

Levittown Council of PTAs  
General Membership Meeting  
September 20, 2012

Meeting called to order 7:30. Pledge of Allegiance; Attendance was taken, a quorum was established.

**Treasurers' report** ~ A few reminders - Council Dues bills were handed out to each unit President, please bring your unit's checks to the next Supt/Pres meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>. At your first meeting of the year, your audit report should have been given, meaning your books should have been audited for the year before you give it to your treasurer for this upcoming year. You also needed to present a budget to your membership for a vote.

2 Reports attached – one for May-June & one for July-September.

Proposed Budget report attached. A motion was made by Maria Xenios to accept the budget as written, seconded by Esta Lachow. No discussion – motion passed.

Both accounts were audited by Mary Rickard today & all was found to be in order.

**Recording Secretary** ~ May minutes approved as written with a minor change for spelling.

**President's report** ~ Report attached. Introductions of PTA Council and all members.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** ~ Report attached. The following committees need chairs: Audit, Dollars for Scholars, Legislation, Meet the candidates & Teachers Center.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** ~ The directory is being passed around – please make sure information is accurate and updated.

**Q** – What is a delegate? **A:** Another voting body to represent the unit in addition to the President. Some units have the delegates on the executive board but some do not, you have to check your unit's bylaws to be sure. For Council bylaws, every unit is entitled to 7 delegates.

**Corresponding Secretary** ~ Report attached.

**Historian's report** ~ No report.

**Superintendent Report** ~ Dr. Grossane stated that we had a very smooth opening of the new school year. The conditions of the schools were very good. We toured (Dr. Grossane & some board members) the schools prior to the new school year. Capital projects will be on going. There were major renovations at the Salk Gym; Gardiners Ave received a new paint job & new floors. There were 2 superintendent conference days this year. It was very important – a lot has been thrust upon us with the new state teaching requirements and it's essential to work with our teachers & administrators to train everyone. There was training over the summer for administration with regard to the new evaluation & supervisory positions. There will be more training in November & ongoing training with the new curriculum associates and principals throughout the course of the year.

On the Elementary level we are using a literacy consultant to work directly with our teachers. Central Administration was not happy with scoring on the ELA assessments and have been developing a plan of action. Summit Lane was recognized by NYS Education Department with a Reward for High Performance. Liam Lang, a senior at MacArthur, was selected as a semi-finalist for the National Merit

Scholarship Program. Levittown's APPR plan was approved by New York State Education Department on 9/10/12.

The new DAHS scoreboard has been dedicated to Legislator Dennis Dunne for his help in acquiring it. MacArthur's scoreboard was refurbished also.

MacArthur is currently fundraising for a brick walkway, similar to the one already at DAHS.

**SEPTA** ~ Report attached. Yankee Candle fundraiser is ongoing through October 9<sup>th</sup>. You do not have to be a SEPTA parent to order. New member brought up why SEPTA is a completely separate PTA. It was explained that SEPTA is a separate charter just like other PTA units. A full discussion as to the history & benefits of having a SEPTA unit occurred.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Arts & Ed** ~ Report attached. A share binder was created; feel free to look through it & add to it.

**Q:** Can reviews be added to the binder? **A:** Absolutely.

**Audit** ~ End of year audit completed by Maria Xenios & budget committee. Everything went well. Audit committee needs representatives for this year.

**Council Budget** ~ Needs representatives for each unit.

**Elementary Curriculum** ~ Report attached.

**Health & Safety** ~ 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held here at LMEC on 10/9/12 in the small boardroom. Representatives are needed from every unit.

**Legislation** ~ This committee needs a chairperson.

**Procedures** ~ Report attached. A motion was made by Liz Kirk to accept changes as written in said report. Lisa Vanderberg seconded; no discussion. Motion carried.

**Secondary Curriculum** ~ 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 9/24 @ 9:30am in the small board room @ LMEC.

**Q.** How many representatives per unit allowed? **A.** 1 per unit.

**ByLaws** ~ They are coming due this year. Please make every effort to have someone attend the Fall Conference on 10/17.

**PTA Memorial Scholarship** ~ The name has to change to "Award". All wording & checks that pertain to scholarship will be changed to "awards". The application will be put on the website.

