

**Marlboro High School  
November 14, 2008**

**I. Call to Order:**

- a. President, Jeff Desilets, called the meeting on the New Jersey Association of Student Councils 2008-2009 Executive Board to order at 9:34 a.m. on November 14, 2008.

**II. Roll Call:**

- a. Secretary, Brittney Katz, took roll. All members of the 2008-2009 Executive Board were present except for Executive Member in Charge of Publications, Alicia Valko.

**III. Minutes:**

- a. Executive Member in Charge of Charity, Tyler Krenek, motioned to approve the minutes, Treasurer, Tim Flank, seconded the motion; minutes were unanimously approved.

**IV. Treasurers Report:**

- a. Treasurer, Tim Flank, reported that the NJASC had a current, rounded balance of \$297,000.00.

**V. Correspondence:**

- a. There was no correspondence.

**VI. Committee Reports:**

- a. Vice President, Leslie Pinero, told us that she looked over the confirmation sheet for the state officer applications. Advisor, Lou Miller, informed us that we have to change the dates and names on the applications.
- b. State Board of Education Representative, Jen Luck, reported that she attended a meeting in September and plans to go to her next meeting on November 19, 2008. Jen also informed us of the new State Board of Education. The new State Board of Education consist of president, Josephine Hernandez, Vice President, Arcelio Aponte, Commissioner, Lucile Davy, and Members, Florence McGinn, Dorothy Strickland, Ernest Lepore, Kathleen A. Dietz, Debra Eckert-Casha, Edithe Fulton, Kenneth Parker, and Ronald Butcher. The new Board of Education declared October as the month of Young Adolescence. Their new theme is Secondary School Reformation. The State Board of Education wants to decrease the dropout rate and get children ready for the real world. They are replacing the Sra with the AHSA. If a student fails the HSPA three times they will take the AHSA. Jen also requested that we send information about a Board of Education Representative to member high schools so they can possibly start one. Advisors, Lou Miller and Wendy Booth Sitzler, said that we can encourage schools to start a Board of Ed. Representative, but the local Board of Education decide if they would like a high school representative on the board. Lastly, Jen asked the 2008-2009 Executive Board if they wanted to speak at a State Board of Ed. Meeting.
- c. Executive Member in Charge of Charity, Tyler Krenek, suggested that the 2008-2009 Executive Board contact POAC to see if they could perform the Rock Opera at our schools. Tyler also informed us that POAC is making the promotional DVD's and will be ready to be send out to all of our member schools. Lou asked if we could have POAC present the Rock Opera at the Winter Convention.
- d. Executive Member in Charge of Special Projects, Nicole Escudero, told us that 21 schools came to her workshop at the Fall Convention. November 5, 2008 was the deadline to email her to participate in Special Projects. Nicole received three responses from Rancocas Valley, Brooklawn Middle School, and Ocean City. Ocean City with evaluate Rancocas Valley, Rancocas Valley will evaluate Brooklawn, and Brooklawn will evaluate Ocean City. The evaluations are due on April 1, 2008.

- e. Special Member in Charge of Publications, Alicia Valko, was absent.
- f. Middle Level Representative, Nick Nahrwold, has received the applications for Honor school. Nick told us that he puts these schools in a spreadsheet and so far there are 5 High Schools and 1 Middle School. Applications for Honor School are due on November 21, 2008.

**VII. Advisors Reports:**

- a. Advisor, Wendy Booth Sitzler, informed us of a new initiative for LTC. Wendy proposed the idea of LTC 2 at a focus group that meets during LTC. During Session 2 of LTC there will be 2 color groups for people who are returning for their second time. There will also be more advanced classes for returning students, and they will have the chance to teach their own classes. This proposition is proposed to both increase the numbers of students that come to LTC and to allow the students that want to return to do so. The Education Committee will be writing a curriculum for the advanced classes.
- b. Advisor, Lou Miller, told us that he is trying to make the advisor updates wed based.
- c. Lou Miller informed the 2008-2009 Executive Board of the Lead Conference. The conference will be held on March 13-15 in Harrisburg Pennsylvania. The cost of the Conference is \$300 per person. Lou wants to know who is interested in going by December 15, 2008.

**VIII. Old Business:**

- a. *Administrator/ Advisor of the Year*
  - i. The Administrator and Advisor of the Year Award need to be made more known. Wendy suggested that we put a paper in the president envelopes for the Winter Conference asking for email addresses to send updates about the NJASC. The paper will be completely optional.
- b. *Fall Conference*
  - i. The NJASC 2008-2009 Executive Board all enjoyed their stay at Howard Johnsons. For future references, the State Officers should be informed about their workshop at the Fall Conference. Brittney suggested having different rooms for the workshops.
- c. *Other*
  - i. President, Jeff Desilets, used this time to talk about Lobbying. He contacted Pennsylvania and Maryland. PA said that they use lobby day in place of a meeting. Maryland has yet to reply.

**IX. New Business:**

- a. *High School and Middle Level Applications*
  - i. Lou said that he has the applications. He will send us all applications and rubrics. The NJASC 2008-2009 Executive Board must fill these forms out by the next meeting.
- b. *Winter Conference*
  - i. Josh Sunquist will be our speaker at the Winter Conference. The breakout sessions will be shorter than usual. The Conference will end at 2:30 p.m. During the General Session awards will be presented, the State officers will speak, and then Josh will speak. The Winter Conference program will be ready by next meeting. Nick motion to approve both forms, Jen seconded the motion; all forms unanimously approved.
- c. *Other*

- i. At this time the December meeting was discussed. Questions needed to be made for the interview process. Wendy reviewed what type of questions we should ask. The finalized questions will be done by email.
- ii. The process of slating was discussed. The Middle Level will go first and should be asked 4-5 questions. The candidates for State Board of Education should be informed that they will need to go to 2 meeting per month, and asked if that is still their first choice.

**X. Adjournment:**

- a. Nicole motioned to adjourn the meeting, Leslie seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.