

Minutes of a meeting of certain members of the Board of Directors of the Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc. held at the offices of John Stuart, Inc. 979 Third Ave., New York City on June 18, 1987. Present were:

Lester Friesner  
Victor Feingold  
Julius W. Graber  
Eugene J. Heil  
Kenneth Kaufman  
Morton Lisser, Presiding  
Ted Peck

Also attending was Prof Robert Haan of Queens College.

It was noted that there was not a quorum and therefore this was not an official Board Meeting.

Mort Lisser called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Bob Haan noted a letter in the Alumni paper questioning why THHS was not a three year school as was our alma mater. Bob described the planned fourth year program for THHS students. It will be a custom designed combination of high school and college courses depending on each student's ability. Students will attend Queens College classes, there will be Humanities Seminars taught jointly by THHS and QC faculty. In addition to Bob there will be a THHS Assistant Principal on the QC campus to provide a safety net for THHS students. Bob has already met with parents and they are enthusiastic about the program. A potential problem is the cost of college texts for some of the families.

Since a quorum was not present, after some discussion it was decided to recommend to the full board that the sum of \$5,000. be appropriated to cover text costs for those families to whom this presents a problem.

In response to Ted Peck's question Bob believes that THHS students who carry at least 12-14 college credits per semester will be in a position to graduate college three years after leaving THHS.

This years class at THHS will have only 180 students. There is a problem selecting qualified students without an interview. Also presenting a problem is transportation from other boroughs.

Julie Graber reported on the meeting of the Association of Alumni of Special Schools. A representative of the Board of Education was present at the last meeting and indicated that they were most interested in working with this new organization.

Bob Haan continued his report. There is interest among the students in having a course in Mechanical Drawing. One of the teachers is qualified to teach this subject but since the Board of Education has not approved this course, there is a problem of funds for supplies, approximately \$1,000. After some dicussion it was decided to recommend this expenditure to the full board if it is requested by the school.

Ted Peck said that there would be s mailing to Alumni during

the summer requesting funds for graduating awards.

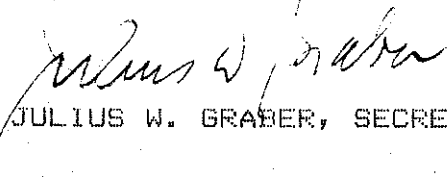
Mort Lisser told Bob Haan that it was the intention of the Alumni to defray the cost of window shades for the school, a cost of about \$6,000. Mort has spoken to the contractor who assured him that all specifications of the Board of Education will be met. There was some discussion of this and it was our opinion that all payments for work of this nature should be contracted for and paid by the school to avoid any liability problems.

Gene Heil would like to initiate a program to work with parents of other high schools on the problem of drop outs. After some discussion it was agreed to try to initiate a program with all THHS groups, students, parents, faculty and alumni concentrating on one school to be chosen by the Board of Education. The program to cover peer tutoring, assistance to PTA and alumni groups.

Ted Peck asked for recommendations for THHS Man of the Year and /or Hall of Fame. Class leaders should write personal letters to classmates to get behind this program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM. Have a good summer.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



JULIUS W. GRABER, SECRETARY

6/17/87

FHHS ALUM ASSN INC  
CASH & INVESTMENTS  
6-17-87

CASH - CITIBANK

REGULAR CHECK. A/C	3503 -
SPECIAL CHECK A/C	300 -
MONEY MARKET A/C	3699 -

<u>TOTAL CASH</u>	7502
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INVESTMENTS

C.D. - due 7/31/87 - COST	11578 -
C.D. - due 1/1/88 - COST	11578 -
1/5 M U.S. TREAS. NOTE 6.75% - 3/31/91 - COST	14311 -

<u>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</u>	37467 -
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