The Scholarship Dinner Dance has been recommended to be called the Honorary Life Dinner Dance. A motion was made by Mary Rickard, seconded by Esta Lachow; no discussion, motion passed. The folders for all units were passed to the unit presidents. It explains how to pick your honoree etc. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the names of the unit representatives. The dance is on April 25, 2013 @ the Crest Hollow County Club.

**Meet the Candidates** ~ The event is on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Maria Xenios has agreed to chair this committee. Esta Lachow made a motion that Maria Xenios be the chairperson for the "Meet the Candidates Committee". Laura Brown seconded, no discussion, motion passed.

**Nominating Committee** ~ A sign- up sheet has been passed around. The committee should be the president or co-president & an alternate.

**Reflections** ~No Report.

**Dollars for Scholars** ~ Next meeting is 10/15 @ 7pm here at LMEC. Discussion will be held on the criteria of all the changes.

**Food Service** ~ Report attached – meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**GC Tech** ~ Report attached.

**LEADD walk** ~ 1<sup>ST</sup> meeting is on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Teacher's Center**~ Need a representative for each unit. Next meeting is on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Wellness** ~No report.

**Old Business** ~ There were bugs in DAHS-Dr. Ianni is looking into the problem. **UPDATE:** No bugs reported anymore.

**New Business**~ Swirls & Twirls – yogurt store by Bally's – would like to donate to Levittown Council on opening day. They would like to give 50% of proceeds for the day. The elementary schools have been targeted for the flyers to circulate through but it must advertise it is for a senior award. Maria Xenios made a motion to go ahead with this fundraising idea, seconded by Suzanne Mallozzi, no discussion, motion passed.

Marlene Pasvic brought up that Salk-MacArthur PTSA is holding a Psychic Night on October 11<sup>th</sup> @ Salk MS.

Mary Rickard brought that DAHS is hosting the Harlem Wizards vs. DAHS faculty on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Get a Voice - budget line customarily covers refreshments for the Jamboree. Angela asked if additional authorization was needed for the spending of such budget since the Jamboree has moved up to November. It was decided that as long as it stays within budget, no additional authorization is needed.

Wisdom Lane Food Pantry – ongoing request for donations to assist community members in time of need.

Please note dates to remember on the back of agenda.

Meeting adjourned 9:46pm

Minutes prepared by Eileen Petrullo

Levittown Council of PTAs  
General Membership Meeting Agenda  
September 2012

*\*Please be advised that these meetings are being recorded.*

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
- III. Approval of Minutes- Recording Secretary
- IV. Treasurers' Report
- V. Executive Committee Reports
  - A. President Report
  - B. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Report
  - C. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report
  - D. Corresponding Secretary
  - E. Historian Report
- VI. Superintendent Report
- VII. SEPTA Report
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports
  - A. Arts in Education
  - B. Audit
  - C. Council Budget
  - D. Elementary Curriculum
  - E. Health, Safety and Environment
  - F. Legislation
  - G. Procedures
  - H. Secondary Curriculum
- IX. Special Committee Reports
  - A. Budget
  - B. Bylaws
  - C. Honorary Life
  - D. PTA Memorial Scholarship (Award)
  - E. Meet the Candidates
  - F. Nominating
  - G. Reflections
  - H. Scholarship Dinner Dance
- X. Liaison Reports
  - A. Dollars for Scholars
  - B. Food Service
  - C. GC Tech
  - D. LEADD
  - E. Teacher Center
  - F. Wellness
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business - "Swirls and Twirls"
- XIII. Adjournment

*"Together..... We can make a difference."*



### Important Dates to Remember

- 9/25/12 SEPTA Meeting LMEC 7:30PM
- 10/1/12 **President/Superintendent Meeting** LMEC 9:30AM
- 10/10/12 *Board of Education Regular Meeting* LMEC 7:30PM
- 10/11/12 Teachers Center Policy Board Meeting 3:45PM LMEC Rm. 318
- 10/15/12 Dollars for Scholars meeting LMEC 7:00PM
- 10/17/12 Nassau Region PTA Fall Conference
- 10/18/12 **PTA COUNCIL** Mtg. 7:30PM LMEC
- 10/19/12 Food Service Meeting LMEC 9:30AM
- 10/22/12 SEPTA Meeting LMEC 7:30PM
- 10.24.12 *Board of Education Planning Session Meeting* LMEC 7:30PM

