

Levittown Council of PTAs
General Membership Meeting

March 19, 2012

Meeting called to order 7:37 by Esta Lachow for Cindy Mulz. Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken, established a quorum.

Kevin Regan, who is current BOE secretary, spoke briefly to give notice that he is running again for the BOE & would like to have the support of the PTAs & community.

President's report ~ Report attached.

Kiwanis breakfast will be held @ 7:30am before the LEADD walk on Sunday, March 25th

1st VP ~ Report attached.

Cindy took over for the remainder of the meeting.

2nd VP ~No report.

Recording Secretary ~ February minutes approved as written.

Corresponding Secretary ~ No report

Treasurer's report ~ Report on file. The monthly audit was completed by Dawn Nocella, everything was found in order.

Superintendent Report ~ Wednesday, March 21st is another budget planning session. Capital portion of the budget will be discussed, which details up keep of the bldgs, grounds, bus fleet & all custodial & secretarial staff in the district. Revenue will also be discussed, anticipate what we will get from the state, the tax levy & formulate what to do next. The meeting after this we will formally ask the BOE to adopt the budget. Try to make this meeting or at least next weeks' BOE meeting.

We are awaiting an update from the State regarding possibly more state aid.

2nd edition of the district wide newsletter went out to entire community. We are very proud of all our students.

We are in process of ordering materials for keeping the addition program going in grades 3 through 5. It will be a complete adoption & are hopeful this will assist them for the upcoming Common Core curriculum. The teachers are very pleased with their progress thus far. It goes hand in hand with our Smartboard initiative since there are several Smartboard lessons in the Common Core.

Dr. Grossane urges the community to be informed with the budget. They will be receiving a budget newsletter explaining everything that's going on. The community members that have had their voting district changed for the school elections will be receiving a mailing indicating where you are to vote now. The voting hours have been extended.

Committee Reports:

Arts & Ed ~ Lee Road is kicking off their LEADD week with "Sound choices by Rick Adams", Gardiners just finished the Sky dome, Northside is having "Stand up to Bullying", Abbey Lane just had a planet earth assembly, East Broadway just had a math assembly with the "Arithimaticckles". Family Zumba is coming on March 27th. LEADD week lasts for 2 weeks @ East Broadway because XBOX will be coming the second week with an interactive activity for the students.

Dr. Grossane went to the "Get-a-voice" jamboree, very well attended.

Audit ~ No report

Council Budget ~ No report.

Elementary Curriculum ~ No report

Health & Safety ~ Meeting was set for March but Ms. Rhatigan unable to attend, will try have one in April. The district is coming together to see what the plans are & get something going for the kids to go to. There have been no complaints or concerns as of now.

Legislation ~ Saturday March 24 is the legislation round-table @ Baldwin HS. It's a great forum to discuss any community concerns. They will also be discussing the "Dignity for all students" Act.

Procedures ~ Procedures have been posted on the website.

Secondary Curriculum ~ Next meeting is Wednesday March 21st.

Scholarship Dinner ~ RSVPs are needed by 3/23. Reps need to get to Angela the pins needed for the honorees. Please remember the checks need to be made payable to the Levittown Council of PTAs Scholarship Fund. Council will be ordering the flowers for everyone. Two florist submissions were accepted.

A motion was made by Pat Genco for a vote of confidence to purchase boutonnieres & corsages for the Honorary Life honorees by Angela List. Seconded by Lisa Vanderburg, approved by membership.

Capital Project ~ No report

Dollars for Scholars ~ mailings went out. \$4800 has come in already from community mailings. Zumba fundraiser Friday, March 16th raised about \$988. Thank you for PTA units that donated baskets for fundraiser. Thinking about having a family Zumba night in the fall.

Dollars for Scholars eagle cutouts for the elementary schools will be sent out soon to the unit presidents.

Next meeting is May 21st, looking for new faces, representatives from all units, new fundraising ideas. All seniors should get their applications in to the guidance offices by April 20th. We hope to give 5 scholarships each HS.

GC Tech ~ Students won 11 awards in the Regional Skills Competition; report attached.

Senior Citizen prom ~ Report attached.

Food Service ~ Report attached.

LEAD ~ This year's walk is Sunday, March 25th at 10:00. Fair to follow. Everyone welcome to attend.

Scholarships ~ Report attached.

Wellness ~ Meeting Thursday, March 22nd.

SEPTA ~ Report attached. Congratulations to Tracy Von Eschen to being appointed to Director of Special Education.

