

Levittown Council of PTAs
General Membership Meeting
September 29, 2014
Minutes

Call to Order at 7:36pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance – quorum was established

Recording Secretary – the minutes from the last general membership meeting will be handed out and approved next month there was an issue with Angela's computer.

President Report – Report Attached.

1st VP – No report

2nd VP – please review the directory

Corresponding Secretary – Thank you cards were received from Nicole Genco and Dylan Zangrillo for receiving Senior Awards. Thank you card was received from Dr. Grossane.

Treasurer's Report – See Attached. Treasurer Report is filed for audit.

Treasury Reminders that Dues bills are now due please bring them to the next Pres/Super Meeting.

Budget was presented with the CD line being introduced. Julie Casey made a motion to accept the budget as presented. 2nd Motion made by Linda Pereira. Motion approved.

Historian – will be coming off of the future agendas since we no longer have one.

Superintendent Report – Dr. McDonald thanked everyone for inviting her to this meeting. She said that she attended both the Abbey Lane BBQ and East Broadway Picnic. Both Homecoming games were spectacular, thanked the PTA for making it great. Division Ave. Homecoming DJ Stevens, a student, there is a very nice article on newsday.com about him.

Presentations at upcoming Board Meeting on 10/8/14 – she will be giving the Regents Exam Reports and on 10/22/14 she will be providing a security plan. In November they will be talking about GC Tech and the multiple pathways diplomas.

She attended the Refit Meeting and saw Pat Asertato.

New Business – Laura Brown said that on 10/10/14 Division Avenue will be having a fall plant sale. 3/6/15 is Division Sweeps. Gardiners Avenue stated that they had a bike safety day. Triple A gave them everything at no cost. Linda Pereira said that Wisdom will be having their Blood Drive on 10/30/14 and a Family Game Night will be held on 10/24/14.

Adjourned 8:58pm

Minutes prepared by Tina Bodkin

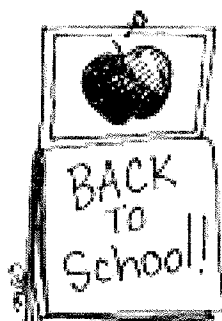
General Membership Meeting Agenda

September 29, 2014

***Please remember: our meetings are being taped by the Recording Secretary. In order to be fair to all members
-If you wish to address Council, please step up to the microphone to assure you can be heard.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes – Recording Secretary
4. Executive Committee Reports:
 - A. President Report
 - B. 1st VP Report
 - C. 2nd VP Report
 - D. Corresponding Secretary
 - E. Treasurer
 - F. Historian ReportTreasurer's report incl. Audit Report and Budget, Council Delegates report
5. Superintendent Report
6. SEPTA
7. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. Arts in Education
 - B. Audit
 - B. Council Budget
 - D. Elementary Curriculum
 - E. Health, Safety & Environment
 - F. Legislation & Advocacy
 - G. Procedures
 - H. Secondary Curriculum
 - I. Transportation
8. Special Committee Reports
 - A. Budget
 - B. By Laws
 - C. Honorary Life
 - D. PTSA Senior Award
 - E. Meet the Candidates
 - F. Nominating
 - G. Reflections
 - H. Senior Award Dinner Dance
9. Liaison Reports
 - A. LSCS
 - B. Food Service
 - C. GC Tech
 - D. LEADD
 - E. Teacher Center
 - F. Wellness
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Adjourn

Welcome Back!



Levittown Council of PTAs President's Report – September 2014

Good Evening! Welcome to the Levittown Council of PTAs General Meeting and welcome back to another School Year! We wish you all a wonderful and successful year. For many of us this evening this is a first of many firsts in our new roles – I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to all of them.

Welcome Dr. McDonald to your first PTA Council meeting as Superintendent and welcome to the Board of Education members in attendance this evening. As we all know with different people in key positions, there will be changes and additions to all that we know as normal. Please enjoy the ride and always remember we are here for your comments and suggestions.

Please join me in thanking Gardiners Avenue for hosting our meeting this evening. Lee Road you are up next month.

Our meetings are recorded. This is for the sole purpose of making things a little easier for our Recording Secretary, Tina Bodkin. This is her first meeting taking minutes, so please bear with her as she gets used to her new role. Please utilize the microphones in the room when addressing Council, again this is to make things easier for Tina-she cannot hear the voices on the recorder, otherwise. Please remember to always be respectful of others when they are speaking, we may not always agree with each other, but we can be courteous as each of us speaks.

Minutes of the meetings will be forwarded to the Unit Presidents each month for review. If any corrections need to be made to the minutes, please bring them up at the meeting. Once the minutes have been approved they will be posted on the Council link under "District" on the Levittown Public Schools website.