Levittown Council of PTAs  
Treasurer Report

MAY 18, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2012

General Fund

**Opening Checkbook Balance:** **\$8,871.03**

Expenses:

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Installations        | 37.80 |
| Miscellaneous        | 54.00 |
| Workshop/Conferences | 10.00 |

**Total Expenses:** **\$101.80**

Income:

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Council Dues | 180.00 |
|--------------|--------|

**Total Income:** **\$180.00**

**Closing Checkbook Balance:** **\$8,949.23**

Scholarship Fund

**Opening Checkbook Balance:** **\$16,051.00**

Expenses:

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Dinner Dance Expense (supplies) | 85.38   |
| Misc. (Check fee)               | 4.00    |
| Scholarship                     | 4000.00 |

**Total Expenses:** **\$4,089.38**

Income:

**Total Income:** **\$0.00**

**Closing Checkbook Balance:** **\$11,961.62**

Levittown Council of PTAs  
Treasurer Report

JULY 1, 2012 TO SEPT 20, 2012

General Fund

**Opening Checkbook Balance:** **\$8,949.23**

Expenses:

**Total Expenses:** **\$0.00**

Income:

**Total Income:** **\$0.00**

**Closing Checkbook Balance:** **\$8,949.23**

Scholarship Fund

**Opening Checkbook Balance:** **\$11,961.62**

Expenses:

Misc. (Check fee) 2.00

**Total Expenses:** **\$2.00**

Income:

**Total Income:** **\$0.00**

**Closing Checkbook Balance:** **\$11,959.62**

Levittown Council of PTAs  
Proposed Budget  
2012 - 2013

| <b>General Fund:</b>     | <b>Proposed</b>    | <b>Actual</b>      | <b>Proposed</b>    | <b>Actual</b>      |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                          | <b>2011/2012</b>   | <b>2011/2012</b>   | <b>2012/2013</b>   | <b>2012/2013</b>   |
| Starting Balance         | \$8,898.66         | \$8,898.66         | \$8,949.23         | \$8,949.23         |
| <b>INCOME</b>            |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Membership Dues          | \$1,300.00         | \$1,377.60         | \$1,200.00         |                    |
| Other                    | \$0.00             |                    | \$0.00             |                    |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>      | <b>\$10,198.66</b> | <b>\$10,276.26</b> | <b>\$10,149.23</b> | <b>\$8,949.23</b>  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>          |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Administrative Functions | \$250.00           | \$0.00             | \$250.00           |                    |
| AIDS Awareness           | \$6.10             | \$0.00             | \$6.10             |                    |
| Banking Supplies         | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$30.00            |                    |
| BOE Recognition          | \$100.00           | \$99.91            | \$100.00           |                    |
| Carry Over               | \$6,142.56         | \$0.00             | \$5,713.13         |                    |
| Convention               | \$1,000.00         | \$693.45           | \$1,400.00         |                    |
| Get a Voice              | \$200.00           | \$0.00             | \$200.00           |                    |
| Health & Safety          | \$500.00           | \$0.00             | \$500.00           |                    |
| Historian                | \$100.00           | \$0.00             | \$100.00           |                    |
| In House Training        | \$600.00           | \$0.00             | \$550.00           |                    |
| Installation             | \$50.00            | \$37.80            | \$50.00            |                    |
| Miscellaneous            | \$200.00           | \$58.00            | \$200.00           |                    |
| Office Supplies          | \$150.00           | \$67.87            | \$150.00           |                    |
| Pres/Prin Dinner         | \$300.00           | \$240.00           | \$300.00           |                    |
| Publications             | \$100.00           | \$0.00             | \$100.00           |                    |
| Workshops/Conferences    | \$500.00           | \$130.00           | \$500.00           |                    |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>    | <b>\$10,198.66</b> | <b>\$1,327.03</b>  | <b>\$10,149.23</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>      |
| <b>SCHOLARSHIP FUND:</b> |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Starting Balance         | \$9,224.77         | \$9,224.77         | \$11,961.62        | \$11,961.62        |
| <b>INCOME</b>            |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Dinner Dance Income      | \$25,000.00        | \$30,770.00        | \$25,000.00        |                    |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>      | <b>\$34,224.77</b> | <b>\$39,994.77</b> | <b>\$36,961.62</b> | <b>\$11,961.62</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>          |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Carry Over               | \$8,000.00         |                    | \$8,500.00         |                    |
| Banking Supplies         | \$100.00           | \$48.50            | \$100.00           |                    |
| Dinner Dance Expenses    | \$24,024.77        | \$23,968.05        | \$24,311.62        |                    |
| PTSA Scholarship Awards  | \$4,000.00         | \$4,000.00         | \$4,000.00         |                    |
| Scholarship Supplies     | \$50.00            | \$16.60            | \$50.00            |                    |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>    | <b>\$36,174.77</b> | <b>\$28,033.15</b> | <b>\$36,961.62</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>      |

