

General Membership Meeting Agenda

February 26, 2015

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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
5. Superintendent Report
6. SEPTA
7. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. Arts in Education
 - B. Audit
 - C. 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 – Jets Program
11. New Business
12. Adjourn



Levittown Council of PTA's
General Membership Meeting
February 26, 2015
Minutes

Call to order at 7:40pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance – quorum was established

Recording Secretary – the minutes from the October, November, and January's meeting were reviewed and approved and will be posted on the website.

President's Report – see attached

Mailing from Nassau region that included Arts in Ed showcase on Monday, April 13th at the Cradle of Aviation from 9-3pm.

1st VP – no report

2nd VP – no report

Corresponding Secretary – see attached

Treasurer – see attached. The report will be filed for audit. Mary Rickard asked if a mid-year audit is necessary and the answer was yes. One will be scheduled shortly.

Superintendent Report – at the President meeting a question was asked where the PTA stands on many of the initiatives going on, Dr. McDonald printed out copies are available.

Dr. McDonald asked that we help with the advocacy of the GAP adjustment. This was a measure to help balance the state budget but since the State now has a surplus. To date the district is at a loss of 4 million dollars in State Aide.

The community recognition dinner will take place on 3/12 in the Panther room at 6:30pm

At the last board meeting a presentation of the Special Education budget was presented. The board asked to look into the cost of having K and 1 inclusion classes in all elementary schools. That will be looked into and presented at the next board meeting.

The district will be having an outdoor learning center at Memorial. This will allow kids to have a learning of Sciences, hands on projects.

Many district students – student outstanding = all state wrestler/bowler division

Relay team at MacArthur made finals.

Salk – a student came in 2nd in an essay contest. American math challenge and scored within the top 5th percent of the country. Salk noticed as a school of character and will be noticed in Albany.

Karen Slattery was chosen to present at Nassau Boces.

A Northside teacher will be recognized at the next board meeting for saving a teacher's life by performing the Heimlich.

Budget to budget 1.7% but expect it to be lower. Tax levy limit is calculated at 1.82%.

Next meeting they will be reviewing administrative staffing and revenue from last year. Tax cap levy limited will be reviewed and explained and 5 year trend and what we expect it to be.

Question – Pat Genco – regarding the Governor holding back our money, what is the reasoning behind him holding it back?

Answer – his line is schools are not performing and therefore he wants reforms enacted. As per Dr. McDonald this is not true, in fact if Long Island was a state we would be number 1 in achievement in the nation.

TAP – tuition assistance program – the governor has tied these to the reforms as well and is holding back the money.

Dr. McDonald will send to Angela more information for us to read on the Governor's proposals.

SEPTA – March 30th is their next meeting and they are planning a recreation fair that night. On March 8th they will be having a fundraiser at Governor's Comedy Club and on May 3rd a Mets game.

Standing Committees

Arts in Education – see attached

Laura Brown – units are having a challenging time for Boces paperwork and asked Mr. Pastore write up a procedural guide for the schools. Dr. McDonald will follow up with him.

Audit –no report– they will present next month

Council Budget – see attached

Pat Genco made a motion to accept council budget as written to be presented to the Board of Education at the next meeting on March 11th. Eileen Petrullo 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Elementary Curriculum – see attached

Q. Pat Genco – Why is there a Physical Education paper? What is the purpose?

A. Mary Rickard - part of the grade is content knowledge; this paper is the only way to demonstrate content knowledge over the four years.

Health, Safety & Environment –next meeting on 3/19 at 10:30am

Legislation & Advocacy – Leg Ed conference is this weekend in Albany. March 7th is the roundtable at Hofstra.

Procedures – no report

Secondary Curriculum – see attached

Transportation – no report

Special Committee Reports

Budget – no report

Bylaws – no report

Honorary Life – no report

PTSA Senior Award – applications are due back on 4/27

Meet the Candidates – no report

Nominating – Levittown Council of PTA's will be holding their election on March 26th. Applications went out and are due back by 3/6. Possible meeting dates are 3/11, 3/18. Members of the committee are Pat Genco, Gaby Herbert, Laura Brown, Marguerite Leib, Linda Pereira, Lisa Muro, Carmella Logozzo, Kristine Ekberg, Robin Cammarata, Dawn Santorufo, Dawn Tiemer.

