

**Levittown Division Avenue High School  
PTSA General Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2016**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.**

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**Approval of March Meeting Minutes**—L. Pereira made motion for minutes to be filed as written. S. Gannon 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**—General Fund: Opening Checkbook Balance--\$3,949.40, Expenses--\$1,416.84, Income--\$2,457.86, Closing Checkbook Balance--\$4,990.42. Senior Award Fund-- Opening Checkbook Balance--\$25,292.12, Expenses--\$2.00, Income--\$0, Closing Checkbook Balance--\$25,290.12. L. Pereira performed monthly audit and files were found to be in order. P. Genco made motion to set up General Fund summer budget of \$1,500. K. Reilly 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion carried. P. Genco also made motion to set up Senior Award Fund summer budget of \$1,500. L. Kirk 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion carried.

**President**—School Budget vote will take place on May 17. Proposed Tax Levy increase of 0.84 with no service cuts. Thursday, May 12, the Levittown Council of PTA's will host a Meet the Candidate Night. If you have any questions about voting on May 17, please contact the district. Make sure you are registered to vote. June 6 PTSA Meeting has been cancelled due to multiple conflicts making it difficult for members to attend. Laura Brown thanked the PTSA Board and its members, along with the DAHS staff, for all of their help and support during her two-year presidency.

**Principal's Report**—The DAHS Art Show took place April 7 and was fabulous and displayed many incredible pieces of DAHS student work. The DAHS production of West Side Story took place April 7 – April 9 and was a huge success. DAHS Chorus sang at Citifield April 11. Best Buddies Fashion Show was held April 12. The school's Night of Honor was held on April 14. Kemp Hannon Youth Leadership Awards took place April 14. The National Honor Society Induction was held on April 20 and the Honorary Life Scholarship Dinner was held on April 21. Ms. Lorelli congratulated Mr. Coscia for making tenure and announced her own tenure and retirement, which was just approved by the Levittown Board of Education.

**Environmental Cleaning**—Ms. Lorelli went through the timeline of events surrounding the school closing for one day due to the possibility of asbestos contamination during the replacement of light fixtures at DAHS. While drilling, the lighting fixture company, Johnson, accidentally hit the alarm wire, setting it off. The alarm company, Interlock, came to inspect wiring and noticed particles and dust on floor and alerted Building Maintenance that asbestos could be present. Administration officials contacted Broderick to conduct testing and to take air samples. After multiple air samples were taken in two hallways, zero fibers were present and Administration deemed the school safe to reopen. However, the SAT scheduled for Saturday, was moved to Wisdom Lane so that proper cleanup measures could be taken. Also, during testing and inspection, dust was present in the computer lab. Air samples were taken and zero fibers were present. However, as an added precaution, Broderick advised DAHS to dispose of everything in the Computer Lab and adjoining Book Room next to the library, where additional light fixtures were replaced. The light fixture replacement project has been halted and is being re-thought by Administration. The one-day school closing will not have to be made up. Ms. Lorelli also went over the coming school events, including graduation preparation and awards ceremonies.

**1st V.P.**—Agendas for the 2016-17 school year are on sale and a pre-order will be offered to the middle school. B.J.'s fundraiser is ongoing—memberships are \$35 each, which is \$15 cheaper than what they offer in store and also has one free month in the membership.

**2nd V.P.**--Total membership is 491 with 179 students, 88 faculty and 225 parents. These numbers reflect a 100% increase in membership compared to last year.

**3rd V.P.**— A faculty meeting was held on May 3. Ms. Lorelli congratulated many on the arts programs that have taken place during the month of April. She also went over evaluations. Mr. Coscia went over testing procedures and provided a handout that included the Regents exam schedule and the in-class finals schedule.

Corresponding Secretary—No report.

Student Liaisons--No report.

Delegates--No report.

**Communications**—558 Facebook followers. Keep sending pictures.

Legislation—No report.

Procedures—No report.

**SEPTA**—Liz Kirk attended a class on April 13: **Autism—First Responders**. In attendance were over 300 police officers, EMT's, school personnel, day-care workers, etc. Many helpful tools and accounts were presented to help identify, handle and interact with the disabled in the event of an emergency situation. **SEPTA Meeting** was held on April 18. The topic was ADHD and Executive Functioning in the Classroom. Speakers were Elizabeth Joyce Dorsey, Caitlyn Stremel and Leigh Rust. The presentation provided an overview of executive functioning issues associated with ADHD and how it affects classroom performance, as well as some ways of improving students' skills. Friday, May 13, SEPTA will be hosting the Special Education Staff Appreciation luncheon at LMEC. Next SEPTA meeting is on Monday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., at LMEC.

**Agenda Books**—See 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. report.

**B.J.'s**—See 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. report.

**Plant Sale**—See 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. report.

**Senior Award**—Collecting from Guidance office May 10. Approximately 30 applications received.

**Staff Appreciation**--May 19. Plans are underway and menus are being worked on.

**Elementary Curriculum**—Meeting was held April 11. Todd Winch will be the new Asst. Supt. of Instruction next year. Debbie Rifkin will be the Asst. Supt. of Administration and Personnel. May 21 Poetry workshop at Walt Whitman Residence—limited to 30 elementary students and 30 middle school students. Book for 4<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading is The Kid Who Ran for President by Dan Gutman. The District is piloting a STEAM workshop on May 16 for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. They will SKYPE with a former astronaut. One parent can accompany student and student may pick up to two workshops. Envision Math 2.0 will be used next year. NYS Science exam is not a common core test. District is asking parents to reconsider opting out. June 21 is ½ day for Elementary students. Next Meeting May 9.

Food Service—No report.

**Secondary Curriculum**—Meeting was held April 14. Summer reading book for middle school is Counting By 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan. Kickoff Assembly and other events have been scheduled, including a parent workshop to discuss the book. Over the summer at the Library, students can make "Maker Spaces" and "Scene-its," which will be showcased in the fall. English Common Core Regents—Students did very well in January. Students who failed will re-take in June. Students who passed with an 85 or below will be given the option to

either re-take the Regents in June or take the English final. Students who scored over an 85 also have the option of retaking the Regents in June. AP Capstone—Due to high demand, the district will offer two sessions in each high school. They will be co-taught by an English teacher and History teacher. Students take the first year of the course in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in either 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade as an elective. AP Physics will remain a double period next year since it is both an AP and Regents class and requires a double period to cover all the required material. District is considering incorporating Calligraphy into the Art program to improve student handwriting. Next meeting is on May 16.

**New Business**—A “Painting Night” is being considered for a fall fundraiser. L. Pereira made a motion to give P. Genco a Vote of Confidence to inquire further, and B. Baquet 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was carried.

**Installation**—2016-17 Officers were duly installed by L. Brown.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**