## Levittown Council of PTAs Presidents' Report

Good Evening! Welcome to the Levittown Council of PTAs. Since we last meet in May a few things have changed at council. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Cindy Mulz resigned as president of Council. An emergency meeting of the executive board was called and convened on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. At which time elections were held. I was voted in as Council President and Esta Lachow was voted in as 1<sup>st</sup> VP. It is my pleasure to serve as your new president and I look forward to working with you all.

Dr. Grossane, welcome. Thank you for attending this evenings' meeting. And Welcome to the Board of Education members also in attendance this evening.

A great big thank you to SEPTA for hosting tonight's meeting. Summit Lane will be our host next month.

Our meetings are recorded. This is for the sole purpose of making life easier for our recording secretary, Eileen Petrullo. Please utilize the microphones in the room when addressing council. Again, this is to make things easier for the recording secretary- she can't hear the recordings otherwise.

Minutes to our meeting will be forwarded monthly to the unit presidents for review. If any corrections need to be made to the minutes please bring them up at the meeting. Once minutes have been approved they will be posted on the PTA link on the levittownschoools.com web site. This will not only save a few trees but time at these meetings.

Dawn Nocella has been working hard on our directory. Please look it over, make any changes that need to be made, and then return it to Dawn as soon as possible. We hope to have copies available to you at our next meeting. The information in this Directory is for PTA purposes only and will not be shared.

By this time, everyone should have handed in their building usage forms. For those of you that may not have or for submitting in the future, building requests are now done online. Go to the levittownschoools.com web site click on District, go to facility usage requests, and then follow the instructions. Approval will be sent by e-mail.

Tax time is quickly approaching, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. If you have filed already, Way to Go! Having taxes prepared by a professional accountant is an allowable expense. Whichever way you choose to do your units taxes the objective is to do them.

During the summer you all received an e-mail regarding "Scholarships". Just a reminder, if your unit provided a scholarship, you need to change the name of your scholarship. These funds can affect any grants or scholarships that a student may receive. Any scholarship awarded over 600 dollars, the student must fill out a 1099 form from the IRS, file it with the IRS and your treasurer must keep a copy of this form for your records.

The Nassau Region PTA Fall Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. There are many great workshops available including taxes as well as Bylaws (the majority of our units' bylaws are due, changes are many and all have to be done online). Make an effort to attend or send someone from your unit. Training makes you a stronger unit, able to do great things for our children.

NYS PTA Convention will be in Saratoga Springs the weekend of November 16<sup>th</sup>. Nassau region will be running the convention floor and they are looking for volunteers to help. Training for that is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. You can go to the Nassau Region PTA web site for registration forms and directions.

Our first President/Superintendent meeting went well. Dr. Grossane spoke about the opening days of school, some of the kinks, the new administrators in place, APPR, changes in the Data department, the abatement at Gardiners and screens in the classrooms. I won't elaborate as I am sure Dr. Grossane will touch on these in his report this evening.

I want to thank Dr. Grossane for making these meetings informative and enjoyable.

The Board of Education usually meets twice a month. Think of these meeting as training sessions for your unit and try to attend. The better informed you are as to the Board of Educations ' planning and decision making the better you can serve your unit and our children.

According to Esta's favorite book "the Resource Guide", Councils' mission is to "provide inspiration, information and instruction for its PTA units and the community in which they serve." It is our goal this year to help build stronger PTA units by offering a way for you to network, share information, learn from each other and grow in our efforts to be the most effective advocacy organization for the welfare of children and youth that we can be.

