

Division Avenue High School PTSA
Meeting Minutes
Monday November 7, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

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Review of October 17 minutes—Approved as written

Presidents Report- Pat Genco was unable to make the meeting but left her report that Laura Brown was kind enough to read for us. Pat and Linda Pereira will be in Saratoga Springs at NYSPTA convention next week advocating at the state level for the children of Levittown. They intend to bring back information on the caucus as well as lessons learned at the workshops.

Principal's report- John Coscia: The HOBY winners have been chosen this year and they are Ryan Alvarez, Daniella Roselli, Madison Gillis, Brandon Smith and Gina McGough. HOBY's core values are volunteerism, integrity, excellence, diversity and community partnership and these students exemplify these values. We are choosing our first two students for Pioneer Scholarships this year. 1 male and 1 female are selected for \$10,000 each. This generous scholarship is donated by a former Levittown graduate Christopher Eagan. The CD Halloween dance was Oct. 20th and it was a wonderful time. Many thanks to Ms. Adonna. Mrs. McCue did an outstanding job immersing her class into the election this year. They had a trip to Hofstra to listen to commentary from Eugene Robinson and Steven Hayes from MSNBC and Fox News. We have 7 all county music selections: Joanne Chung; Piccolo, Jeffrey Luong; chorus tenor, Jason Eccles; mixed chorus tenor, Jennifer Luong; mixed chorus soprano, Eileen Cha ;cello, Dawn Kim ;violin, Joy Kim ;violin. Marching band finished 6th in state. That has moved them upped a class and the performance exceeded Mr. Bastone's expectations. Marching band was amazing at Newsday Marching Band Festival. Turkey Bowl is tonight (11/7/16) with 108 participants. It was to raise money and food for Wisdom Lane food pantry. Europe Trip is going to be visiting the Grand Canyon and San Francisco. Parent meeting will be most likely next week. It is a 7 day trip available to 11th and 12th grade students in AP Human Geography, World Language or Science Research. Dig Pink Volleyball game was a success. \$3000 for Breast Cancer Awareness was raised. Another \$3000 was raised in the 1st "Pink Out" game. It also was saying good bye to the senior players. Swimming and diving finished the regular session 8-0 as conference champs! 3 district records were set. Rachel Green (Mac) Diving-Hyzell Lim (DAHS) 200 individual Medley AND 100-yard fly. 6 swimmers and 3 divers qualified for Country Championships. Hyzell Lim, Alicia Renda, Grace

Connors (DAHS), Alyssa Bourquin (Mac) Angelina Fazzino (Salk) Victoria Colomo (Mac). Divers: Rachel Green, Daniella Derby (Mac) and Jamie Alvino (DAHS). Sheltering drill on 11/4 was a success. Concrete for the bleachers is due to be laid by the end of Nov. Upcoming events: Food drive through 11/18, Board game day 11/9, Picture retakes 11/9, Parent university 11/9, Blood drive 11/17, Blue and silver luncheon 11/17, Pippin vocal audition 11/21, dance audition 11/22, 1st official rehearsal 11/29, winter concert 12/ 19 and 20.

1st V.P.- Position still open

2nd V.P. – Linda Pereira: 484 members. 216 parents, 98 faculty and 170 students.

3rd V.P. – Liz Kirk: Next faculty meeting is 11/15. Everyone was amazing at the Dig Pink football game/ Fundraiser. Liz Lynch, Cristen Ronzo and all of the main office staff helped so much with wonderful attitudes! Showed so much passion for school, students and co-workers. The fun and interaction of everyone was amazing.

Corresponding Secretary -Jen Benz: 2 get well cards were sent, one to Kim Dobres recovering from surgery and one to Mary Rickard for a recent foot injury.

Treasurer's Report -Dawn Tiemer: General fund opening balance: \$5877.07. Total Expenses \$4,063.73. Total Income \$2,918.49. Closing Balance: \$4731.83. Senior Award fund- Opening balance \$4,750.13. Total expenses \$41.87. Total income \$615.00. Closing balance \$5323.26.

