

**Division Avenue High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2012**

PTSA Co-President Lisa Curran called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Pledge, quorum.

Co-presidents Report – Lisa Curran- Welcomed all back to school and introduced Co-President Mary Rickard. Explained new events this year including PTSA Day, Youth Issues Committee, New Student Welcome Packs and Recycling Event. Discussed ways in which membership support is needed by the unit. Advocacy as a top priority for the unit. Report on file.

Co-President: Mary Rickard- discussed topics at the President/Superintendent meeting: New routing system in place for transportation. Sports buses at the middle school- Mr. Snyder spoke to coaches about stopping practice early enough so that students can make the late busses. Two new Curriculum Associates are Ms. Ortiz for Foreign Language and Mr. Creter for Art, FACS and Tech. Ron Kister will be leaving as the Fata & Assessment Director to take a new position in the Plainedge school district. For now Ms. Ortiz will oversee the Assessment Dept. and the Tech Dept. will oversee the Data side. New secondary rubric for PE is in place. Each day student will receive a grade out of 5. Three unprepared they are warned they are in danger of failing. There were some questions on this and Mary will find out the exact policy. Dr. Grossane is meeting with the architect on 9/11 to discuss the DAHS Café and getting final approval from NYS. New snack machines should be in place in all buildings. APPR is waiting for final approval and then the plan will be posted on the state website. HEDI scores will be used and the state is expecting a bell curve. Discussion on the AP exam scores and the part they play in the APPR was explained by Dr. Ianni. Elementary schools went to 3 marking periods which is in line with the new elementary report cards. There is at least one screen in every room in every school. Report on file.

Executive Committee Reports

1st VP- Laura Brown- reviewed the upcoming fundraisers which include: Spirit Wear, Recycling Program, Levittown Tribune, Family Fun Event- Islanders Game. Report on file.

Recording Secretary- Minutes of the June 4, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

Corresponding Secretary- Patricia Genco- letter reviewed from Erin Colby for the DAHS PTSA Scholarship Award; get well card sent to Therese Rogers President LUT; get well card set to Legislator Dennis Dunne; sympathy card sent to Gary Hudes; sympathy card sent to Ronnie Stoll; sympathy card sent to Mr. Graham. Report on file.

Treasurer- Kathy Reilly - General Fund- opening balance on June 4, 2012 of \$4,861.65, income \$300.00 closing balance on September 10, 2012 \$5,161.65. Senior Award Fund- opening balance on June 4, 2012 \$1,503.88, income \$10.00 closing balance as of September 10, 2012 \$1,513.88. Report filed for audit. Budget for 2012-2013 for the General Fund and Senior Award Fund presented to the general membership by Kathy Reilly. **Motion:** Pat Genco “to adopt the budgets for the general and senior award funds as presented.” Second Pat Huber. Discussion. Motion adopted.

Council Delegates: Kristen Sweeney- meeting was on June 19th, Nassau Region is holding new officer training workshop; adding 2 new lines to the budget; Dr. Grossane thanked all who voted and installed the new Council Officers; Diner Dance price will be staying the same even though venue pricing may increase.

Student Liaison: Lisa Curran announced the student liaison positions: 9th grade James Lunetta, 10th grade Christina Reilly, 11th grade Alexis List, 12th grade Kathleen Kissane.

Principal Report: Dr. Ianni- Welcomed all back to school, introduced Asst. Principals Lorelli and Dolechek. Opening day went very well. Sept 24 and 25 will be all grade assemblies. 9th grade assembly has been done. Pep Rally and Homecoming will be this weekend. Activities during Pep Rally will be counted towards Spirit Day. Front of school has been enhanced thank you to the hard work of Lisa Curran. Boys’ locker room will be checked for mold after it has flooded for 3 days due to rain. French 4 & 5 satellite class ran into some virtual problems so the classes will be taught in each HS. New teacher was hired for the class at Division. When a student has a late arrival, if they need time to go to their locker they should get a pass from the attendance office, otherwise they are to report to the cafeteria or library until the bell rings.

