

**NJASC Executive Board Meeting
Cherokee High School
April 14, 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 9:36 am on Monday April 14, 2008.

II. Roll Call:

A. Secretary Brittney Katz, took attendance. All members of the 2008-2009 Executive Board were present.

III. Minutes:

A. Brittney reviewed the minutes from the March meeting. Executive Member in charge of Charity Tyler Krenek motioned to approve the minutes; Executive Member in charge of Special Projects Nicole Escudero, seconded the motion; minutes approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

A. Treasurer Tim Flank, reported that the NJASC had a current balance of \$101,913.73.

V. Correspondence:

A. There was no correspondence.

VI. Committee Reports:

- A. Vice President Leslie Pinero reported that a donation of \$90,000.00 for the Board of Trustees was donated by a past State Charity, Buddy Ball.
- B. State Board of Education Representative Jen Luck, informed us of her meeting on March 19, 2008. She told us that there will be one meeting per month. She also told us that NJ has joined the "Schools to Watch" program. The schools that have applied are: Mountain View Middle school, Morris River Elementary School, Ocean City Intermediate School. Jen also told us that 19,000 students had to retake the HSPAS. They will be voting on the SRA in June on whether to keep it or not.
- C. Executive Member in charge of Charity Tyler Krenek welcomed P.O.A.C., The Seeing Eye, and The Gift of Life, who presented the purpose of their charity.
- D. Executive Member in charge of Special Projects Nicole Escudero, reported that schools have still not sent in their evaluation sheets for Standards of Excellence, which is due on April 25, 2008. The 2008-2009 NJASC Executive Board had to decide how many points a school would need to win Standards of Excellence. Brittney motioned to approve 100 points, Executive Member in charge of Publications Alicia Valko seconded the motion; unanimous vote, 100 points is approved.

- E. Executive Member in charge of Publications Alicia Valko reported that she is working on the first edition of the review. She needed bios from the Executive Board by the next weekend.
- F. Middle Level Representative Nick Nahrwold reported that he sent a letter to Governor Corzine two week prior asking for May 10-17 to be awarded as Student Council Week. Nick has not received a reply.

VII. Advisors Reports:

A. LTC 2008

- i. New Staff Training will be on May 10, 2008 at TCNJ.

B. Nationals in Texas

- i. 38 members will be going. Advisor Lou Miller will have the paperwork by April 20.

C. Region 2 Conference Review

- i. The Region 2 conference was a good opportunity to bond with the other states as well as within our own board. Region 2 trucker hats will be made for Nationals in Texas.

VIII. Old Business:

A & B. Advisor and Administrator of the Year Award Application

- i. Everything for the Award Applications has been completed.

B. Spring Awards Program

- i. Jen Luck reported that South Brunswick High School will be attending performing the Bhangra. Tim Flank is asking Washington Township Dance Team to come. The Spring Awards Program will begin at 9:45. The charity that will be chosen during New Business will have to come for general session. There will be workshops and advisor professional development.

IX. New Business:

A. Charity Selection

1. The Seeing Eye Program – provides Seeing Eye dogs to the blind. They train the dogs in order to provide a better lifestyle for the blind.
2. The Gift of Life – sends doctors over to less fortunate countries to help children with heart defects.
3. Parents of Autistic Children (P.O.A.C) – provides free training to teachers, parents, children, police stations, etc. on how to handle autistic children. They help the development process, such as speaking, of autistic children and seek to make a better lifestyle for autistic children and their communities.

P.O.A.C had 8 out of 9 of the votes for the first choice charity. Tyler motioned to approve P.O.A.C., Alicia seconded the motion; unanimous, all in favor. P.O.A.C is the new 2008-2009 State Charity.

The 2008-2009 Executive Board had to decide on a goal for the state to reach for the state charity. The goal proposed was \$182,008.09. Jen motioned to approve the goal, Nick seconded the motion; unanimous vote, all in favor.

X. Adjournment:

A. Nicole motioned to adjourn the meeting, Leslie seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm. The next meeting will be on September 19, 2008 at Oakcrest High School.