

Levittown Council of PTAs
General Membership Meeting

April 30, 2012

Meeting called to order 7:34 by Pat Genco for Cindy Mulz. Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken, a quorum was established.

President's report ~ Report attached.

1st VP ~ Report attached.

2nd VP ~ No report.

Past President ~ The Levittown Patch editor will be starting a new job. A new editor will be taking over effective May 4, 2012.

Recording Secretary ~ March minutes approved as written.

Corresponding Secretary ~ No report

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

Superintendent Report ~ A lockout was held today @ Summit Elementary & Division HS due to a police matter in the neighborhood. The definition of a lockout is which no one could go out of the bldg but classes were held normally & recess was held indoors. Discussion was held on who was notified & who was not notified via the Connect Ed. Dr. Grossane urged any parents to contact the school administration directly if anyone has questions.

The budget is May 15th, everyone please vote & urge your neighbors to vote as well. The district has set up "Democracy in action" for the kids to urge their parents to vote. The children will be voting on their school spirit day themes.

School vending machines will be supplied by a different company. The vending machines will be removed from the bldgs.

Mr. Flower & Dr. Grossane would like perhaps next year to set up one meeting for all the PTA's go over the budget. While they enjoy going to all the schools, the attendance has been very low is some meetings. This would help to answer any questions for all to hear, not just a few.

A big change for the next school is the elimination in the secondary schools of the 4 core subject area chairpersons. Currently, there is a chairperson in each bldg for Math, Science, English & Social Studies. There 4 Curriculum Associates, one for each of the core subjects, who will be in charge of the curriculum from K-12 for the entire district. They will be housed in each of the secondary schools. This position does not require the Associates to teach classes as the chairperson position did. Dr. Grossane also said the district will be re-instituting the foreign language & ESL chairperson. Music, Art/FACS/Technology & Physical Education chairs will remain the same as is. There also will be a Director of Reading & remedial services. The administration is currently accepting applications for the Curriculum Associate position. Levittown is in a good place comparatively to neighboring districts primarily due to the cuts made last year. On the whole it is a conservative budget.

17 people received excess notices, 12 are teaching positions. Mostly due to the curriculum associate position, with the senior teachers possibly now coming back into the classroom full time and enrollment. Remember to please be aware of the 4 voting places - Levittown Memorial, East Broadway, Gardiners Avenue & Division HS.

Esta Lachow made a motion to for PTA Council to support the budget – seconded by Hector Santiago. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

Arts & Ed ~Report attached.

Audit ~ No report

Council Budget ~The committee was in support of the budget.

Elementary Curriculum ~ Next meeting is May 15th. Attendance is very low; please have someone from your unit attend.

Since attendance is so poor for several committees, a suggestion was made from the floor to buddy up on meetings, meaning the information will be shared by 1 person for two or more schools.

Health & Safety ~ No report.

Legislation ~ Report attached.

Procedures ~ No report

Secondary Curriculum ~ Report attached.

Scholarship Dinner ~ Congratulations to all who helped with this event- it was huge success!

A motion was made by Esta Lachow for a vote of confidence for Angela List to enter into negotiations with and/or shop around for another venue to hold next years' dance. Seconded by Hector Santiago, approved by membership.

Capital Project ~ No report

Dollars for Scholars ~ Report attached.

GC Tech ~ Report attached.

LEADD walk ~ Report attached.

Senior Citizen prom ~ Report attached.

Food Service ~ Report attached.

Scholarships ~ Committee will be meeting on May 4 here at LMEC to select scholarship winners for both HS.

Wellness ~Report attached.

SEPTA ~ No Report

New Business ~ The Levittown Food Pantry is still in need of donations.

Please note dates to remember on the back of agenda.

Meeting adjourned 8:47pm

Minutes prepared by Eileen Petrullo

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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:

- 05-07 Presidents/Superintendent Mtg. 9:30 @ LMEC**
- 05-08 Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 @ LMEC**
- 05-15 Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 @ LMEC**
- 05-15 Budget Vote**
- 05-15 Elementary Curriculum Mtg. 9:30 @ LMEC**
- 05-16 Secondary Curriculum Mtg. 9:30 @ LMEC**
- 05-17 Last Council Mtg. for the year 7:30 @ LMEC**
- 05-23 Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 @ LMEC**

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

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

I would like to thank Betsy and Marianne for hosting tonight's meeting. Our next meeting, which will be our last meeting for this year, will be hosted by Salk/MacArthur. Please invite the new incoming presidents to our next council meeting, Thursday, May 17th. We will be providing information to assist you for the new school year.

