

NJASC Meeting - Manchester Township High School

Minutes for Friday February 4, 2005

Call to Order

President, Jon Gregory, called the first meeting of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils 2005-2006 Executive Board to order at 12:30 am on Friday, February 4, 2005 at Manchester Township High School.

Review of Minutes

There were no previous minutes to be read.

Financial Report

There was no financial information to be reported.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports

A. State Board of Education Report

State Board of Education Representative, Raymond Thompson, reported that he had attended his first Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd, 2005 with Katie Wright, the previous Board Representative.

B. There were no other Committee Reports

Advisor's Report

A. Mr. Nolan

NJASC Advisor Mr. Nolan now discussed the New Jersey Association of Student Councils National Conference that this year's State Board will be attending. It will be held in both Missouri and Illinois from June 25- 29. Mr. Nolan also discussed prices for registration fees and the post trip. He then took this time to share with the board the schedule for the rest of the year that the advisors had earlier put together. The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2005 at Watchung Hills Regional High School. The first board member to be making their speech at a State Board of Education meeting is Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego on March 2nd. Each member has an opportunity to prepare a 2-minute speech on an educational topic of their choice to present to the Board of Ed. The dates were also given for this year's Leadership Training Conference sessions, which will be held August 13th through 21st.

B. Mr. Fasanella

NJASC Advisor Mr. Fasanella described to the Board specific roles of each as well as working together as a team. He also addressed the role of the Administrative Assistants. Although they attend meetings, they cannot vote and will be dealing with all of NJASC mailings. NJASC's Leadership Training Conference was then discussed. LTC was down in numbers this past year and there are currently committees working on overcoming this problem and publicizing LTC to get a full camp. Mr. Fasanella has received 37 applications for Junior Counselor positions. Secretary Liz Duffy then motioned to accept the calendar. Executive Member Frank Dipascali seconded, and the calendar for the 2005 – 2006 State Board was unanimously accepted.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. State Theme

At this time the Board began to select the new State Theme for this year. Each Board member contributed their own ideas for the theme and the top three were chosen. They were: NJ is SUBLIME- Students United By Leading In Many Endeavors; NJ has EDGE- Energy Driven Goals for Excellence; and NJ RISES- Responsible Involved Students Encouraging Success. The Board then voted and chose NJ is SUBLIME as this year's State Theme by 3 votes. State Board of Education Representative Raymond Thompson motioned to accept the theme and was seconded by Vice- President Tim Burkly. NJ's 2005- 2006 State Theme was unanimously accepted, as NJ is SUBLIME.

B. Spring Awards Program

NJASC Spring Awards Program will be held on May 5, 2005 in Six Flags Great Adventure. It will cost \$26 with a free lunch ticket. Any schools interested in hosting a workshop are welcome, and any entertainment group that would like to perform is encouraged since there is no longer a guest speaker. The rides will open at 10:00 am after the Standard of Excellence Awards are given and the State Charity discussed.

C. NJASC/ LTC Workgroup Reports

The LTC workgroups recently met at Alex Mirabella's house consisting of the following groups- advisor outreach program, fundraising, school recruiting, and media/ public relations. Ms. Pattie Preztunik spoke to the Board about the goals of these workgroups and where the Board would like to be involved. A website, www.njasc.org, is currently being set up with the help of Vice-President, Tim Burkly. Pictures and biographies of the new Board members will be posted with the return of a parent permission slip. New ideas for the website were suggested, such as, a history of NJASC and past themes and open forums. Recruiting new schools is a major goal and free delegates may be offered to some schools

Adjournment

Executive Member Frank DiPascali motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego. The first meeting of the 2005-2006 NJASC Executive Board was adjourned at 1:28 pm on Friday, February 4, 2005. The next meeting will be held on Friday March 18, 2005 in Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duffy
NJASC Secretary