Mary Rickard made a motion to accept the nominating committee as presented. Laura Brown 2nd the motion and all in attendance was in favor.

If for some reason that Pat Genco cannot make it Abbey Lane (Gaby Herbert) is the alternate as chairperson of this committee.

Marguerite Leib made the motion to accept this proposal. Laura Brown 2nd the motion and all in attendance was in favor.

Reflections – no report

Senior Award Dinner Dance – see attached

Liaison Reports

LSCS – no report

Food Service – see attached

Dawn Tiemer asked about Summit running out of Milk. Pat Genco will be looking into it.

A concern was also brought to attention that the lunch aides are not allowing children to finish their lunches. Pat Genco will look into this also and report back.

GC Tech – no report

LEADD – no report

Teacher Center – no report

Wellness – they are working on guidelines.

Old Business – Jets Program – follow up – if we did this it would have to run almost like Honorary Life to coordinate through the different buildings.

June 11th is the Met Game where the MacArthur and Division Avenue Chorus will be singing. There are 200 seats set aside; tickets are \$32, field level seats.

New Business – Presidents/Superintendent meetings will now take place before the council meetings going forward at 6:30pm.

Water tables in the news – is there water testing done? Is there a protocol? Was there a problem in Levittown with the water?

American Water said there is no problem.

Dr. McDonald stated that we have not received anything saying that there is a problem with the water but will look into it further.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:33pm

Minutes prepared by Tina Bodkin

Levittown Council of PTAs
Treasurer Report
January 15-February 26, 2015

General Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: \$7,911.52

Expenses:

Total Expenses: \$0.00

Income:

Total Income: \$0.00

Closing Checkbook Balance: \$7,911.52

Senior Award Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: \$8,748.70

Expenses:

Honorary Life Dinner Dance \$34.06

Bank Fee \$2.00

Total Expenses: \$36.06

Income:

Total Income: \$0.00

Closing Checkbook Balance: \$8,712.64

CD Account

Opening Balance: \$4,008.81

Expenses:

Total Expenses: \$0.00

Income:

CD Interest \$2.04

Total Income: \$2.04

Closing Balance: \$4,010.85

Levittown Council of PTAs Budget 2014-2015				
General Fund:	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Actual-YTD
	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	\$1,500.00
Other	\$0.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,982.13	\$9,982.13	\$9,270.35	\$9,270.35
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	\$20.55
BOE Recognition	\$100.00	\$99.94	\$100.00	\$103.63
Carry Over	\$5,346.03	\$0.00	\$4,334.25	
Convention	\$1,400.00	\$535.02	\$1,450.00	\$590.00
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	\$26.88
Pres/Prin Dinner	\$300.00	\$268.00	\$300.00	\$268.00
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	\$1,358.83
Available Balance		\$7,770.35		\$7,911.52
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	
Other Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,730.33	\$42,754.33	\$38,257.70	\$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	\$11.00
Dinner Dance Expenses	\$24,980.33	\$25,452.99	\$26,000.00	\$534.06
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	\$4,545.06
Available Balance		\$13,257.70		\$8,712.64
CD ACCOUNT:				
Starting Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
INCOME				
CD Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$10.85
TOTAL INCOME				
EXPENSES				
TOTAL EXPENSES				
Balance				\$4,010.85

Feb 26, 2015

Corresponding Secretary Report:

Sympathy Cards Sent to:

Donna Pappi for the loss of her dad
Mary^{Ann}~~Ann~~ Lawless for the loss of her mom
Lisa Curran for the loss of her dad

Submitted by
Donna Waitkus

ARTS IN Ed
Council Report
February 26, 2015

by Dawn Tiemur

Summit Lane - had storyteller Lou DelBianco portray Abraham Lincoln for president's week. He dressed up as Abe Lincoln and presented history through story-telling. The kids were enthralled and actively participated throughout the assembly. Teachers and students gave ~~had~~ a lot of positive feedback.