As the year comes to an end things may seem very hectic and busy for you and your units. Hang in there! The most important thing to remember is to work together and keep the lines of communication open between everyone.

If you haven't done so already, please get in touch with Denise Brunnhoelzl @ LMEC to give her your meeting dates for next year. This is a very difficult job to do, please try to be flexible and understanding if some dates need to be changed.

I would like to take this time to thank Angela for all of her hard work on this year's Scholarship Dinner Dance. It was a fun night and we were able to provide scholarships for both high schools. As I had said Thursday at the dinner we are many people but... with one cause our children. Thank you also to Patty, Mary, Esta, Debe, and Lisa Curran who were a tremendous with the dinner. Together we can make a difference!

Our next President/Superintendent Mtg. is May 7, 2012. If you are unable to attend please send a representative from your unit, perhaps your 1st VP may be available that day. Thanks again to Patty Genco for running a successful and informative Pres/Superintendent Mtg.

This week interviews will be held to fill an elementary principal position and for the assistant for special education. Ginny had asked me to ask any of you who may be a member of SEPTA and would like to represent SEPTA at these interviews to please let me know at the end of this meeting. Thank you.

The role of Council is to perform in an advisory capacity and serve as a liaison to the school district. We are here to help any unit in any way that we can. If you have concerns regarding your unit please let us know and contact our AD @ Nassau Region Susan Contino.

- The Nassau Region web site is a very useful reference www.nassaupta.org. Our AD, Susan Contino is available to help. Her e-mail is: susancontinopta@gmail.com phone # (516)921-2753
- 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.

I would like to at this time take a vote to support the new school budget that the board has approved for the 2012/2013 school year.

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.

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First VP Report for April 30, 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 tonight, and at our President/Superintendent meetings each month. At this point in the year all of our units should have had their elections and I would like to thank all of the outgoing officers for their hard work and dedication, and wish your incoming officers good luck in the coming year.

Spring! What a beautiful time of the year. Time to get rid of the old stale stuff, open the windows, let in the fresh air. These practice could do well a lot of aspects of our lives .All of the outgoing presidents should be getting your files in order to hand over to the new presidents. And if you are a remaining president- this is the time you should be going over procedures, collecting and reviewing your committee folders, cleaning house. We all could use some spring cleaning in our units just as the times they are a changing so must we look to getting rid of what doesn't work, keep what does, enhance the positive and let the negative go by way of the open window.

Next month the Levittown Council of PTAs invite all of the incoming and standing Presidents to Mays' meeting on the 17th, where we would like to welcome you to Levittown Council of PTAs and share some on the skills that have helped us over the years. We are a vast network of information and experiences here to help and assist you in any way that we can. Please utilize us.

So if you look at May as our Cleanup Month, then June must be training, learning and growing month.

Someone once said that" Training is to a business what fertilizer is to farming".

Think of your PTA unit as a business. A business flourishes when all of its employees, staff and chiefs are trained. Officers Round table is scheduled for June 21st, 2012. We strongly urge the new officers as well as the seasoned officers to take advantage of the training. If you have already attended the VP or President training don't think of it as a repeat performance. Q & A sessions vary; there is always something to learn. Or perhaps attend a treasury session or one of the other sessions, cross training is an excellent way to understand all of the aspects of your PTA.

With all of this Cleanup, Training, Learning and Growing by September we will all be a beautiful cohesive sight to behold. At least this is my wish.

We hope to see you and your new presidents all at the May meeting.

Thank you again for all you do for our children.

Together we do make a difference.