Robin will be working our directory – There is a draft circling around for you to make any necessary changes. We will have the directory printed and distributed at our October meeting. Please remember, the information in this directory is for PTA purpose only and will not be shared.

Our first President/Superintendent meeting ran a little long, but all went well. I want to thank Dr. McDonald for all of her time and information, as this was her first President/Superintendent meeting and she too is getting used to things. Presidents, please remember: In order to have answers to our questions and concerns as quickly as possible, I ask that for our future meetings if any of you have questions or concerns or any issues you would like addressed, please email me prior to the meeting (as soon as you can). This will give Dr. McDonald time in advance to gather the information necessary and bring a clear and adequate response to the meeting. We all know that questions and concerns cannot always be sent in advance, but the more we can get ahead of time, the more timely answers Dr. McDonald can provide us with and there will be less follow up on everyone's part after the meeting.

As you all know Council has always stressed the importance of training. There are many opportunities throughout the year for you to attend a workshop – take advantage of these wonderful opportunities. Train yourselves, your officers and your membership and you will have a successful, happy, cohesive unit.

The Board of Education typically meets twice a month. These meetings can be very informative – the better informed you are as to the BOE planning and decision making the better you can serve your unit and the children of the district.

We still have a few committees open that we need volunteers for such as Audit, Health, Safety & Environment, Reflections, Capital Projects/Bond Watcher, LEADD, LSCS, Teachers Center, Transportation, Wellness and Honorary Life Dinner Dance. These are important committees that have made some amazing impacts on the education in our district.

Many of the unit have made updates to their district web pages and more of you have Facebook pages for information purposes. With technology moving at such a fast pace in today's world, these are wonderful ways to get information to your members. Minutes, by-laws, procedures and announcements on your pages will allow the opportunity for all of your members to stay up to date with the happenings of the units. Please remember to follow proper notification procedures when calling additional meetings or making changes to your meeting dates and times.

Some Quick Reminders:

Tuesday September 30th – Nassau Region PTA Resolution Workshop

Wednesday October 8th – Board of Education Regular Meeting

All units will present resolutions to the units, hold a vote and receive a vote of confidence from their unit to have your representative attending convention vote for your unit at your October Meeting. Presidents: remember to sign their credentials card.

Thursday October 16th – Nassau Region Fall Conference

Tuesday October 28th – Nassau Region President Rap

The early bird award for Membership is October 20th

Registration deadline for NYS PTA Convention is October 5th. Convention will be held in Saratoga Springs, November 14-16.

Don't forget to file your taxes, once your audit from 2013-2014 school year is completed. Deadline is November 15th – don't wait until last minute

Our next President/Superintendent meeting is Monday October 6th

Our next Council Meeting is Thursday October 23rd-this date is not listed on the District Calendar

All of your elected members of Council have been where you are today. We have all acquired much experience and knowledge performing the many jobs you will find yourselves doing now. This doesn't mean we still don't ask questions or ask for help. We are all here to share the knowledge and experience we have. Some of us are experts at treasury, while others are great at updating by-laws and procedures or other things. Don't be afraid to use us!

Communication is the key to a successful year working together. We may not always agree on the topic of discussion, as long as we continue to work together and treat each other with respect we can accomplish a great deal for the children of Levittown. Keep in mind that the issues we advocate for here in Levittown with our School Board or Administration may not always affect you or your child directly, but they do affect someone.

In the past Council has allowed units to share information and we would like to continue with that this year. Please feel free to share your unit's information: Arts in Education programs, fundraising ideas, etc. under new business. Please remember to have your flyers approved by your building principal before distributing.

Thank you all for your patience, as this is my first Council Meeting.

Thank you for all that you do for our children.

Please keep the line of communication open. Contact us with your questions or concerns. We are here to help in any way that we can. Remember – the question you ask may be that question that someone else was wondering also-don't be afraid to ask!!