Mike Pappas – BOE president, spoke of importance of the budget & that our district is in a good place because of all the cuts made last year.

New Business ~ Complements to the DAHS PTA for the phenomenal job on the Scholarship fundraiser held @ DAHS.

Please note dates to remember on the back of agenda.

Meeting adjourned 8:18pm

Minutes prepared by Eileen Petruzzo

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Agenda

Please note: This meeting is being recorded
Call to order, pledge attendance/establish Quorum

Executive Committee Reports:

Presidents Report

1st VP Report

2nd VP Report

Recording Sec. Report: approval of minutes

Corresponding Sec. Report: Correspondence

Treasurer's Report: Budget

Historian's Report

Superintendent's Report:

Committee Reports:

Standing Committees:

Arts in Education

Council Budget

Health/Safety/Environment

Procedures

Audit

Elementary Curriculum

Legislation

Secondary Curriculum

Special Committees:

Scholarship Dinner Dance

Liaisons:

Capital Project/Bond Watcher

Food Service

LEADD

Senior Citizen Prom

Dollars for Scholars

GC Tech

Scholarship

Wellness

New Business

Adjournment

Dates to Remember:

3-21	Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 @ LMEC
3-28	Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 @ LMEC
04-02	Nassau Region Arts in Education Showcase
04-02	Presidents/Superintendent Mtg. 9:30 @ LMEC
04-17	Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 @ LMEC
04-18	Food Service Mtg.
04-26	Scholarship Dinner Dance @ Cresthollow 6-10
04-30	Council Mtg. 7:30 @ LMEC

President's Report for the Council Meeting
Monday, March 19, 2012 7:30 pm

I would like to thank Leslie and Roma for hosting tonight's meeting. Our next meeting will be hosted by Northside.

Sorry I couldn't be with you tonight and I thank Esta for running the meeting. I would like to thank all of you for your support and understanding, especially the executive board who are always there to represent PTA and Council.

Please be reminded that our mtg. is being recorded. I ask that when you speak you use the microphone. Once they are approved our minutes will be online. Please check the school web site for updates and keep web site current with your unit information.

Thanks again to Patty Genco for running another successful and informative Pres/Superintendent Mtg.

I would like to congratulate Esta Lachow and Gina Interdonato who will be honored at our neighborhood recognition dinner on Thursday for the great work they do each year for the Adopt a Family Program. We thank you too for including us in this very worthwhile event.

Our LEADD walk is this Sunday. Hope to see you there.

I have some important reminders for your units that I would like to go over with you again tonight.

- Final membership payment is due on March 31st.
(Membership may be accepted after that date as well)
If someone wants to join your unit membership may
Taken at any time during the year.
- The Nassau Region web site is a very useful reference and tool. www.nassaupta.org. Our AD, Susan Contino is available to help.

- It is important that your unit be represented on Committees. Elementary and Secondary Curriculum should have a representative from each school.
- Please continue to support the food pantry throughout the year.

We look forward to continue to work with and support our Board of Education. Our goals are the same, to do what is best for our schools and most importantly our children.

This is a very important and difficult time for our Board of Education as they prepare the new school budget. We know that this is not an easy job and we support their work and know they will do what is best for our children.

Thank you again to everyone for all that you do for our children. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Please keep the lines of communication open. I know together we can accomplish whatever we set out to do for our children.

And...please feel free to contact us with your concerns and hopefully no worries.

Hope to see you all on April 26th at the Honorary Life Dinner Dance where we can relax and enjoy!!

Levittown Council of PTAs

First VP Report for arch 19th, 2012

Submitted by Patricia Genco

Good Evening Everyone, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to fill in for Cindy at our President/Superintendent meetings each month. These meetings are not only informative, but serve as a great medium for us to discuss unit issues, parent and student topics and concerns with Dr Grossani and each other. Often it is helpful to hear what concerns other units, how issues are and can be resolved and how different styles learning and teaching affect our children. It is a monthly reminder of how we all are part of a bigger picture- of advocacy for the children of Levittown - when we advocate for our children at our units (schools) we advocate for others as well

We advocate all year long. March has become known as the Advocacy Month and tomorrow is Virtual Lobby Day. I urge you to contact, Governor Cuomo, your state senators and Assembly persons. Let them know how you feel about the education of our children. Let your voice be heard.

As we have seen at district committee meetings, board meetings and our President/ Superintendent meetings when we come together for a common cause we are Strong.