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Treasurer Report

MARCH 20, 2012 TO APRIL 30, 2012

General Fund

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

Expenses:

Misc. (Check fee) 2.00

Total Expenses: **\$2.00**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$8,966.12**

Scholarship Fund

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

Expenses:

Dinner Dance Expense (DJ) 400.00

Dinner Dance Expense (Flowers) 73.50

Dinner Dance Expense (Dinner) 22885.00

Dinner Dance Expense (Programs) 219.30

Total Expenses: **\$23,577.80**

Income: 30710.00 ✓

Total Income: **\$30,710.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$16,156.97**

**Council Meeting
Arts and Ed Report
April 2012**

Northside – Tuesday May 8th Megan's Law Workshop- Child Sex Abuse Prevention. All schools were invited.

May 17th Harlem Wizards character building assembly.

May 30th 4-5th Megan's Law "When to tell."

East Broadway- Students loved iGame4 during their gym period. Second grade will Have L.I. Arts & Science come for a classroom workshop.

Lee Road- May 3, 2012 Shadows of the Mountain Assembly
By: Lou Del Bianco

Gardiners- In May the students will attend a T-pee assembly.

Abbey Lane- Earth Science Assembly.

Legislation Brunch

The guest speaker was Jay Worona who is the counsel for the NYS school boards association.

He spoke about the new Dignity for all students act. It has to do with bullying which is the topic of the day now. It is another mandate but this is a mandate that everyone is in favor of having. The school districts need to have a new policy by July 2012 to prohibit harassment actual or perceived. We have to revise code of conduct. It has to do with harassment and discrimination. There needs to be one staff member in each school building to handle human relations. There is a liability to the school districts. If the district knows of or should have known about harassment they are expected to act. The act has to be persuasive and persistent and severe. Parents expect two things of schools safety of their children and a good education.

There were only three legislators that showed up and they were newly elected. There were people representing the others but the region does not let them speak.

It is very important for Legislation representatives or the President to go to these meetings and of course to contact their legislators so they will know what their constituents want them to do. I have many officials on my email list and they consistently send out notices to say what they are doing and I send an email to them to thank them or if I don't like what they are supporting I tell them why they should think of changing their minds. They need to hear from you. Today there are so many ways to contact your local elected officials.

Basically they said each district on the island would receive more state aid and the day our board adopted the budget they were told that Levittown received an extra million dollars which certainly helps. Everything there also said that they think that starting next year our state aid will improve each year. I have never heard them so positive before. They usually say they will fight very hard to get more but now

they are very confident we will get more. They said they were speaking on behalf of all the legislators that were not there.

Diane Shapiro

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Scholarship - still need v. Gard. \$850
flowers.

Went very well - 497 paid -
last year we made a little over
6k - this year proj^{abl} 6300.

Would like to thank - Debe Howe,
Esta, Patti, Mary, Cindy for all
their help in pulling everything together.
Lisa for taking photos.

Secondary - 4/18/12 - next 5/16
Spoke about budget briefly -
levy 1.85%.

New Pos. Curriculum Assoc. No longer
Chair people.
English-lang Arts
Math } One will be housed
Soc. St. } @ each secondary
Sci. } school.

will be re-instituting Foreign lang.
Chairperson - Keeping music chair -
Art/FACS/Tech Chair + Phys Ed will
remain the same.

→ This is being done for consistency
district wide - they will not be
teaching classes as the chairs do
in their capacity now.

New Position -

Director of Remedial Services / Used to be
Pupil Services) - ^{+ reading} ~~more state reporting~~

Discussed New Common Core Regent
Schedules - distributed by State.

1-AP → E. Bway + Abbey

Wellness - We had a meeting on
3/29/12. - The final meeting of
the year will be June 6 @ 9:30

We had guests from Total Sports
Performance on Gardiners Avenue
Bon Bredow - owns NY Physical Therapy / Wellness
Program - Combine 360° works

on Balance, Athletic Movement +
Strength - for the non-athlete - help
Have + be healthy for your whole

life - they want to bring program
into the schools - be @ Sak 5/10 + 5/11

They also have Youth Fitness Classes,
teen fitness + adult fitness -

Individual / team / sm. group training

Spoke about Vending Machine status.

- Outdoor Ed - trying to build up this
elective - Zip line, update some of
the equipment + re-introduce all
staff to all of the elements.

Phys Ed grading policy has had some kinks, teachers are liking new grading policy - hopefully its now working the way it should.

