

**NJASC Transition Meeting  
J.P. Stevens High School  
Minutes for Monday, February 5, 2007**

**I) Call to Order:**

- A) President Sara Plotkin called the first meeting of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils 2007 Executive Board to order at 1:00 pm on Monday, February 5, 2007.

**II) Roll Call:**

- A) Secretary Annie Valentine took attendance All members of the 2007 NJASC Executive Board were present.

**III) Review of Minutes:**

- A) Since this was the first meeting of the 2007 Executive Board, there were no minutes to be read or approved. Instead, the 2007 Executive Board took this time to introduce themselves. The order for introductions was as follows: Secretary Annie Valentine, Treasurer Mina Ra, President Sara Plotkin, Vice-President Jonathan Weisbrod, State Board of Education Representative Kayla Stoll, Executive Member in Charge of the State Charity Jessica Derrico, Executive Member in Charge of Special Projects Stephen Flynn, Executive Member in Charge of the Review Prerna Bhatia, and Middle Level Representative Michaela Brown.

**IV) Treasurer's Report:**

- A) Since this was the first meeting of the 2007 Executive Board, there was no report from Treasurer Mina Ra.

**V) Correspondence:**

- A) Since this was the first meeting of the 2007 Executive Board, there was no correspondence.

**VI) Committee Reports:**

- A) Vice President Jonathan Weisbrod reported that since this was the first meeting of the 2007 Executive Board, he had no report.
- B) State Board of Education Representative Kayla Stoll reported that since this was the first meeting of the 2007 Executive Board, she had no report.
- C) Executive Member in Charge of the State Charity Jessica Derrico reported that since this was the first meeting of the 2007 Executive Board, she had no report.
- D) Executive Member in Charge of Special Projects Stephen Flynn reported that since this was the first meeting of the 2007 Executive Board, he had no report.
- E) Executive Member in Charge of the Review Prerna Bhatia reported that since this was the first meeting of the 2007 Executive Board, she had no report.
- F) Middle Level Representative Michaela Brown reported that since this was the first meeting of the 2007 Executive Board, she had no report.

## **VII) Advisors' Report:**

- A) NJASC Executive Director Wendy Booth Sitzler reported that the NJASC was looking to increase their number of delegate attendees at the annual Leadership Training Conference (LTC). The conference will now be held at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) in Ewing.
- B) NJASC Executive Director Lou Miller discussed the details of the Executive Board's trip to the NASC National Conference in July. The 2007 NASC National Conference will be held in Overland Park, Kansas at Blue Valley Northwest High School from June 22-28, 2007. The 2007 Executive Board will fly out of Philadelphia Airport with the rest of those attending the NASC National Conference. There are expected to be between 2,000 and 2,500 delegates attending Nationals. NJASC Executive Director Lou Miller also mentioned that the current Executive Board will be the last board to stay with host families at Nationals due to changes made by the NASC regarding the National Conference. There is a \$400 deposit due by March 1<sup>st</sup> for all those attending the National Conference as well as registration forms that must be filled out online. The money must be sent to the NJASC office first. The Executive Board members were reminded to make sure their schools were members of the NASC. Treasurer Mina Ra asked how transportation to and from Philadelphia Airport would work. This matter will be decided at a later date.
- C) NJASC Executive Directors Wendy Booth Sitzler and Lou Miller passed around an updated contact list for all of the Executive Board Members and their advisors. The usage of the njasc.org forums was also discussed. NJASC Executive Director Lou Miller informed the Executive Board that each will become a moderator with the ability to add, delete, and censor posts on the message boards. Both Executive Directors also added they would like to see an increase in forum usage and that the Board was expected to register for the forums and post their welcome messages within the next few days.
- D) NJASC Executive Directors Wendy Booth Sitzler and Lou Miller discussed the Executive Board's trip to the Region 2 Conference. Since the NJASC hasn't participated in a very long time, the current board will be attending the Region 2 Conference in Center Square in hopes of becoming more involved at the regional level than it previously had been. The schedule for the Region 2 meeting was reviewed and the Executive Board was told to check their calendars and e-mail either of the NJASC Executive Directors within 2 weeks.
- E) NJASC Executive Director Wendy Booth Sitzler discussed the schedule of meetings for the 2007 Executive Board. The Schedule is as follows: March 23 – Westfield High School, March 17 or March 31 – LTC State Officer Training at Brooklawn Middle School (the date will be decided in the upcoming weeks), April 20- Union High School followed by the NASC Region 2 Meeting in Center Square, NY, May 3- NJASC Spring Awards Ceremony at 6 Flags/Great Adventure, June 22- 28 – NASC National Conference, July 10-18 – LTC at TCNJ, September 14- High Point Regional High School, October TBA- Fall Business Meeting @ TCNJ, November 16- Parsippany Hills High School, December 7 – NJASC Candidate Interview Meeting at Bridgewater/Raritan High

School, January TBA- Winter Conference @ TCNJ, February 8- Transition Meeting.

**VIII) Old Business:**

- A) There was no old business to be reported upon.

**IX) New Business:**

- A) The NJASC Executive Board chose the state theme for 2007. After much discussion about possible ideas including: ALL THAT, LOVELY, STELLAR, WONDERFUL, BEST, ONE, HERE, FRESH, and HOME the board narrowed the themes down to their top 3 choices then voted again for their favorite. Although FRESH was in the top 3, there were questions as to its copyright status so the new state theme was decided to be H.O.M.E – Harmony Offers Everyone Motivational Experiences. Secretary Annie Valentine motioned to approve H.O.M.E – Harmony Offers Everyone Motivational Experiences as the state theme for the year 2007, Treasurer Mina Ra seconded the motion; the motion passed at 2:36 pm with unanimously with all in favor and no abstentions.
- B) Executive Member in Charge of the State Charity Jessica Derrico reported on the dates of the possible state charity presentations. The first presentation will be at the next meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**X) Adjournment:**

- A) Executive Member in Charge of the Review Perna Bhatia motioned to adjourn the meeting, State Board of Education Representative Kayla Stoll seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2007 at Westfield High School.