Northside had Ronald McDonald visit for PARP week. Students LOVED it! Also, Author/illustrator Angelo DeCesare visited. He read his book to students, encouraging journal writing, and teaching them how to draw the characters in his books. In addition, during PARP there was a "bodacious book show."

Wisdom - builder's club visited Northside and read to students.
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PTA Council Budget Committee

Submitted to the Levittown Board of Education

March 11th, 2015

We would first like to thank the Board of Education and Dr. McDonald for all the hard work they do on behalf of our children and allowing us to present our recommendations. We would also like to thank Debbie Rifkin, Darlene Rhatigan, William Pastore, Todd Connell, Vincent Dulisse, Keith Synder and Christopher Milano for meeting with us and answering all of our questions during this process.

The committee was equally represented by all of our schools and by SEPTA. We fielded many questions and requests from all of the buildings, concerning staff, technology, athletics, clubs, music and building & grounds. As we found last year many of the questions and concerns were in the process of being addressed by the district and several feel under the Health & Safety committee and were directed to them.

We agreed upon several different areas that we would like to see go forward in the upcoming budget process.

1. Elementary Clubs: the elementary schools requested the ability to have more clubs for our students. This is being addressed in the current budget with the proposed \$5,000.00 per elementary building. We fully support this increase in funding.
2. Technology: In speaking with the director of technology we determined that the students need more direction in proper computer skills. Learning how to properly use a keyboard, excel, word, power point and publishing programs is a necessary skill in this technology based era. We would like to see a technology teacher at the elementary level, shared between the six schools that focused on these topics. The pilot program to give our ninth grade students a laptop/tablet computer is great in theory, but without the proper knowledge to use these items it seems wasteful. The computer literacy class at the Middle School level was disbanded due to concerns about English and Math struggles, making way for the every other day model that exists now. This has left no room in the majority of our students' schedules for computer lessons. As much as the current students are "computer users" many lack the skills to properly run excel, word and power point programs. The pilot program needs to be thought out thoroughly to make its purpose a reality. We support the expansion of the Math IXL for the ninth grade, the continued roll out of Windows 7, Wifi and the licensing of online programs to enhance our students learning. We are concerned that with the up tick in the demands made of the computer department, that an increase in staff be strongly considered.
3. GC Tech: New to our committee we asked about their needs. Since the new multiple pathways to Diploma has a section for CTE, we need to support this vital part of the district. Computer Animation has requested updated tablets for their

program. We agree this program is designed to prepare our students for a career in this field. Without updated equipment our students cannot succeed. The culinary department is in need of a Point of Sale system to train on and to use. The hospitality industry uses this device in almost every aspect of this field. Ordering food, drinks, paying a bill with this system are all in use at many established businesses. Our students are being short changed by not having the necessary exposure to this device. They would like to have it to train on and to use when they cater lunches in the Panther Room. We support this request.