All of the members of Council have been where you are today. They have acquired much experience and knowledge performing the many jobs it takes to run a successful PTA unit. We are all here to share our experience and knowledge. We all have a specific expertise that has brought us all together to serve as your council. Some of us are experts at treasury issues, excellent at writing procedures or navigating the Bylaws webpage, phenomenal at recruiting volunteers or running a great meeting while others are great at listening and problem solving. Utilize the tools at your fingertips.

Communication is essential to all of us having a successful year working together. We may not always agree on topics but as long as we continue to work together we can accomplish a great deal for all of the children. Always keep in mind that all of the issues we may advocate for here in Levittown with our own school board or district administration or on a broader scale as with Nassau Region or NYS PTA may not always affect you or your child but they do affect someone. We need to respect that.

In the past few years council has allowed units' to share information. We would like to continue this practice. Feel free to share your units' information, Arts in Education presentations, fundraising ideas, etc., under new business.

Thank you for your patience during this report and Thank you for all you do for our children.

Respectfully submitted by;  
Patricia Genco 9/20/12

# 9/20/12 Council Correspondence Report

Get well  
Dennis Dunne

Sympathy  
Gary Hudes  
Ronnie Stoll  
Mr. Graham

**SEPTA**

We would like to welcome everyone to our first meeting on Tuesday September 25, 2012. The meeting will begin at 7:30 @ LMEC. Our new officers will be installed at this meeting, ask for approval of our 2012-2013 budget, and will have staff on hand to answer any cares or concerns you have.

SEPTA is the Special Education PTA that umbrellas the Levittown School District. We are asking our sister PTA's to help support our unit by telling parent who we are and what we are about. We are here for ALL parents, children, and families that have concerns, needs, or questions about services, programs, and workshops.

**Arts and Education Binder**

I have started an Arts and Education binder that will be at every council meeting. Please bring any extra copies of information from your programs/assemblies to be added to this great resource guide.

## **Arts and Education Report September 20, 2012**

### **Abbey**

October 1: (entire school): Holly Rock Entertainment – “Anti-bullying Game Show” It is highly recommended by neighboring districts, a three part interactive “game show” to help kids understand and recognize the aspects and consequences of bullying.

October 25 & 26: 4<sup>th</sup> grade Eastern Woodlands. “Journeys, into American Indian Territory”

### **East Broadway**

October 9, 2012 Robin Langg will come speak to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade about Internet, Cell Phone & Safety. The students will learn how to protect themselves on the internet, how to use their cell phone, and so much more. Robin Langg will be back that night at the PTA meeting to teach, inform, and bring awareness to parents as well. The PTA meeting starts at 7pm and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

October 25, 2012 grades K-5 will be attending The NED Show assembly.

### **Gardiners**

### **Lee Road**

October 17,18,19 Mad Science will be visiting to conduct individual classroom workshops. There will be different programs for each grade.

### **Northside**

The first Cultural Arts program is Yes, You Can! Inc. scheduled for Oct 30, 2012. It is an organization devoted to inspire and motivate others to reach their ultimate potential. Lloyd Bachrach offers kids of all ages a positive message based on his own amazing struggles and successes.

### **Wisdom**

On Oct 24 10:20 am Wisdom will have a BMX flow style event. They are sharing this event with **Salk**.

Then on Oct 25 Wisdom will have Paul D. Failla speak on human diversity awareness and tolerance.

**Divison-** no report

**\*\*I need a contact for Summit and Salk/MacArthur please.**

LEVITTOWN COUNCIL OF PTAs GENERAL ACCOUNT AUDIT END OF YEAR REPORT

DATE: 8/14/12

BALANCE ON HAND: \$8,949.23

OUTSTANDING CHECKS: NONE

LEVITTOWN COUNCIL OF PTAs SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT AUDIT END OF YEAR REPORT

DATE: 8/14/12

BALANCE ON HAND: \$12,487.62

OUTSTANDING CHECKS:


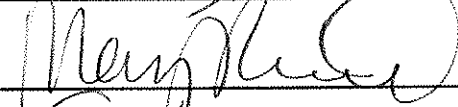

#1070 \$500.00

#1076 \$25.38


TOTAL \$525.38

BOOKS WERE AUDITED BY: ESTA LACHOW, MARIA XENIOS AND MARY RICKARD

SIGNED:

TREASURER:



PRESIDENT:



3RD SIGNER:



## Elementary Curriculum

APPR (which is the new teacher assessment) based on 100 points, 20 from state assessment, 20 from local assessments and 60 for evaluations (Danielson Model).

