

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc. held at the offices of Shereff, Friedman, Hoffman and Goodman at 919 Third Ave., New York City on September 27, 1987. Present were:

Abraham C. Bein
Alvin Dobsevage
Lester Friesner
Victor Feingold
Irving Gerber
Max Greenberg
Saul Grossman
Kenneth Kaufman
Herbert Kadison
Morton Lederman
Norman Merino
Melvin Moore
Maurice Paprin
Ted Peck
Henry D. Shereff, Presiding
Kenneth Shorter
Harold S. Spielman

Also present were Prof Robert Haan of Queens College and Jules Kaufman of the THHS PTA.

Henry Shereff reported that the Director of High Schools of the Board of Education, Frank Smith, has been replaced but the THHS situation should remain the same.

A newspaper article concerning Bernard Gifford, a candidate for Chancellor, was read to those assembled. His emphasis on standards was well received.

Henry Shereff reported that a survey of the land for the THHS building has been completed. This will eventually lead to a deed of the land being issued so that the architects may begin their

work.

Mention was made of a \$500. contribution from Joe Flom.

A discussion concerning bright students leaving N.Y.C. schools was held. Henry reported that the Association of Alumni of Special Schools is considering a publicity program and a dinner honoring Governor Cuomo to promote the Governor's special schools concept. Saul Cohen will try to help set this up.

There is a rumor attributed to a Brooklyn Tech parent that the Townsend Harris Alumni turned down C.C.N.Y. as the sponsor for THHS because the college is in a black area. Hal Speilman refuted this referring to his notes that C.C.N.Y. representatives turned down the idea of THHS at two different meetings.

Irv Gerber read a letter from Leonard Polonsky suggesting the establishment of scholarships in the name of THHS teachers. The letter was referred to Sidney Silverman who chairs the Fund Raising Committee.

Two cards from THHS faculty were passed around. The staff is appreciative of the shades provided to the school.

Ted Peck outlined plans for the Hall of Fame dinner next spring. A resolution was passed to hold a spring meeting, create a Hall of Fame and induct the first members.

A discussion was held concening the need to increase the number

of dues paying members. Maurice Paprin suggested that the Finance Committee investigate and make recommendations. The use of return envelopes and a telephone campaign were noted.

The importance of the interview process for the selection of students was discussed. Henry stated that this issue must await the appointment of a new High School Director.

Friday, November 20th is the Fouders' Day program at THHS. There will be a program at the school in the morning and the students as well as all visitors will have an assembly at Colden Auditorium on the Queens College Campus.

The next meeting of the Board will be on October 25th.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

IRVING GERBER, SECRETARY PRO TEM