4. Ground and Maintenance: This encompassed so much of our committee requests and overlapped many department issues.
 - A) Music: New risers at both High Schools. The existing risers are in poor condition, there are no safety railings and the steps are bowed in many sections. This is concern for the committee for our students' safety and we would like to see both replaced.
 - B) Athletics: Maintenance of the non turf fields has been called into question. The dugouts need roofs, new bleacher seating, cement pathways to the bleachers and the planned FEMA funded replacement of the scoreboards. Compared to our turf fields which show the pride we have in this district, the other sections have not stayed in step with the true feeling of this district.
 - C) Building: Countless number of requests from the buildings were for very basic things. Mr. Milano has addressed them in his budget proposal to the BOE and we believe has sent you a building by building list outlining the concerns. We would like consideration for the following subjects:
 - 1) Replacement of the fogged windows at all buildings. This will be a long term project with the \$5,000.00 per building allowing for approximately 14 windows a year. This project is a necessity and must continue to be budget for each year. The windows at some building cannot even be seen through, causing a safety issue for all.
 - 2) Northside Elementary School: construction on the expansion of the building. The cafeteria is in the basement which continues to be a safety risk to students who must navigate the stairwell daily. In addition the musical instruments are stored on the basement level, so some students must navigate the stairwell while carrying instruments. The expansion should also have an all purpose room, as Northside suffers from space issues. The gymnasium is the only source of space for many events. In addition to being a voting station, the gym is used for Dial Screening, Cultural Arts, 5th Grade Graduation, Kindergarten Kapers, Concerts, LAMP and LAP. The set up and break down of these events can cause the gym to be unusable for up to several days. For larger events, we are forced to go to an outside venue to accommodate the number of people in attendance. Having an All Purpose Room would serve as an area for these activities and would free up the gym for its intended purpose.

The office space in the “backstage” area would allow the Music teachers to store instruments and hold instruction. It would also serve as an additional cool down room. The committee is aware that this is a capital project and is not on the docket for this year. We would like the preliminary plans to be drawn up and the steps need to take to put this expansion on track. This expansion has been a subject matter for several years and no movement has happened on it. At the time Abbey Lane got their expansion, Northside was discussed as a possibility to be a potential upcoming project. When funds ran out, this project was scrapped; we would like to see some steps taken to make this a possibility in the future.

- 3) MacArthur Auditorium: In last years report we briefly touched upon the need for the auditorium to be refurbished. There are multiple broken seats, seats not placed correctly when floor was installed and the need for a new sound system. Mr. Milano stated the cost would be \$900,000.00 to go forward with this project. We would like to see this added to the capital projects budget and steps begun to have this move forward.
 - 4) Trees: the district has 192 acres of land; this encompasses the maintenance of multiple trees district wide. The actual tracking and maintenance of these trees has been lacking. This past fall we saw the outcome of this decision, with the removal of the trees at Gardiners Avenue due to disease and stability issues. We support the plan of having an Arborist Company come and map all the trees on district grounds. Reviewing all health and stability of the existing trees, pruning where needed, treating for disease and removal when only absolutely necessary. This is a safety issue for the entire community and should not have fallen to the wayside in being addressed yearly. A procedure should be established to make the district proactive in this matter and not just reactive when a situation arises.
 - 5) Traffic and parking study at all schools. This was a subject for last years report also. It is an ongoing safety issue with no easy answers. Double parking, parents entering parking lots in the wrong directions and the general flow of cars at our schools. We request again that a full study of all the schools be done; with surveyor meeting with interested parties at the schools to see what they feel are the ongoing issues. Some of the requests of the schools were for new or expanded parking lots, none of those items are viable for this budget and it does not make any sense to go forward without an actual study of what would work best at the schools.
5. Two items that did not come to the committee via the building requests but in viewing department presentations;

- A) The proposed Science Center is an exciting proposal for our students. The committee is happy with the placement being now at LMEC for many reasons; the safety of the students currently using Laurel Lane was a concern with the plans calling for a pond to be installed as well as the cut in costs now that it will be at LMEC. No need to install fencing, bathrooms or the expense of adding the building to the network structure. We are delighted with the many areas of science research this center will open for all of our students. It also brings the greenhouse that already exists at LMEC into the plans, utilizing an asset the district already owns. With Special Educations proposal to have our special education students begin to use the greenhouse as a training area for potential jobs, it brings the populations of all of our students together in a non-traditional manner. The potential for interaction and connection is limitless for all of our students.
- B) Inclusion Classes: After the elementary staffing budget was proposed, the Board of Education asked for more information about expanding the Inclusion Classes at all the schools. This is a subject the committee broached several years ago, leading to the expansion we currently see now of the program. The BOE is considering at this time expanding kindergarten and first grade across the board. If the number of students supports this expansion we are in favor of it. Having students remain in their own original zoned buildings is the preferred plan of action for our special education students. We are looking forward to the information the BOE receives at the next meeting to make a decision on this.