Children have been taking pre-assessments in most of their classes. They are taking SLO (student learning assessments) which satisfy the 20 for local assessment. These were developed by the school district.

20 state assessment-grades 4 & 5 will be taken from the state ELA/Math assessment the students took in either 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

All other teachers that don't have state assessments, the district had to create SLO-

K,1,2-Aimsweb for ELA and District SLO for math in both Sept & June  
3-Sept-use SLO and State assessment in June

Students may also take SLO in Sept & June in Gym, art or music, based on the # of students the teacher teaches, because the teacher has to give the assessment to at least 51% of the students they teach.

Envision Math-Last year introduced to k-2, this year 3-5 now has program, all aligned with common core.

Piloting a new ELA program called Journeys- 2 classes of the same grade in each school.

Abbey-K, Lee Rd. – 1, Gardiners – 2, Summit – 3, Northside – 4, E. Broadway – 5.

New Elementary Report Cards for 2-5.

Old report card did not match the way things were being taught. Report Cards are now aligned with Common Core. 1-Below Standards, 2-Working Towards Standards, 3-Meeting Standards, 4-Exceeding Standards. When the teachers gave out the handbook at Back to School night for the new report card many parents were upset at the fact that 3 had a corresponding grade average of 74-94 because they felt that was too broad of a range. The parents are having a hard time understanding the concept of the new report card because they feel that a 94 should be exceeding standards and that is not the case. The majority of the students will be/should be in the 3 range on their report card-where the 4 and 1/2 will be the exception, just as now those students who would be in special ed classes or gifted classes are the exception. If a student is in the 3 range that means the educators are doing their job and the students are meeting the standards of what is being taught and should continue to succeed in their higher grades and be able to successfully complete HS and college and succeed in the real world.

Parents are trained to look at students number grade and if it a 90 or above think their student is succeeding and meeting the standards of what is being taught because our brains are conditioned to think that a 90 or above is an above average grade. A student may take a test or multiple tests which have 20 questions and get a 90 or 95 each time and that is what most parents look at, that number grade, even though when the test is looked at closer the student may be getting the same concept wrong each time. There are so many sub categories of the new report card that a student may have the majority of 3 in all content areas, but be a 2 in some other content area, which means there is something that the student is having trouble with. This new way will give teachers and parents a much more specific idea of where/if the student is struggling.

The Committee is now looking at the report cards for K & 1

Sending out 3 times per year (have trimester, instead of quarters) and P/T conferences are moved up to the end of October.

Each Elementary principal will do a workshop at the building level.

**Subject:** council report: Procedures  
**From:** Esta Lachow (e13ral@optonline.net)  
**To:** epet724@yahoo.com;  
**Cc:** kpngen@aol.com;  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 19, 2012 11:31 PM

Procedures report for September 20, 2012

The following changes are being suggested for approval this evening:

The word "Scholarship" will be changed in procedures, wherever it is used; ie: Scholarship Dinner Dance and "Award" will be substituted. This is following the recommendation PTA in response to IRS regulations regarding dispensing of scholarships.

In the Procedures "Introduction" it states that "procedures are adopted and amended at a council meeting under new business". I would like to add that they are adopted and amended under Procedures: Standing committee report, and may also be.....

Under 2nd VP coordinating responsibilities: delete Blood Drive

After discussion amongst the Executive Committee, to delete from procedures the following Liaison positions:

District Budget: not really necessary to report back to council

Enrichment: no longer have a district program/committee

Senior Citizens Prom: members may offer to help if requested by district but this is really a district activity with district employees coordinating it

SEPTA: doesn't belong here. Septa is an individual unit within our Council.

I will be happy to address any questions and then ask that the President requests a motion for these changes and deletions.

Respectfully submitted,

Esta Lachow  
Procedures Chair

# September Reports / Submitted by Mary Rickard

## Secondary Curriculum

9/24 @ 9:30am Small Bd Rm LMEC  
Still need SEPTA & Salk / MacArthur Rep

## Honorary Life Dinner Dance

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ Crest Hollow  
No Change in price

Folders given to all units with  
guidelines to determine winners

## New Business

DAHS PTSA Fundraiser  
Harlem Wizards vs DAHS Faculty  
Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 1pm  
Pre-sale tix available (more @ door)  
\$10 senior citizens + students  
\$12 adults

Contact Angela List, Mary Rickard or  
Lisa Curran for more information

## Treasury-

Welcome to a new school year-a few quick reminders to all unit Presidents and Treasurers that are here this evening

- I handed out Council Dues bills to the unit Presidents; please bring your checks to the next President/Superintendent Meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Please remember that at your first meeting of the year you need to present your audit report.

