



Colonial Forge High School

P T S O

November 6, 2006 Minutes

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

5 Board Members, 3 Faculty, 1 Student and 9 PTSO Members Present



Principal's Report

- Dr. Martin attended the School Improvement Leadership Team Meeting today. The Attendance Incentive Pilot Program was discussed.
 - Since the pilot program was implemented, there have been four phone calls from parents, expressing their unhappiness with the program.
 - The pilot program was implemented at CFHS in order to raise the AYP for attendance from 94.6% (2005-2006 results) to over the 95% which is the required passing level.
 - The graduation rate also dropped for the first time. The incentive program for attendance will be evaluated to see if it has any effect on the graduation rate, as attendance improves.
 - This plan is meant to reward the students.
 - A proposal to modify the program will be presented to the faculty on November 7th. When the modifications are agreed upon, the information will be posted on the CFHS website.
 - The emphasis on the modifications will be to encourage communication and responsibility by the students, but while also maintaining the human quality. It is recognized that there are certain times that students must miss a class.
 - Dr. Martin asked the parents present at the meeting their ideas on the proposed changes, and the comments were quite positive.
 - This program is being treated as research in that the data will be analyzed, and staff and students will have a chance to complete surveys on the program.
- It was emphasized that the county will no longer allow the awarding of points to grades for passing the SOL exams.
- Report cards will be sent home on November 13th.
- CFHS will be a polling station on November 7th.
- November 20th will be the next “Coffee with the Principal”
 - November 20th--Parent Conference Night. Appointments may be made by calling the school on November 15, 16 or 17 to schedule conferences. Judy Martin is organizing the volunteers to schedule the conferences.



President's Report

- Thank you to those who volunteered for the Spirit Week activities, as well as, the Craft Fair and Football Game Sales.
- We need to start selling the Nordstrom Gift Card Raffle Tickets (\$5 each). Please check out a block of 10 tickets from Gene. Thank you to Gemma Lionello for donating the Nordstrom \$100 gift card.
- Remember to vote tomorrow. (November 7th)
- Thank you to Stephanie Evans for her work on the website.
- Thank you to Anna Minogue for organizing the first “Coffee with the Principal.”
- Volunteer log sheets are now available. Please remember to keep a record of your volunteer hours. Committee heads and Board members need to turn the sheets into Anna. When signing in at the front of the school with Debbie, she will now have volunteer log in sheets available.



Secretary

- The motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Anna Minogue and seconded by Nancy Nicolucci. The minutes were approved as written.
- Forge article are due by the 13th of each month to the secretary.
- The PTSO website link is now operational. Please send any updates for your area to Stephanie.



Treasurer's Report

- The beginning balance for the 2006-2007 year was \$6,632.86
- Expenditures to date: \$4,049.52
- Deposits to date: \$9,066.34
- Current PTSO Bank Balance: \$11,649.68
- There is still 1 scholarship that has yet to be claimed. The recipient has until November 30th to claim the \$1,000 scholarship. The deadline for claiming the scholarship was stated in the letter that each recipient received when awarded the scholarship.



VP for Membership

- Current Membership Totals: 386 Families and 58 Faculty Members
- Dr. Martin hosted the first “Have Coffee with the Principal” on October 16th. There were approximately 12 people in attendance. Thanks to Diane for setting up the room! The coffee is a great place to get to know your principal!
- Thanks to Michele Bonnani for being the chairman of the Spirit Week activities for the PTSO. Mrs. Torosian thanked all the volunteers who assisted with selling the homecoming dance tickets during the lunch periods. There were approximately 1500 tickets sold prior to the dance.



Ways and Means

- We still do not have a Vice President for Ways and Means. If interested, please contact Gene.
- Raffle tickets are now available for \$5 each for the \$100 Gift Card from Nordstrom or Nordstrom Rack. The drawing will be held on December 15th.
- Tickets for the Basket Bingo will be available for purchase beginning in mid-December. The price will be 1 ticket for \$15 or 2 tickets for \$20. The drawings will begin on February 20th and will end on March 7th. This information will be posted on the website, and will be placed in the December and January FORGE publications.
- The PTSO had a table for the gift items and Nordstrom Raffle tickets at the Craft Fair on October 25th. Thanks to the two great volunteers who assisted! Several items were sold, and 21 raffle tickets were sold.
- Volunteers are needed for the last home football game on November 10th. If interested, please contact Gene.
- Gene was approached by Clark Nursery on Courthouse Road to work together in some capacity. Gene will be talking with the owners to review their proposal.
- The PTSO is planning to conduct a 50/50 raffle at the “big” basketball games this season.
- Nancy Nicolucci reported on the Nissan Pavilion fundraiser.
 - \$4,671.34 was made during the concert/event season.
 - The PTSO participated in 15 events. 44 registers were worked (an average of 3 per event which resulted in an average of \$107 per register.) 18 volunteers participated which involved at least an 8 hour commitment.
 - The PTSO will try and participate in this fundraiser for the 2007 season.
 - The funds made were enough to cover the 2006-2007 scholarships.
 - Mike Wiener’s name was drawn for a small token of appreciation for his volunteerism with this fundraiser.



Teacher Appreciation

- The Teacher Appreciation Committee hosted a “Grab-N-Go” luncheon on Friday, October 20th. Thanks to all the volunteers.
- On Tuesday, November 7th, the planning committee will meet to plan the remaining Teacher/Faculty appreciation events for the school year.



Renaissance

- The Renaissance cards and booklets will be distributed the first week in December.



Scholarship

- Gene will be getting in touch with the new Scholarship Chairperson, Lori Jenkins.



After Prom

- A chairman is needed for the After Prom Committee. If the after prom celebration is held at the school, there are two volunteers who have agreed to co-chair the committee.
- Mrs. Torosian and Rosa will develop a survey to be completed by the Junior and Senior classes regarding their opinion on the location of the after prom celebration. The location needs to be decided upon by the holidays.
- The DJ is now under contract.
- Wendy Howard is waiting to hear back from the tattoo gentleman.
- The balloon lady from last year will be sending a list of her other services, for review. She does tattoos also.
- A T-shirt design needs to be settled upon. Dr. Martin will be meeting with the Junior Class this week to discuss the theme. Once that is decided, the T-shirt design can be decided.
- Wendy Howard will get the letters for the Junior parents to Diane. Diane will then mail the letters out.



Wrap Up

- A parent posed a question about the Senior Ad deadline for the yearbook. Dr. Martin will follow up regarding the date, and the procedures for placing the ads.
- Rosa (our student rep) hosted a lunch for the 6 CFHS exchange students at her home in October.
- If anyone is not receiving the email notices of the PTSO meetings, please contact Anna, VP of Membership, to give her your email address.



Upcoming Dates

- November 20th—“Coffee with the Principal” 9-10 AM
- December 4th – PTSO meeting 7:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Evans
2006-2007 CFHS PTSO Secretary