Health Curriculum - There is a health curric @ each grade level - there are expectations that the material is being covered - lower grade levels cover hygiene, etc - moves up as grades levels go up. If teacher feels ~~that~~ have level of expertise then Soc Worker would come into class to cover material

Committee has discussed & feels health taught in 11th or 12th gr. is not worthwhile committee would like to see taught 5-7-9 - unanimously - The district looking at on changing curriculum 13/14 Sch. yr.

A committee member asked if there was any way there could be someone outside @ recess to conduct a structured play time - because students can not play nicely together - much discussion took place re: this agreeing & disagreeing

Angela Lust

Council Meeting May 2012

GC Tech

Last week, GC Tech participated in the SkillsUSA New York State Competition in Syracuse, NY. At this competition they competed against many career & technical schools throughout NYS and Long Island.

We are very proud to report that 8 our students placed in 7 of the contests.

3D Visualization and Computer Animation – 1st Place (team of 2 students)

Commercial Baking – 1st Place

Job Interview – 1st Place

Action Skills (CSE) – 2nd Place

First Aid/CPR – 2nd Place

Culinary Arts– 3rd Place

Medical Assisting – 3rd Place

Our 1st Place students will now have the opportunity to attend a week- long National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri at the end of June. Here they will compete against students from career & technical centers across the country. We wish them well.

Senior Citizen Prom – Sock Hop

Friday, May 11th 6-9:30 PM

Catered by Culinary students

Entertainment: Ron James Orchestra

Service by: High School Students

Volunteers are needed for door tickets and raffles and to enjoy the evening with the Seniors.

Please sign up if you can help that evening. You be contacted a few days before to confirm your help.

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Food Service Report:

Vending: The judge has continued the stay that stops the district from signing any agreement in connection with the RFP until the case is decided. Dover's attorney also tried to get the judge to rule that Dover's machines should be left in place until the case is decided, however the

Judge did not agree and the district has the right to request that Dover remove their machines from the district.

T.A. Morris has sent Chartwells a written letter that they do not process their lean beef trimmings with ammonia (they do, however, use lean beef trimmings)

Chartwells has just hired four new substitute workers to fill in for permanent kitchen staff when they are out sick.

LEAD:

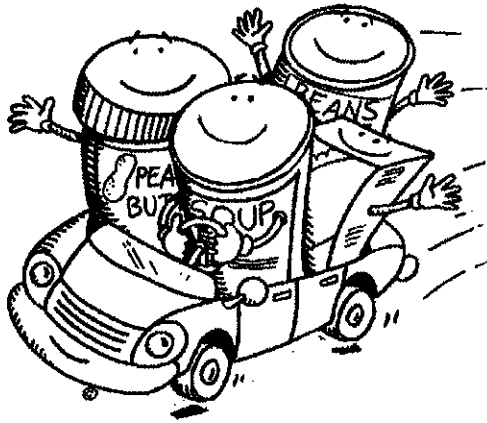
Despite damp & Chilly weather - it was a great day - Holly Rock game show was great
Everyone had a wonderful time.

Dollars For Scholars

Thank Scott for spearheading
donation forms to be put in all
schools -

If you haven't already sent in your
donations for this year - we will still accept.
All scholarship apps. have been received
& Committee will be meeting shortly
next meeting 5/21/12.

Food Drive



The Food Pantry housed at WLMS needs your help!

The volunteers at the Food Pantry have been busy filling the needs of our families and need your help. Supplies are low on the items listed below;

Peanut butter	Jelly	Tuna	Tomato Sauces	Rice
Spaghetti O's/ Ravioli's		Macaroni & Cheese		
Snack Items for lunches		Juice Boxes	juice	Baking Goods
Laundry Detergent	Paper Towels	Foil/Plastic Wrap	Toilet Paper	
Napkins	Tissues	Shampoo/Conditioners	Soap	Household
Cleaning Products				

Grocery Store gift cards are always welcome.

Please bring your donated items to the Wisdom Lane Middle School Main Office.

Also, there are convenient drop offs at two locations with bins marked WLMS Food Pantry.

⇒ 40 Meander Lane Levittown, NY

⇒ 276 Gardiners Ave. Levittown, NY

Any question or inquires contact Nina Glenn, Social Worker at Wisdom Lane at 520-8370.