Committee reports:

Standing Committees:

Arts in Education: will be chaired by Lisa Curran and Mary Rickard until a chair is found.

Audit: Laura Brown- both the general and senior awards accounts were audited by the committee and found to be in order. A signed copy of the report has been submitted to the recording secretary for file. Will need volunteers for this years’ Audit Committee: Angela List Chair, Debe Howe, Joanne Sweeney and Pat Huber will be the members.

Legislation: Diane McPartland- will be attending the Resolutions Workshop and NYS PTA Convention.

Newsletter: Emma Curran- next issue will be out next week. Chairs are asked to submit articles to Emma.

Procedures: Lynn Petrofsky- changes to the Procedures include: Food Service will now be a liaison position; LEADD will be removed; Youth Issues will be added to the procedures; Senior Award will replace Scholarship.

SEPTA: needs a chair at this time.

Youth Issues: Lyndsey Petrofsky- committee will focus on topics regarding problems facing kids, tweens and teens. Some issues that may be discussed are synthetic marijuana, other drugs, cyber bullying, confidence building and anxiety. Students can make suggestions as well. Currently seeking members from Division, will be setting up meetings. If anyone is interested a sign-up sheet will be in the main office, guidance and attendance. Report on file.

Special Committees:

Agenda Books: Lisa Curran- on sale for \$5. Will not reorder, books available at PTSA meetings and in the main office. Purchased 150 and have sold over 80.

Book Fair: Lisa Curran- event will be at Barnes & Noble in Country Glen Center on Dec. 13th. More information to follow.

Bylaws: Lynn Petrofsky- Committee needs to be formed, Bylaws expire this year. Laura Brown, Dani Jeffers will be on the committee.

Harlem Wizards: Angela List- event is on October 27 at 1pm in the DAHS gym. Doors open at 12. Many helpers are needed. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Areas include- Ticket Sales, Refreshment Sales, Publicity, Journal, Sponsor Development and Souvenir Sales. Report on file.

Levittown Tribune: Laura Brown- PTSA receives \$8 per subscription. Information on website. Funds go into Senior Award account. Report on file.

Nominating Committee: Lisa Curran asked for volunteers from the general membership and executive board to be on the nominating committee. General members are Angela List and Linda Borresen with Pat Huber as the alternate. The executive board members are Lynn Petrofsky, Diane McPartland, Laura Brown and Pat Genco as alternate.

Senior Award: Mary Rickard- explained changes in the committee procedures including the name change, application criteria which were voted on and adopted by the executive board.

Scholarship Sweeps: Pat Genco- scheduled for March 8 at 7pm in the DAHS gym. Committee is getting letters ready for mailing, emailing and faxing. Letter for senior parents will be going home shortly in the senior guidance mailing the first week of October. Donations of bake goods, wrapped baskets, vendor solicitation, and helping hands the night of the event are needed. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Report on file.

Staff Appreciation: Alicia Ramos- will be the chair more information will be shared at a later date.

Liaisons:

Council Budget: Peter Calabrese has volunteered to be the liaison for this committee.

Dollars for Scholars: Debe Howe- first meeting is on October 15th.

Elementary Curriculum: a liaison is needed for this committee.

Food Service: Lisa Curran will be the liaison for this committee until a new liaison can be found.

Transportation: a liaison is needed.

Wellness: a liaison is needed.

Old Business: All committee chairs and liaisons must be paid members of the DAHS PTSA. See Lynn Petrofsky for membership.

New Business:

School Lunch- Peter Calabrese questioned the smaller size but increased cost of the school lunch. Angela list explained the Federal Government guidelines that must be met and how they affect the lunch offered. The changes are to help in the fight against childhood obesity. Lisa Curran suggested that parents contact the USDA with their concerns since this is a Federal Government requirement.

11th Grade Liaison Report: Angela List for Alexis List- surprised to see the difference in the lunches from last year. Second portions are much small and all portion sizes have decreased in size and increased in price. There is no longer salami at the Deli Bar.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm

Submitted by Diane McPartland, Recording Secretary