

Quince Orchard HS PTSA  
March 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

President Teresa Kaczmarek called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Thirteen members were present. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to waive the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Teresa reported for Treasurer Molly Hayward-Koert: we netted about \$750 from the Race to Nowhere movie screening. Expenses included Destination Imagination fees, new member dues and meeting food. Next month expect a vote on funding gift of a Promethean board and the preliminary budget for next year.

President's Report: PTSA will support Every 15 Minutes, scheduled for April. They are working on filling committee chair positions for next year. We will have one final membership effort in order to qualify for National PTSA award. The graduation bus form is available with signups due by May 1. Used AP books will be collected during May exams for next fall's sale. The PTSA will be funding three scholarships to students attending Montgomery College full-time next fall. The last PTSA meeting of the year will be May 17 with guest speakers on teens and alcohol. PTSA is also supporting the academic awards ceremony scheduled for May 26.

Vice-Presidents' Reports: Kristin Paolini reported on a productive year including the college and health fairs, tonight's program about Peer2Peer tutoring, and the FAQs on the website for families new to the school. Carol Kaplan reported that the webinar for the February meeting was successful with 12 attendees. Additional QO Staff are being trained in the process to use for future meetings.

Principal's Report: Carole Working reported that the annual meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents will be held soon. QO is participating in a pilot project with Montgomery College to give the Accuplacer onsite to students who plan to attend MC. The spring play is set for an earlier date than usual due to the late spring break. Senior finals will start May 18. The senior banquet is April 4. District staffing budgets were received last week – she hopes to keep the staff intact. District guidelines are for one teacher/34 students. Project Lead the Way engineering classes will be moving from Poolesville to QO in the fall.

#### Committee Reports:

Health and Fitness Fair – 225 attendees, 27 sponsors, prizes every 10 minutes, good feedback.

QO Cluster – Ron Weaver reported that Rachel Carson will increase from to 899 students next year and no staff loss anticipated. General feeling that politicians are not supporting education. Budget testimony is coming up. Proposals for change are being made even though there will be a new superintendent. Many good things happening in cluster even though staff has not been getting training, changes in math were noted.

MCCPTA – Nancy Ketterer and Jim Keenan reported on two issues: first, MCCPTA has a proposed resolution to support the bill at state level to provide in-state tuition to undocumented

students and second, MCPS move to eliminate gifted and talented labels at elementary school level, with more heterogeneous grouping of students at home schools, instruction to be differentiated. Much dissent about the idea.

Old Business – none

New Business – The nominating committee consisted of Pam Toohey, Nancy Ketterer and Ron Wearver. Chair Pam Toohey introduced the slate of officers for next year. The slate was approved and will be voted at the May 17 meeting:

President	Christy Freeland
VP, Publicity	Carol Kaplan
VP, Events	Kathy Quinlan
Treasurer	Molly Hayward-Koert
Secretary	Elisa Thibeau

Guest Speaker – Erik Kimmel, CEO, Peer2Peer Tutoring. Erik founded the organization seven years ago while a student at Churchill HS. He is now an NYU graduate. The concept is to hire top high school students in grades 10-12 (must have 3.7 or higher unweighted GPA) to tutor students in any K-12 subject. Two teachers screen tutors and match tutors with students based on need and interests. Tutoring is prepaid as a package. Watch for a 9-10-11 event. Everyone was enthusiastic about the program and suggested inviting Erik back to a fall meeting. See <http://www.peer2peertutors.com/> for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Henley, Secretary