## Food Service Report – PTA Council – September 20, 2012

Meeting dates on the calendar are not good-new dates will be emailed shortly. Next meeting is now Friday October 20, 2012

Our first meeting was held yesterday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. We spoke mostly about the changes to the USDA National Lunch Program.

One of the major changes at the elementary level-juice will no longer be counted as a fruit component, it will not be offered.

- Fruits and vegetables are now separate meal components and each must be offered at lunch at all grades
- The new regulations require schools to offer a variety of nutrient-dense vegetables over the course of the week, including dark green, orange, starchy vegetables and legumes (beans)
- Students will now be required to take ½ cup of fruit or vegetables for their meal to be reimbursable.
- Menus must offer specific amounts of whole grains and proteins throughout the week, but cannot exceed maximum amounts defined for each grade group.
- This means we are now limited in the amount of grains and proteins we offer at each meal.
- These changes are intended to make sure students are receiving age-appropriate, nutritionally-adequate meals that provide the right amount of energy from healthful food sources.
- Continue to work with food manufacturers to lower the sodium
- Saturated fat levels under new final rule remain consistent with previous requirements.
- Regulations established new grade groups for menu planning. K-5, 6-8 and 9-12

The new vending company (My Healthy Thing) who has the vending machine contract in the district outside the cafeterias, including faculty rooms.

Breakfast now being served at Summit and Northside - \$1.35

September 20, 2012

## WASH. EDUCATION

# School Lunch Calorie Maximums Protested By Students As House Republicans Introduce Bill To Repeal USDA Rules

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As the new school year begins, fresh school lunch regulations are in effect to encourage healthy eating. But not everyone's pleased. While students from Wisconsin to Pennsylvania protest their new school meals, lawmakers in D.C. are looking to put it on the books.

Reps. Steve King (R-Iowa) and Tim Huelskamp (R-Kansas) have introduced a bill that would repeal the age-aligned calorie maximums imposed by new USDA school lunch guidelines. The Hill's Floor Action blog reports.

The so-named No Hungry Kids Act is in direct response to an initiative put forth in January by first lady Michelle Obama and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to make school lunches healthier and more nutritious. New federal requirements -- representing the first major nutritional overhaul of school meals in over 15 years -- are meant to offer less sodium, more

whole grains and a wider selection of fruits and vegetables to the 32 million schoolchildren who participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs.

In addition, the changes put a cap on the number of calories in school meals: up to 650 for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, 700 for sixth through eighth graders and 850 for high schoolers. These numbers are consistent with the Mayo Clinic's recommendations.

But some maintain the aforementioned calorie counts are not enough to satisfy the appetites of hungry teenagers.

At Mukwonago High School in Wisconsin, for instance, football players -- who burn upwards of 3,000 calories a day -- led a boycott of the new federally mandated school lunch calorie limits, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reports. Seventy percent of the 830 Mukwonago High students who normally buy lunch instead packed their own lunches in protest of the "one size fits all thing." Middle schoolers in the district followed suit, with nearly half refusing to buy lunch.

The protest at Mukwonago High comes weeks after students from Plum Borough School District in Pennsylvania launched a #BrownBagginIt campaign on Twitter, leading to an enthused and widespread movement that had students foregoing school meals for their own bagged lunches. The teens there believed that their lunch quality and quantity had decreased as prices for the meals increased.

"The goal of the school lunch program was -- and is -- to ensure students receive enough nutrition to be healthy and to learn," said Rep. King, according to Food Safety News. "The misguided nanny state, as advanced by Michelle Obama's 'Healthy and Hunger Free Kids Act,' was interpreted by Secretary Vilsack to be a directive that, because some kids are overweight, he would put every child on a diet. Parents know that their kids deserve all of the healthy and nutritious food they want."

Huelskamp, the bill's co-sponsor, said the new guidelines are a "perfect example of what is wrong with government: misguided inputs, tremendous waste, and unaccomplished goals," according to The Hill's blog.