Respectfully submitted:
Angela List 9/29/14

Levittown Council of PTAs Budget 2014-2015				
General Fund:	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Actual
	2013/2014	2013/2014	2014/2015	2014/2015
Starting Balance	\$8,482.13	\$8,482.13	\$7,770.35	\$7,770.35
INCOME				
Membership Dues	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Other	\$0.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,982.13	\$9,982.13	\$9,270.35	\$7,770.35
EXPENSES				
Administrative Functions	\$250.00	\$303.23	\$250.00	
AIDS Awareness	\$6.10	\$0.00	\$6.10	
Banking Supplies	\$30.00	\$18.00	\$30.00	
BOE Recognition	\$100.00	\$99.94	\$100.00	
Carry Over	\$5,346.03	\$0.00	\$4,334.25	
Convention	\$1,400.00	\$535.02	\$1,450.00	
Get a Voice	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Health & Safety	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Historian/Correspondence	\$100.00	\$16.95	\$50.00	
Hospitality	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
In House Training	\$550.00	\$240.00	\$550.00	
Installation	\$50.00	\$46.95	\$50.00	
LEADD	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Office Supplies	\$250.00	\$109.26	\$250.00	
Pres/Prin Dinner	\$300.00	\$268.00	\$300.00	
Publications	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Workshops/Conferences	\$500.00	\$574.43	\$800.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,982.13	\$2,211.78	\$9,270.35	\$0.00
Available Balance		\$7,770.35		\$7,770.35
SR AWARD FUND:				
Starting Balance	\$12,730.33	\$12,730.33	\$13,257.70	\$13,257.70
INCOME				
Dinner Dance Income	\$25,000.00	\$30,024.00	\$25,000.00	
CD Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	
Other Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,730.33	\$42,754.33	\$38,281.70	\$13,257.70
EXPENSES				
Carry Over	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,056.70	
CD	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	
Banking Supplies	\$175.00	\$10.00	\$175.00	
Dinner Dance Expenses	\$24,980.33	\$25,452.99	\$26,000.00	
PTA Senior Awards	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Senior Award Supplies	\$75.00	\$33.64	\$50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$37,730.33	\$29,496.63	\$38,281.70	\$0.00
Available Balance		\$13,257.70		\$13,257.70

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Starting Balance	\$8,482.13	\$8,482.13	\$7,770.35	\$7,770.35
INCOME				
Membership Dues	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Other	\$0.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,982.13	\$9,982.13	\$9,270.35	\$7,770.35
EXPENSES				
Administrative Functions	\$250.00	\$303.23	\$250.00	\$6.71
AIDS Awareness	\$6.10	\$0.00	\$6.10	
Banking Supplies	\$30.00	\$18.00	\$30.00	\$4.00
BOE Recognition	\$100.00	\$99.94	\$100.00	
Carry Over	\$5,346.03	\$0.00	\$4,334.25	
Convention	\$1,400.00	\$535.02	\$1,450.00	
Get a Voice	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Health & Safety	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Historian/Correspondence	\$100.00	\$16.95	\$50.00	
Hospitality	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	12.06
In House Training	\$550.00	\$240.00	\$550.00	
Installation	\$50.00	\$46.95	\$50.00	
LEADD	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Office Supplies	\$250.00	\$109.26	\$250.00	10.55
Pres/Prin Dinner	\$300.00	\$268.00	\$300.00	
Publications	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Workshops/Conferences	\$500.00	\$574.43	\$800.00	\$331.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,982.13	\$2,211.78	\$9,270.35	\$364.32
Available Balance		\$7,770.35		\$7,406.03
SR AWARD FUND:				
Starting Balance	\$12,730.33	\$12,730.33	\$13,257.70	\$13,257.70
INCOME				
Dinner Dance Income	\$25,000.00	\$30,024.00	\$25,000.00	
CD Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	
Other Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,730.33	\$42,754.33	\$38,281.70	\$13,257.70
EXPENSES				
Carry Over	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,056.70	
CD	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Banking Supplies	\$175.00	\$10.00	\$175.00	\$9.00
Dinner Dance Expenses	\$24,980.33	\$25,452.99	\$26,000.00	\$500.00
PTA Senior Awards	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Senior Award Supplies	\$75.00	\$33.64	\$50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$37,730.33	\$29,496.63	\$38,281.70	\$4,509.00
Available Balance		\$13,257.70		\$8,748.70

Levittown Council of PTAs
Treasurer Report

June 30, 2014-August 21, 2014

General Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$7,770.35**

Expenses:
Workshops 331.00
Bank Fee \$2.00

Total Expenses: **\$333.00**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$7,437.35**

Senior Award Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$13,257.70**

Expenses:
Opening CD Account \$4,000.00
Bank Fee \$7.00

Total Expenses: **\$4,007.00**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$9,250.70**

Levittown Council of PTAs
Treasurer Report

August 21- September 29, 2014

General Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$7,437.35**

Expenses:	
Hospitality	12.06
Office Supplies	10.55
Administrative	6.71
Bank Fee	\$2.00

Total Expenses: **\$31.32**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$7,406.03**

Senior Award Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$9,250.70**

Expenses:	
Senior Award Dinner Dance	\$500.00
Bank Fee	\$2.00

Total Expenses: **\$502.00**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$8,748.70**

Council Budget 9/29/14

Want to get committee together quickly. We had a productive committee together last year, meeting with directors and asst. superintendents. We had representation from all schools and SEPTA, I would like to have the same this year. I will need you to meet with your building principals to see what their needs are for the coming year's budget and to check if issues raised last year are either resolved or in motion to be resolved. Meetings will typically take place in morning hours giving us access to administration, though the committee itself can meet in evening when necessary.