In conclusion we are pleased with the progress the district has made since last years report. Many of our suggestion were followed through on and we believe this has helped make our district stronger. Investing in our elementary students by expanding their ability to have more clubs, supporting the growing need for technology for all of our students, including GC Tech, the proposed expansion of the Inclusion program and the science center can only serve to enhance our students' education. We need to take the same mind set in investing in our existing assets, the building and grounds of the district. For several years the needs of these assets have been under funded and it is beginning to show. The district made great strides this year with the masonry and roofing projects that addressed many building issues. The extensive list that Mr. Milano provided you with and the multiple requests we received from the building confirms this. Painting, lighting, signage, paving, blinds, cement, replacement of the risers at the high schools and improvements to the athletic fields should be addressed in this budget. The community as a whole sees these minor issues and it causes discontent on the part of the taxpayer. Beginning the planning on capital projects like the Northside expansion and the MacArthur auditorium refurbishment shows the community the district has the future firm in mind and that investing in our students is of the foremost importance.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters

Respectfully submitted:

Laura Brown, Robin Cammarata, Julie Casey, Margaret Costa, Gaby Herbert,
Mari Ganga, Carmella Logozzo, Linda Pereira, Dawn Santorufo, Barbara
Schwartz, Dawn Tiemer

Joint Curriculum Meeting
February 11, 2015

Kerin Slattery-New English Curriculum Associate was in attendance. She presented some of the shifts in ELA and Literacy

These include:

- 1-Balancing Informational (non-fiction) and Literary Text (fiction)
- 2- Building Knowledge in all disciplines
- 3-Staircase of Complexity
- 4-Text based answers
- 5- Writing from sources
- 6- Academic Vocabulary

Students will continue to do text rendering (close read) in order to develop the skills necessary to succeed with this shifts.

Catalyst is an ACT Prep program similar to Kaplan's SAT prep. It takes place over a weekend- 4 hours per day. Approx \$160/student. Looking to offer it May 30-31st

Changes were made to the Phys Ed Paper. The topics were redesigned and a grading rubric was provided. Papers will be assigned after the February break and will be due by June 1st. Graded papers will be returned to the students with feedback from the teachers.

Next meeting
Elementary: March 14th
Secondary: March 23rd

Report Submitted by: Mary Rickard

Secondary Curriculum Meeting – January 22, 2015

Debbie answered questions from previous meetings:

As far as tests being returned AP practice tests cannot be returned as per the College Board

Honor's Criteria: In 6th grade they are selected and a rubric is used, based on ELA state scores, NWEA, Math Standardized test, 3rd quarter averages and teacher recommendation. If family feels strong that their son/daughter should go in that is weighed in also.

To stay in honors after 1st quarter need above a 65%, 2nd quarter a 75%, and a final of 85%, this isn't written in stone and students can be moved out midyear if necessary.

In higher grades – to get into honors parent or teacher can request

The Physical Education paper for 12th graders as of now there is no paper this year.

Update on Parent Workshop – so far 70 people have registered every level has parents registered so nothing had to be cancelled.

Debbie reviewed the presentation she gave to the board on the changes to Math and that can be found online.

Next meeting is on 2/12/15 at 9:30am in the small board room.

Submitted by Tina Bodkin

Secondary Curriculum Meeting – February 11, 2015

We had a combined Elementary and Secondary Meeting.

Karin Slattery was present she is the new ELA curriculum associate for English.

She did an exercise with us that showed us how the same passage can be interpreted differently but in the end everyone came up with the same central theme.

Debbie Rifkin met with a company – Catalyst – who does ACT prep boot camp on Saturday and Sunday for 4 hours a day. We don't currently have a lot of students who take this test but the push is to since colleges now will take either the ACT or SAT depending on the scores. Looking at having the workshops on May 30th and 31st pending board approval. Cost of this is \$160 per student.