King is currently locked in a congressional re-election battle with Vilsack's wife, Christie Vilsack, to represent Iowa in its new fourth district.

According to Think Progress, King supported cutting \$31 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps. All school districts are required to automatically enroll children in households receiving SNAP benefits in free meal programs, a process known as direct certification.

Quick Poll

**What do you think? Are 650-850 calories for a school lunch enough?**

☐ YES! That's more than enough.

☐ NO! Kids need way more than that.

VOTE

Check out what the Pennsylvania teens were saying on Twitter about their #BrownBagginIt protest:

*BrownBagginIt*

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## **Council Meeting Report – September 20, 2012**

### **Gerald R. Claps Career & Technical Center (a/k/a GC Tech)**

#### **Submitted by Maria Emeric**

GC Tech is located at LMEC. We offer a 2-year vocational program for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders for students of Division & Mac Arthur High School as well as 20 plus out-of-district schools.

Our school offers career & technical programs which include Culinary Arts, Police Science/EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), Medical Assisting, Architectural Drafting, Carpentry, Electrical Technology, Cosmetology, Graphic Communications, Automotive and 3-D Computer Animation.

All of our programs offer post secondary articulation agreements which are approved by the State Education Department. Our students earn college credits for the course they have successfully completed while at GC Tech which are accepted by technical colleges and post secondary schools. All of our programs include Math and English as “push in” subjects. We also have a Special Education teacher “push in” to work with students in need or whole groups.

We also offer several Clubs for students: National Technical Honor Society, Key Club, and SkillsUSA. Every year students have the opportunity to compete in our GC Tech Skills Competition to demonstrate and showcase their skills which is held in February in the Gym at LMEC. Everyone is welcome on that evening to observe our students hard at work in the competition. Students also compete in SkillsUSA at the Regional Level (held at Farmingdale University) with students from Long Island Career & Tech schools, New York State Competition (held in Syracuse New York) with students from all over New York State and the National Competition (held in Kansas City, Missouri) with students from every state of the nation as well as Puerto Rico, Guam & The Virgin Islands.

Over the past few years we have won over 70 Regional Awards, 35 State Awards and a silver medal from the National Conference.

Parents and students who are interested in the programs offered at GC Tech may contact Audre Midura, Director of GC Tech, to arrange for a tour or visitation during a class session. Audre can be reached at 520-8330 ext. 651

You can also visit us on the School District Website.

**You Are Invited To Attend The Salk/MacArthur PTSA Fundraiser:**

**An Evening With Renowned Psychic Medium**

**Josephine Ghiringhelli**

This evening, Josephine gives detailed messages from loved ones crossed over,  
ADULT AUDIENCE ONLY PLEASE – NO EXCEPTIONS

Thursday, October 11, 2012

At Salk Little Theater

3359 Old Jerusalem Rd. Levittown NY 11756

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Group Reading Begins at 7:00 p.m.

**Limited seating available!! Tickets are \$35 p.p. or 2 for \$60 (due to anticipated sellout, no reservations will be accepted without payment! All Checks must be made payable to Salk/MacArthur PTSA**

Please tear off and send to: either schools Main office marked PTSA Psychic Night - or -

Kathleen Vaughan Ware 824 Pineneck Rd Seaford NY 11783

Questions? Call Kathleen 520-8774, or Colleen 605-0564

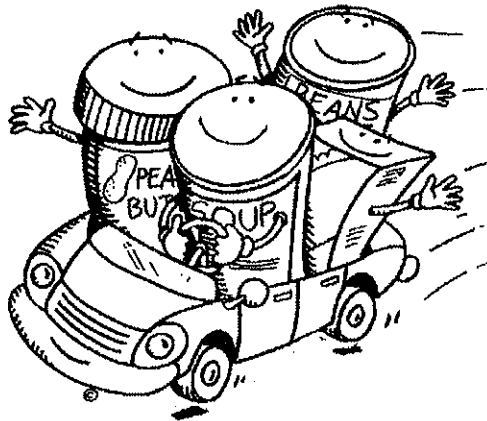
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\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 pp or \_\_\_\_\_ @ 2 for \$60 total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**NO REFUNDS- ALL TICKETS ARE FINAL SALE, NO EXCEPTIONS**

# 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 pretty much all items. Some suggestions are 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.