GC Tech:

GC Tech had their Back to School night tonight. Skills USA which is a student organization for showcasing Technical School students and give scholarships is holding two fundraisers. They are doing a Yankee Candle order and their Pasta Dinner night, Oct. 23 at 6:30 here in the Panther Room. Meal is prepared and served by our Culinary Arts students and a small Chinese auction will take place. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 to cover cost of meal and \$5.00 as a donation to the scholarship fund. Fliers are available.

Elementary Curriculum Mtg 9-16-14

There is new staff across the district.

Abbey-

Speranza (LR)
Luke (Computers)
McKinney (Spec. Ed)
2 TAs

E. Bway-

Nelligan (3rd)
Nelson (Spec. Ed-LR)
Rust (Psychologist)

Gardiners-

Zayas (Kindergarten)
Chaplin (Reading-PT)
Sullivan (Reading)

Lee-

Gorman & Liakonis (5th)
Merkle (3rd)
Droll (Reading)
Joyce-Dorsey (Psychologist-LR)
Bentivenga (2nd-LR)

Northside-

Conrad (5th)
Schuman (4th)
Wanukovich (5th)
Case (Reading)
Caterina (Reading-LR)
Kruk (TA)

Summit-

Maresca (4th)
Stripp (3rd)
Chu-Cheong (2nd)
Woll (2nd)
Razza, Diavenzo, Costello, Hein (TAs)

New SS curriculum in place. Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES Online materials and we ordered some read alouds to accompany it.

Restructuring of Reading Blocks to better differentiate instruction-

Kindergarten- 20 mins whole group then 3 small groups rotating thru 3 areas

1. Teacher
2. TA
3. Center

Grades 1-5 same system but instead of a TA a second person will push in.

Trying to be more intentional with reading blocks. Implementing revised RTI structure

Tier 1-Whole Group

Tier 2-Push in-Targeted

Tier 3-Pull out-20 minute minimum

District is planning Parent Workshops-

CC English or Math

General overview and then break out sessions in small groups for K-2, 3-5 and 6-12

State Assessments- PowerPoint available on the district website on the Board of Ed tab "Student Performance Summary"

Way more opt-outs than surrounding districts, Nassau co and state.

The district is in good standing BUT

Gardiners has a Local Assistance Plan in place

Met AYP, but there was a large gap in performance between subgroup and non-subgroup students. (gap between spec ed and high performing)

AIMSWEB-students are showing significant progress

NWEA-higher than national norm (sent home 2x/yr)

No more pretests-district is using a different model which relies on historical data

Next Meeting- October 20 at 9:30 LMEC Small Board Room If I don't have your rep's name and contact info please get it to me ASAP.

Submitted by: Mary Rickard

Secondary Curriculum Meeting

September 16, 2014 @ 9:30am

New Staff across the district was presented. They can be found online on the district website.

Project Lead the Way – the science engineering course that was in middle school is now being offered in the high schools. Another course was added in the middle school, each year has a different focus. Courses begin in the 7th grade and is open to every grade.

We discussed the possibility of having a parent workshop starting with Common Core Math. It would be an overview with breakout sessions with rotation of the groups, would be held in Memorial and open to all grades. Date is to be determined.

Debbie Rifkin reviewed the presentation she gave to the Board on student achievement. The power point is available on the website.

Grades 7 & 8 have a new Math program entitled Digits and we are piloting a new program for Algebra 1.

All curriculum associates have been moved to Division.

Our next meeting will be on 10/16 at 9:30am in the small board meeting. Please get me your building reps so that I can keep everyone in the loop.

Submitted by Tina Bodkin

Levittown Council of PTAs
Summer Leadership Conference Report
Submitted 9/29/14 by Patricia Genco

I would like to start by saying thank you to Levittown Council of PTAs for allowing me to attend the Summer Leadership Conference in Utica NY this past July.

I attended many great workshops, learned a great deal and meet many new people (all with the same mission in mind to advocate for our children.

I took advantage of the coach bus that Nassau Region hired for the trip up to Utica College

My first workshop was "Meet your Dream Team – The NYS PTA Board. It was very informal and a chance to ask questions of the NYS PTA Executive Board. We discussed the accomplishments of this past year and the goals of the coming year including ways to increase membership.