Debbie Rifkin also stated that there will be a Physical Education paper. Since we ran out of time we will discuss this more next meeting.

Next meeting is on 3/17/15 at 9:30am in the small board room.

Submitted by Tina Bodkin

Honorary Life Dinner Dance Report
February 26, 2015

All money is due to school chair people by March 13. All money and seating should be checked by your chair people and confirmed that the amounts are correct and that all checks are made out to Levittown Council of PTAs Senior Award Fund. If you have any incorrect checks, please have the person replace it with the correct payee. All tables must have 8-10 people at them. If you don't do this, we will. We will not contact you about any changes we have made.

All money and seating is due to either me or Linda no later than March 27. You must contact us to deliver the money personally so that we can double check the amounts. DO NOT interoffice ANY money to us. Please remind your teachers that they must submit the money and seating to your chairs and not to us directly.

Also note that no refunds will be made for ANY reason after the 27th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Report submitted by: Mary Rickard

Levittown Council of PTAs
Food Service Committee Report
February 26, 2015

Quality Control check list from each school were discussed. Some of the issues brought up for each school are as follows:

Abbey Lane states the menus and nutritionals are still now posted where the children/staff can see them. There is a refrigerator down; maintenance is waiting for a compressor. Tacos were cold. Children were discarding fruits and vegetables.

East Broadway/ Gardiners Ave representatives have not attended meetings and stated to K.V. that they have full time day positions and cannot attend.

Lee Road states that the children like the popcorn chicken. She cannot understand why they will not eat the new larger chicken nuggets they are prepared the same. The children are not taking the fruits and vegetables. Parents at PTA meeting want to taste the new chicken nugget. Discussion regarding this took place.

Northside representative unable to attend. No reports sent.

Salk still in need of a representative.

WLMS has been short handed most of this week. The eggs served for brunch for lunch were watery and unpleasing. Aramark will speak to Head cook in regards to prep. White board is no longer being used to list lunch of the day due to inappropriate messages being written on the board by students. An alternative is being looked into. The registers went down on Tuesday causing extended wait times. There is a refrigerator down in the blue cafeteria as well as a pizza warmer with a broken knob that needs repair.

MacArthur representative reports that the food has been excellent and appears fresh and looks great. The students report the Bosco sticks are a big hit. The water stations are great and they are happy they are working well.

The students state the staff is so friendly and helpful.

The student representatives have been given checklists and will be trained next meeting on thermometer use for their school cafeteria visits.

Follow-up from last month- the outlets at MacArthur have been put in. The pizza warmers have been delivered and are being installed. The water stations are up and running. In regards to the short staffing at all schools, Jen states she is looking for personnel in order to cover the cafeterias: If anyone is interested in an on call position contact Jen at 516-434-7377

March is chicken month. The week of the 9th chicken dunkers will be available and the week of the 16th Thai chicken salad will be offered.

The SED review went well. There were two issues that needed to be addressed (paperwork for a free/reduced lunch and discrimination paperwork needed update.

The BOE food service presentation by Bill Pastore and the Food Service Committee was received well by the BOE. Mr. Pastore will be presenting another report to the BOE in a few weeks regarding how a reimbursable meal is actually paid

The Next Food Service Meeting will be on March 18th, 2015, in the small board room.

Respectfully Submitted by: Patricia Genco

MEMO

TO: THE LEVITTOWN COUNCIL OF PTAS MEMBERSHIP

FROM: THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to select nominees for positions on the Levittown Council of PTAs executive committee for the 2015/2016 school year.

We are seeking your input to be considered by the Nominating Committee during its deliberations. Your suggestions and supporting information will be an advisory aid to the committee. It is necessary to sign your name, all information will remain confidential.

Return the nomination forms in a **SEALED** envelope marked Attn: Nominating Committee to Levittown Council of PTAs, 150 Abbey Lane, Levittown, NY or you can drop them off in person to LMEC – superintendent's office, no later than Friday, March 6th, 2015.