Carry this into your units working together for the common good of all of the children in your units.

Levittown Council of PTAs Treasurer Report

FEBRUARY 13, 2012 TO MARCH 19, 2012

General Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$9,708.57**

Expenses:

Misc. (Check fee)	2.00
Convention	693.45
Workshops/Conferences	45.00

Total Expenses: **\$740.45**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$8,968.12**

Scholarship Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$9,224.77**

Expenses:

Dinner Dance Expense (DJ Dep.)	200.00
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Total Expenses: **\$200.00**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$9,024.77**

LEVITTOWN COUNCIL OF PTA'S Motion Form

Date: 3/19/12

Motion offered by: Pat Gerso

Motion: To give Bryan Lee a vote of confidence
to purchase the flowers for honorary life
where the corsages are no more than \$10. - each
and the boutonnieres are no more than \$6. each

(this section to be completed by chair and/recording sec)

Seconded by: Lisa Vandenberg

Action taken (Circle one.):

Approved

Rejected

Tabled

This motion will affect:

Bylaws _____

Budget _____

Article _____

Section _____

Section _____

Other:

Food Service 3/19/12

The Vending Contract for the hallway vending machines went out.

Kenda Haas + Mark Flower arranged taste testing for Food Service + Wellness Committee members along with 4 High School Students. ~~The~~ Vending machine snacks from the responding vendors were sampled. It was unanimously recommended by the group to award the contract to My Healthy Thing.

This item was on the agenda at last week's Board of Ed meeting, but was pulled at the request of an absent Board member. The Food Service Committee met the next day, ~~evoked~~ expressed its disappointment, and unanimously passed a recommendation to remove the Quicksnack vending machines since the contract with them ended March 12th, 2012.

Submitted by:
Kara Curran

Council Scholarship Committee

- Applications are available in Guidance @ both PAHS & MacArthur. Also available on Council section of District website

- Due in Guidance by 4/20/12

Need One rep¹ ^{& one alternate} from each unit to sit on committee - mtg to be held end of April / Beginning of May
cannot be a parent of a senior.

Any questions contact either me or Eileen P.

Council Meeting March 2012

GC Tech Report

On March 9th, GC Tech students participated in the SkillsUSA Regional Competition at Farmingdale University. Our students competed against Career & Tech schools throughout Long Island in contests of both technical and leadership skills.

I'm very proud to announce that we won 11 awards...

(3) 1st Place – Health & Knowledge Bowl (team of 4 students)

Commercial Baking

Job Interview

(4) 2nd Place – Architectural Drafting

Carpenter's Assistant

(CSE Contest)

Automotive Service

Action Skills (CSE Contest)

(4) 3rd Place – Architectural Drafting

Culinary Arts

Automotive Service

Action Skills (CSE contest)

^{25-27th}
In April, we are heading to the SkillsUSA State Competition in Syracuse to compete against career & tech schools throughout NYS. I'll bring you the results in May.

Senior Citizen Prom

Our 21st Annual Senior Citizen Prom will be held on Friday, May 11th 6:00 – 9:30pm in Memorial's gym. This year's theme is "Sock Hop".

The prom is catered by -GC Tech Culinary students

-Entertainment by Ron James Orchestra

Volunteers are needed to help with tickets at the door, raffle sales, assist the seniors and have a good time. Volunteers will need to report at 5:00pm.

Signup sheet is being circulated. You will be contacted a few days prior to the prom to confirm your help.

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Hi:

SEPTA will be having its March meeting on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. @ LMEC in the large boardroom. I have attached a copy of our flyer for our March meeting. The speech therapists will be presenting.

We would also like to congratulate Tracy VonEschen as being appointed as our new Director of Special Education.

Ginny Civil

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Is pleased to host

Speech and Language Therapy **in the School Setting**

Presented at the
Levittown SEPTA General Membership Meeting on
*****Monday, March 26th, 2012 at 7:30 PM*****
in the Large Board Room at LMEC.

~This presentation will follow our regular meeting.~

Topics will be presented for Elementary and
Secondary Education and will include:

- Defining the role of the Speech-Language Pathologist.
- Understanding the IEP.
- Interpreting diagnostic scores.
- Speech-Language therapy and the core curriculum.
- Strategies for parents.

We wish to thank Julie Joshuakutty (Salk MS & MacArthur HS),
Ellen Buckland (East Bway) and Lisa Fenter (Lee Rd & Abbey Ln)
for bringing us this worthwhile and very informative program.