spots is under consideration, with the line to be off site (possibly at the football stadium). Please let Tabitha know if you have thoughts or ideas about the meetings, communication or process.
 - There will be requirement that parents of students applying attend information meetings (i.e., no last minute applications from families who have not attended sessions).
 - This year, all middle school students will shadow at both CHS and NTH @C.
- A Lock-In will be held on Friday from 10:30 PM 6:00 AM. at InterSkate in Lewisville. A sign-up sheet for volunteers and other donations has been e-mailed. Cost for each student is \$10.
- Touch A Life: Bridget Bell and her committee have coordinated shipping arrangements and 69 boxes of items prepared by students that will be sent to three villages in Ghana. Shipping will be free of charge, packed on a container being sent as part of other business by Buckner International of Houston. On January 4, laptops purchased by networking group fund-raising of \$2 - 3,000 (and matched by a donor) will be sent with Pam Cope and her technical team to Ghana. The team will train the village personnel on use of the computers.
- Chinese Cultural Immersion Day was held last week as part of a Wonderful Wednesday program. StarTalk, in conjunction with Ms. Wu, Sandy Williamson and her committee, led various workshops including martial arts, origami, language and calligraphy. The day was well received by students.
- A sophomore and a junior student have been selected as prom co-chairs. They are waiting for a PTSO parent volunteer to be named to work with them on planning.
- There will be early release at 2:25 PM the Friday before winter break.
- The third week in January, there will be an early release so that faculty can attend technology training. There will no late arrival on Wednesday of that week.

Committee Updates

- There will be a teacher brunch on Wednesday, December 16.
- Irving Bible Church has been reserved for New Tech's first graduation: Friday, June 3, 2011. Please let Tabitha know if you have thoughts (or contacts) for a speaker.

January Meeting

- The next meeting will not be held on the regular first Monday.
- The date for the next meeting is Thursday, January 14 at 5:30 at New Tech.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Becky Gross
Secretary