The envelopes will remain sealed and will only be opened in the presence of the entire nominating committee. Your suggestions and recommendations are very important in helping to decide the slate for 2015/2016. The nominating committee will present the proposed slate at our general meeting on March 26th, 2015. Elections will proceed after the presentation.

Members of the Nominating Committee for 2015 are:

Gaby Herbert; Alternate-Stephanie Gannon. Laura Brown; Alternate- Mary Rickard.

Lisa Muro; Alternate- Michelle Catura .Carmella Logozzo; Alternate- Julie Casey.

Marguerite Lieb; Alternate- Tara Carr .Kristine Ekberg; Alternate- Krista Hill.

Robin Cammarata; Alternate- Eileen Pertrulo. Dawn Santorufo, Alternate- Cathy Politi.

Dawn Tiemer; Alterenate- Henry Chiu. Lindia Pereira; Alternate- Betsy Baquet.

Thank you in advance for your valuable assistance with this important task.

The Nominating Committee

Levittown Council of PTAs Nomination Form

Please submit nominations by March, 6th, 2015

The Levittown Council of PTAs elections will be held at our general meeting on March 26th, 2015. Officers will assume their duties on July 1st, 2015.

Please indicate the position you are making a nomination for. Only one nomination per sheet.

I would like to nominate _____ for the position of: (check one)

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Vice President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recording Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Corresponding Secretary |

Nominee Phone #: _____ Cell#: _____ E-mail: _____

Give a brief summary of why you think this individual would be good for this position:

Your Name:(print) _____ Date Submitted: _____
Signature: _____

Send your signed nomination letter to : Levittown Council of PTAs at 150 Abbey Lane Levittown NY 11756
Attention: Nominating Committee

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS BY: 3-6-15

LEVITTOWN SEPTA

Special
Education
Parent
Teacher
Association

Welcome back to a new school year. There is no better way to start the year off then becoming a member of SEPTA (Special Education Parent Teacher Association)

- SEPTA is organized to support & promote greater awareness and knowledge of special education
- Provides Parents with a chance to listen as well as be heard.
- Informative Meetings are held monthly at the Levittown Memorial Education Center
 - 7:30 pm in the Large Board Room
- Meetings feature guest speakers on a variety of topics:
 - Navigating through the CSE process
 - Helping children with social skills
 - Planning your child's future
 - Behavioral management tips for parents
- Family Fun Night gives parents a chance to meet, socialize & have fun in a relaxed environment

**Membership
is \$8.00 per
adult
family member.**

Membership is open to everyone: parents, family members, teachers and friends who are interested in improving the quality of education for children with special needs.

levittownschools.com/district/septa/

facebook: Levittown SEPTA

email: levittownsepta@gmail.com

Return this form with payment to your students teacher or mail to: LMEC, Abbey Lane, Levittown, NY 11756, Attn: SEPTA. Please make checks payable to Levittown SEPTA. If you have any questions or concerns, contact SEPTA Membership Chairperson: Vin Causeman, vcauseman@levittownschools.com

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone# _____ School: _____

Child's Name: _____ Teacher/Room#: _____

Email: _____

I would like to donate \$ _____ towards the SEPTA Award Fund. Thank You!!



Levittown North Baseball

“SPORTSMANSHIP over showmanship”

Spring 2015 Superstars Baseball Division **for children with Special Needs**

Where: Whelan Field

When: 5/17, 5/31 & 6/7
Sundays at 3 o'clock

Cost: \$35

Ages: 6-12 years old

Each session will be 60-75 minutes consisting of a practice and game. Players will be grouped or paired with a “buddy” from the LNBB Intramural’s league based on ability and need. Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate!

Register online on our new web page at www.Insports.org or on the Levittown North Baseball Facebook Page in the forms section on the left. Deadline for registration is Friday 5/1. Participants who would like to take part in the Opening Day Parade must be registered by 4/3.

Any questions please contact Dean Karras: dkar22@optonline.net

Let's Play Ball!!!!!!!!!!!!