We ended the first night with a lovely dinner then evening presentations by NYS PTA as well as a pep rally

Saturday morning started with a Zumba class (of which I did not attend), breakfast and onto the workshops. Since many of the workshops I wanted to attend were already full I took "What does it mean to be your child's advocate" by Jane Harsha the NYS PTA Leadership Development Coordinator My next workshop was "New regulations for Snack Foods" given by Amie Hamlin. This workshop, I was able to bring back many healthy alternative snacks to share with our food service supplier and vending machine vendor. All fall under the new USDA guidelines ,were tasty and should not be costly.

After snacks and lunch it was onto the "Advanced Treasury workshop. There was much discussion on the use of credit cards, PayPal and units charging their members a handling fee . Much of the discussion may have been ok for on a NYS level but at the association level

Keeping in line with the nutrition workshops and since all other workshops were full, I attended the "Nutrition and Fitness in our Schools (Fuel up to play 60)". This was disappointing sine it was a 45minute pitch on bringing the program into the schools- but they didn't tell you how it could help your school and what you can benefit from this program.

Sunday morning's first workshop was walking together in our shoes" – the greatest thing I can pass onto you from this - teach your child to start advocating for themselves. In high school and college this will be most important.

My Last workshop was "Designing a Winning Workshop" given by Jacqueline Wilson, the NYS PTA Field Support Coordinator. This was a great to the point workshop.

The bus ride home was an adventure- the ac broke; we spent the ride home with icepacks in our shirts and around our necks.

All in all it was a great experience. Thank you again for allowing me to represent council

Food Service Report

Submitted by Patricia Genco 9/29/14

We met on August 27th, 2014 to meet the new Aramark, Food Service Company Representatives, Jen Bayer and Artie. They wanted to assure the committee that they would work to serve our children the best that they can. They will adhere to the contract and work closely with Bill Pastore and Bob Howard regarding any issues or complaints. This district along with Aramark will work on a new checklist for cafeteria visits from the committee members. We met again on 9/17/14. We are still looking for representation for a few schools. A committee was formed to revise the cafeteria checklist for Food Service representatives to use when visiting the schools.

If you have any questions or complaints you can contact Jennifer Bayer at 516-434-7377 or Pat Genco

At 516735-0136/kpngen@aol.com.

2014-2015 Curriculum Meetings

All meetings are held at LMEC in the Small Board Room @ 9:30

Tuesday September 16 – Elementary & Secondary
Thursday October 16 – Secondary
Monday October 20 – Elementary
Thursday November 13 - Secondary
Monday November 17 - Elementary
Thursday December 11 - Secondary
Tuesday December 16 - Elementary
Monday January 12 - Elementary
Thursday January 22 – Secondary
Monday February 9 - Elementary
Thursday February 12 - Secondary
Monday March 9 - Elementary
Tuesday March 17 - Secondary
Tuesday April 14 - Elementary
Thursday April 23 - Secondary
Monday May 11 - Elementary
Monday May 18 - Secondary
Monday June 15 – Elementary & Secondary

2014-2015 Region Board Calendar

June 2014

- ❑ **16** – Officers' Training 7:00 PM

July 2014

- ❑ **25-27** – Summer Leadership Conference - Utica College

August 2014

- ❑ **19** – Membership/Reflections/Treasury Workshops 7:00 PM

September 2014

- ❑ **30** – Resolutions Workshop/Convention Training 7:00PM

October 2014

- ❑ **16** – Fall Conference 7:00PM
- ❑ **23** – Convention Training 7:00PM
- ❑ **28** – Presidents' Rap 7:00PM

November 2014

- ❑ **14-16** – NYS PTA Convention - Saratoga Springs
- ❑ **24** – Presidents/Principals Dinner *

December 2014

- ❑ **2 & 3** – Reflections Drop Off

January 2015

- ❑ **22** – Presidents' Rap II/Nominations & Elections Workshops
- ❑ **TBD** – Reflections Pick Up

February 2015

- ❑ Founders Day Month
- ❑ **28-3/1** – NYS PTA Legislation/Education Conference - Albany

March 2015

- ❑ **7** – Legislation Roundtable - Hofstra University
- ❑ **TBD** – Jenkins Interviews

April 2015

- ❑ **13** – Arts-in-Education Showcase
- ❑ **23** – Reflections Reception

May 2015

- ❑ **11** – Spring Conference/Ways & Means Expo

June 2015

- ❑ **11** – Officers' Training 7:00PM
- ❑ **18-21** – National PTA Convention

*Be sure to let your Principal/Director/Superintendent know the date of the Presidents/Principals Dinner!