

**NJASC Executive Board Meeting
Washington Township High School
March 17, 2008**

I. Call to Order:

A. President, Jeff Desilets called the meeting of the New Jersey Association Of Student Councils 2008-2009 Executive Board to order at 9:50 am on Monday March 17, 2008

II. Roll Call:

A. Secretary, Brittney Katz, took attendance. All members, except Executive member in charge of Review, Alicia Valko, of the 2008-2009 NJASC Executive Board were present.

III. Minutes:

A. Since this was the first official meeting of the NJASC 2008-2009 Executive Board, there were no minutes to report.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

A. Treasurer, Tim Flank, reported that the NJASC had a current balance of \$83,208.38 as of last week.

V. Correspondence:

A. Since this was the first official meeting on the 2008-2009 Executive Board, there was no correspondence.

VI. Committee Reports:

- A. Vice President, Leslie Pinero reported that she attended a meeting where issues concerning the constitution were addressed.
- B. State Board of Education Representative, Jen Luck, informed us that her first meeting will be on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. She also told us that our topic is student leadership.
- C. Executive Member in Charge of Special Projects, Nicole Escudero, reported that she has been working on Standards of Excellence. Three schools dropped out which are, Ocean City High School, Rancocas Valley High School, and Belleville High School. There are currently ten schools remaining which are, Immaculata, Sayreville War Memorial, Marlboro High School, Overbrook High School, Bordentown Regional High School, Toms River South, Gloucester County Tech, Parsippany Hills, High Point Regional High School, and Columbia High School. None of the schools gave in their evaluation sheets that are due on April 25, 2008. Advisor, Lou Miller, suggested starting Standard of Excellence earlier in upcoming years.
- D. Executive Member in Charge of Publications, Alicia Valko, was not present to report anything. She completed the first issue of the review (Special Edition), which everyone loved.

E. Middle Level Representative, Nick Nahrwold, had nothing to report.

VII. Advisor's Report:

A. Region II Meeting

1. Lou rented a van for the Region II Meeting which everyone except Nicole will be attending. We will be meeting at Washington Township High School by 2:30 pm on April 4, 2008 for our departure to Maryland. We will be hosting a workshop where we will be doing an activity titled T.E.A.M. Time. We will be expected to arrive back at Washington Township at 1:00 pm on April 6, 2008. By next meeting we should sign our medical forms.

B. Nationals: Updated Itinerary

2. There is an updated itinerary, which has been recently sent to us in an e-mail from Lou. Lou told us that there are still spots open for more people if they want to attend.

C. RSVP Training:

3. RSVP is sponsored by the NASC. They will start inviting schools to take part in these training sessions within the next week to ten days (March 24). Invitations will be extended to member schools as well as non-member schools in hopes of gaining new schools to join the NASC. From each school 1-2 advisors and 2-3 students can participate. Grant applications up to \$750.00 will be available to help disadvantaged schools.

VIII. Old Business:

A. 2008 Constitutional Revision Proposal and Timelines:

1. Lou brought up that at the next meeting we have to talk about the presidents vote to approve the constitutional revisions. A 1/3 vote must be obtained in order to make the revisions to the constitution. All member schools vote.

B. Spring Awards-Cost:

1. The ticket cost is covered. People only have to pay for lunch where they will also receive a free return ticket to the park.

C. Spring Awards- Entertainment:

1. Leslie volunteered Oakrest High School to perform their Mr. Oakrest Performance. Jen, from South Brunswick High School is going to ask if her school wanted to perform the Bongra, which is a mix of hip-hop with African dance. Brittney is going to ask the dance team at Marlboro High School if they would be willing to perform. Tim is asking Washington Township High School if their drill team can perform.

D. Theme Selection:

1. South Brunswick High School can make buttons with our theme (NJ is IDEAL) but they just need designs.

E. Other:

1. Lou submitted the theme to make T-shirt designs.

IX. New Business:

A. & B. Advisor & Administrator of the Year applications:

1. There were no changes made to both forms. Both forms are due September 8, 2008. Advisor, Wendy Booth Sitzler, requested that awareness of the applications be incorporated in a president's meeting to promote awareness. Tim motioned to approve both applications. Leslie seconded the motion to keep the applications unchanged. There was a unanimous vote, all in favor. (Passed)

B. Examination of Charities:

1. Tyler tried to contact 12 charities but only 8 got back to him. The 8 charities were...

Youth Build USA

The Children's Institute

Hole in the Wall Camps

The Seeing Eye Program

The Gift of Life

The Ronald McDonald House

Parents of Autistic Children (P.O.A.C.)

Allies Inc.

Everyone voted for his or her top three choices. P.O.A.C. was unanimously chosen as one of the three charities we would choose from. Jen motioned to approve the Gift of Life. Nicole seconded the motion. 5 were in favor of the Gift of Life, and 4 were opposed, which meant the Gift of Life is our second charity. Tyler motioned to approve The Seeing Eye Program. Nick seconded the motion. 3 were in favor, 3 were opposed, and 2 abstained. Jeff broke the tie and voted in favor of The Seeing Eye Program. The three charities we will examine in April are P.O.A.C., The Gift of Life, and The Seeing Eye Program.

X. Adjournment:

- A. Jen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Alicia seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 12.57 pm. The next meeting will be on April 14, 2008 at Cherokee High School.