Council Delegate- Arleen Sotomayor: Council meeting 10/25. Superintendent Levittown school district for going above and beyond serving the local PTA units. They are: Diane McPartland, Lynn Petrofsky, Patricia Genco, Kim Caminiti and Maryanne Riggs. Starting a Levittown S.D. Hall of Fame. For people who have gone on to distinguish themselves in their field of study or athletics. Contact is Mr. Winch. Looking to start a new senior citizens program for anyone 60 and above. The current Golden Age Club will be rolled into this new program.

Cultural Arts – Mrs. O'Rourke: Thanks to PTA for support with LEADD and Red Ribbon week. There was an assembly Cultivate Kindness for grades 9 and 10. A man who lost his toddler to a drowning accident discussed how random acts of kindness people did for him made him want to pay it forward in his son's honor and name. District driving assembly for 11 and 12 grade was impactful. Coat drive has begun until 12/9. Donations are in the main lobby.

Hospitality- We will be hosting the 11/29 council meeting. Anyone avail to help please let us know.

Communications- Laura Brown: Facebook is updated daily and we have 472 followers. Working hard to get all of the important info out to everyone. There are 13 incorrect emails listed. Please let us know if you have not been receiving emails.

Septa- The meeting was 10/24. It was family fun night. DJ was New York Nights Entertainment. Entertainment of face painting and cupcake decoration was done by Adrenalin Entertainment. Huge turnout. Next meeting is 11/28 at 7:30 at Memorial.

Book fair – At Barnes and Noble will be on 12/9 from 5-9pm. The orchestra and chorus will perform and there will be a decorate your own cupcake station. At 7pm there will be a Harry Potter Magical Holiday Celebration.

Sweeps – We have 106 paid guests already. SO many donations. Still welcoming anyone interested in volunteering.

Honorary Life- The official letters have been sent out and posted on the district website. If you know someone who has gone above and beyond, please submit a signed letter describing why you feel they are deserving of this award. They do not have to be a paid PTA member but the person nominating must be.

Nominating- Susan Massoni, Barbara Huckstadt and Maryanne Britton volunteered, a unanimous vote was taken, the nominating committee consists of Susan Massoni, Barbara Huckstadt and Marianne Britton as an alternate.

Painting Party- It was a huge success. A motion to have another was made by Betsy Baquet and was seconded by Susan Massoni.

Reflections- Student entries are being collected. Judging will be complete by 11/22.

Senior Award- It has changed to include military as well as college. The application is being changed to read that.

Elementary/Secondary Curriculum- Beth Heller: Parent University 11/9. The school district is looking to reduce the amount of Connect Ed calls. They are looking to collect more parent email address' to do so. A discussion about literacy Lab special was discussed. Importance of lunch breaks for eating and having a break for all students was discussed.

Secondary - There was a homework packet sent home in S.S. from Wisdom. Many parents felt that it was not age appropriate. It was based on the election yet featured questions on same sex marriage, off shore drilling, abortion and planned parenthood. No grade was being given for that packet. Mr. Winch has been researching schools that include gym into the GPA. The biggest part of the grade is being based on preparation for class and not on skill. Discussion will continue and discussed as information becomes available.

Food Service- Jill Meyerowitz: Went to division on 11/04 and was first time seeing the kitchen. Very impressive. Everything was great, Temperatures were all good in cold/hot foods and drinks. Menus were posted in sight but electronic screens were not working. Air conditioning in the kitchen was not working either. These things will be addressed at the committee meeting.

New Business- Zac Martin is raising money at Wayback Burgers on 11/15 for his Eagle project which will take place at Division Ave. High School this year. Flyer not needed.

Adopt-a-family letter has gone out. Gifts are due 12/9 wrapping is 12/12. Info on Division's "adopted" family to come.

The topic of the snack shack being used for only the varsity was raised. Parents are concerned where the money goes and who runs it. Mr. Coscia explained that everyone is permitted to use it. It can be opened for any team but someone needs to be in charge of it. It is run by the "Quarterback Club" but the people running it do not want to always run it. Large discussion still to be had.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.