

NJASC Executive Meeting - Bayonne High School Minutes for Friday September 16, 2005

Call to Order

President Jon Gregory called the September meeting of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils 2005-2006 Executive Board to order at 9:48 am on Friday, September 16, 2005 at Bayonne High School.

Review of Minutes

Secretary Liz Duffy read the last recorded minutes from the meeting on Friday, April 22, 2005. Executive Member Lindsay Wanko motioned to accept the minutes and Executive Member Stephanie Delsarro seconded. The minutes were accepted as read.

Financial Report

Treasurer Danielle Centi asked for a motion to accept the money being sent to last year's charitable organization, Buddy Ball, and the money spent on LTC this past summer. Executive Member Frank DiPascali motioned and Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego seconded. The Financial Report was accepted.

Correspondence

Members of the board received great feedback from LTC delegates and are in frequent contact with many of the students who attended.

Committee Reports

A. State Board of Education Report

State Board of Education Representative Raymond Thompson reported that President Jon Gregory is the next member of the board to make his speech in front of the State Board of Education. The date of that meeting was changed to October 19th. He informed Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego that his speech date was rescheduled for January. Raymond also informed the board of his policy speech about the SRA which he delivered to the State Board of Education.

B. State Charity Report

Executive Member Frank DiPascali announced that the Simpson-Baber Foundation for the Autistic now has an up and running website at www.simpsonbaberfoundation.org. Frank also mentioned that the charity's name needs to be corrected on the NJASC website and that order forms for the charity video shown at LTC will be available to advisors at the October meeting.

C. Special Projects Report

There was no Special Projects information to be reported.

D. Review Report

Executive Member Stephanie Delserro informed the board that the next Review will be mailed in the October mailing. She is trying to have it ready to be handed out at the October Convention. LTC, Nationals and NJASC's change in address from Holy Cross High School to Palmyra High School will be included in the new Review. A section on how to actually use the NJASC website will also be added.

E. Middle Level Report

Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego reported that he has been in contact with students who attended LTC and has received large amount positive feedback.

Advisors Report

New NJASC Advisor, Mrs. Wendy Booth- Sitzler, presented her Advisor's report to the board. She informed the board that her and Mr. Fas have been working hard to move the official office of the NJASC to Palmyra High School. There was financial information to be given to Treasurer Danielle Centi. The next meeting of the Coordinating Committee is to be held on October 16th at Wendy's house where LTC will be discussed. The Fall NJASC Conference will be held at TCNJ on Monday October 24th. The speaker that will be presenting is Eddie Sulkowski, who was present at Nationals this year. Musician MJ Potter, also an LTC member, will be performing at the Conference and running two workshops. Brooklawn Middle School is going for the Gold Council Award this year given by the NASC and therefore, will be presenting their project Brooklawn Intensive Games at the State Conference to fulfill criteria for the award. Tickets were suggested for middle schools so as not to overcrowd the workshops this year.

Old Business

A. Nationals

The board and fellow New Jersey students who attended Nationals this year in Collinsville, Illinois had a fantastic time and great experience. Jon informed the board that he has had the pleasure of being in contact with many of the other state presidents who were also at Nationals.

B. 50th LTC

The board had a wonderful time at LTC's 50th year of camp and encouraged the use of cabin contact information to be collected in the future because it has made keeping touch with everyone from LTC easy and enjoyable.

New Business

A. Fall Conference

Vice President Tim Burkly will be running the elections meeting at the conference in October. A paper in this weeks mailing will notify students that the meeting is mandatory for all those from South Jersey who wish to run for the next board's election. The requirements for attending LTC and Nationals, as well as the issue of campaign money must be stressed at the meeting to the prospective candidates. The Simson-Baber Foundation will have a representative present at Fall Conference.

B. Changes on forms

The following forms were distributed to the board and revised to fit this year's schedule and circumstances.

1) Elections Information Sheet- the counties were changed to all Southern counties eligible to have candidates run. The applications must be postmarked by November 9th. In the Job Description section the treasurer's duties were changed to "appropriating checks" rather than paying bills. The State Board of Education Representative's job is also now to include fulfilling the duties of the current State Board of Education President while serving, the representative will deliver three policy speeches to the Board. It will also be made clearer in the information sheet that each board member will attend one State Board of Education Meeting to speak on a topic of their choice. The date for the Interview meeting is December 9th at Bridgewater Raritan. The statement that board members are required to attend all of NASC Conference and LTC was bolded and that Middle Level Representatives do not need to attend Nationals was added. Vice President Tim Burkly is to send a follow up letter with directions to the interview meeting to candidates. A request for the candidates cell phone and e-mail address was added

to the formal application. An e-mail will also be sent to all the candidates informing them that they are not required to stay for the entire interview meeting if the slating process will be long due to an excess amount of candidates. It is also now stressed that the candidates must list 3 office preferences for slating.

2) Administrator of the Year

The Executive Board deliberated and chose the Administrator of the year from Brooklawn Middle School- Angelo Juliana. This award will be given at the Fall Conference.

3) Top Ten Projects

This is the 22nd year of the Top Ten Program. The mailing address changed to Treasurer Danielle Centi's address. Applications must be postmarked by November 18th. The board will decide on the Top Ten Projects at the December meeting at Bridgewater before the interviews start. Dates and years were revised on the form and a spot for advisor E-mail and Student Coordinator's name was added.

4) Honors School

Mailing address was changed to Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego's home address. Dates were changed and revised on the application.

5) Student Leader Award

Award for High School and Middle School students must be postmarked by November 23, 2005. All dates and names were changed on the application.

6) Standards of Excellence

The actual evaluations will be done after January in 2006. Executive Member for Special Projects Lindsay Wanko will run the meeting for Standard of Excellence at the October Conference. Schools now need to email the NJASC by November 17th to inform the board if they are officially applying for the award. They will then know by December the schools they are partnered with to evaluate. Applications must be postmarked by April 1st.

B. Winter Conference

The speaker for the Winter Conference will be David Parker who was also at Nationals. The board will meet the night before the conference at a hotel for a meeting and to discuss student run workshops. MJ needs registration forms for the January convention to put on website, also all of the awards applications to put online. Deadlines will be posted on website. Names of past charities are also needed to put in the charity section of the website.

C. Publicity

Last year the booth for NJASC at the November teacher's convention cost \$2170 total. The board decided the money was not worth it for we did not get any new schools from this. Other options for publicizing the NJASC and getting new schools is an Advisor's weekend, mini LTC, and sending the January mailing directly to student council presidents and advisors of schools that are not members. Buddy Schools will be assigned to new members.

Adjournment

President Jon Gregory adjourned the meeting of the NJASC 2005-2006 Executive Board at 12:02 pm. Executive Member Frank DiPascali motioned and Executive Member Stephanie DeSerro seconded the adjournment. The board will meet again on October 24th for the Fall Conference at The College of New Jersey.