

**Division Avenue High School PTSA  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
October 1, 2012**

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

**Co-presidents Report** – Mary Rickard- shared the upcoming events with the membership. The first PTSA Day was on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. PTSA gave out free ices to the students during lunch periods. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the next PTSA day with a visit from a Harlem Wizards player to promote the upcoming game. Suggestions for future PTSA days are welcomed. At the President/Superintendent meeting the topics addressed were: window screens for the buildings- currently each room as at least one screen. More are being ordered. Wisdom's late bus has been moved to 4:45 to solve the problem with football practice. Several groups will be recognized at the upcoming BOE meeting, the annual BOE recognition is scheduled for Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Summit Lane had a sink hole in the parking lot due to a leaky roof drainage pipe. It is being repaired. District is looking to fill the positions of Ron Kister in the Computer department and the Director of Transportation. School lunches are being looked at by the district and Chartwells to see what remedy can be found for the issues that have been raised regarding portion size that will not violate the US Govt. regulations. Students who are 18 and wish to register for the upcoming election are urged to call 800-for-vote. There will be workshops at each elementary school to assist parents with understanding the new report cards. District is looking into system for parents/students to receive text messages in case of emergency. Physical Ed. grading issues were addressed. The Phys. Ed. dept. has 1 quarter to fix the existing problems or a new system will be put into place. All committee chairs are reminded to email their reports to the Recording Secretary and Newsletter Chair prior to the monthly meetings. Report on file.

**Executive Committee Reports**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP-** Mary Rickard for Laura Brown- Guzu drop off day went well with 685 lbs of electronics recycled worth \$50.00. the code DAHS can be used to sell your old electronics to them directly throughout the year. Flip Flop sales are slow, there are 6 orders to date and 25 are needed to order. Levittown Tribune- 6 orders to date. DAHS PTSA will receive \$8 for each subscription. These funds go into the Senior Award Account. Deadline is November 9<sup>th</sup>. Forms and information for fundraisers are on the district website. Report on file.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP-**Lynn Petrofsky- 347 members to date: parents 166, Students 122, Staff 56, Community members 3. More are still to be added to the total numbers. Thank you to Erin McPartland, Esta Lachow and Kim Caminiti for assisting at Back to School Night. Raffle drawing was held: Mr. Graham, Ms. Pooler, Ms. Dolochek, Christina Reilly, Lisa Curran, Lyndsey Petrofsky, GiGi Charalambous, Savva Papadopoulos and Kevin Genco won baskets.

**Recording Secretary-** Minutes of the September 1, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

**Corresponding Secretary-** Patricia Genco- sympathy card sent to the Reilly family, get well card sent to Diane Shapiro.

**Treasurer-** there was no treasury report this month. Kathy Reilly has resigned from the position. Tom Huber has been appointed by the Executive Board as Treasurer and has agreed to serve. He will be going to the Nassau Region Fall Conference for training. The books will be audited before being turned over to Tom.

**Council Delegates:** Liz Kirk-Cindy Mulz has stepped down as President, Pat Genco was elected as President and Esta Lachow as 1<sup>st</sup> VP. All facility usage forms must be filled out online. Units must file their tax returns by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. IRS form 1099 must be used for each scholarship awarded over \$600. Due to IRS requirements the word scholarship should be replaced with award. Scholarship Dinner Dance has been changed to the Honorary Life Award Dinner Dance. Districts APPR plan has been approved by the NYSED. Councilman Dennis Dunne was instrumental in getting the district a \$85,000 grant for new Division and MacArthur scoreboards. Liz reviewed the cultural arts programs being held in district schools. In the Council Bylaws, SEPTA's position will be as an individual unit on Council. The SEPTA President and Council Delegate are to attend meetings and will no longer be represented by a liaison. Report on file.

**Student Liaison:** 11<sup>th</sup> grade- Alexis List- students complaining about the lunches. 12<sup>th</sup> grade-Kathleen Kissane- Pep rally and homecoming were successful. Two complaints about students having issues re-entering the building after lunch- only two doors are open. Gym teachers have stated that this year they must keep the sports locker rooms closed during the day, this is an issue for student athletes who will have to bring separate sneakers and clothes for gym.

**Principal Report:** Dr. Ianni- for safety reasons only two doors are accessible to enter during the day- the main doors are kept unlocked with a hall monitor posted at the entrance. The art wing door has a monitor posted at it to allow students back into the building from lunch. Regarding the gym doors- this is a security issue and the building is working on allowing gym teachers to have keys to the sports gym during the day. Grade level assemblies were held and went well as did pep rally and Homecoming. Dr. Ianni reviewed DAHS students who have received awards. 91 students are AP Scholars and 5 are AP National Scholars. College mini fair will be at Division with 25 schools attending. Oct 14<sup>th</sup> is

Marching Band home competition. Dr. Ianni addressed parent questions on: doors being locked by custodian at first bell, what grades can attend college fair how will GC tech students be able to attend college fair, AP classes in same area using same syllabus? Back to school night, locked gate at Tri-County entrance, mold check in locker room.

**Committee reports:**

**Standing Committees:**

**Legislation:** Diane McPartland- reviewed new regulations for Bath Salts and Synthetic Drugs, registering to vote before election day, Dignity for all Students Act. Will be attending NYSPTA Convention along with Lisa Curran, Lyndsey Petrofsky and Mary Rickard representing DAHS PTSA. Report on file.

**Newsletter:** Emma Curran- reports are to be sent to Emma at [ejcurran@optonline.net](mailto:ejcurran@optonline.net) to be included in the newsletter. Reminder that DAHS PTSA is on Facebook and Twitter.

**SEPTA:** Liz Kirk-meeting held on 9/25, former Asst Director of Special Education Tracy Von Eschen is not the Director of Special Education and Dr. Susan Farber is the Assistant Director. SEPTA President is Robin Cammarata, Vin Causeman is now the 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Rob Gallino will be the 4<sup>th</sup> VP. It is no longer a requirement to have a parent member present at CSE meetings. Barbara Wasserman is retiring as the CPSE Committee Chair so a new one is needed. There is a Levittown SEPTA Facebook page for informational purposes. Over 1200 students are classified in the district. Yankee Candle fundraiser is currently in progress. Extra brochures are in the main office at each school. Report on file.

**Youth Issues:** Lyndsey Petrofsky- currently trying to organize presentation on synthetic marijuana and bullying. Anyone welcome to join the committee. Meeting dates are notified via text /email. Report on file.

**Special Committees:**

**Agenda Books:** Lisa Curran- has 40 left, will be sold in school store for \$5.

**Audit:** once books are received from Kathy Reilly an audit will be completed and books will be turned over to Tom Huber. Pat Huber will no longer be able to serve on audit committee, Donna Papa has agreed to serve as alternate.

**Harlem Wizards:** Angela List- event is on October 27 at 1pm in the DAHS gym. Tickets are available for purchase and 100 must be sold by Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be going home at the elementary schools. Following up with local vendors for sponsorships. Anyone can be a sponsor for as little as \$25. If anyone knows of potential sponsors let Angela know. Need volunteers to assist in preselling of tickets. Report on file.

**Levittown Tribune:** Mary Rickard for Laura Brown- 8 subscriptions sold to date.

**Nominating Committee:** Lisa Curran – the co-presidents need to appoint a temporary chair of the committee. Angela List accepts the appointment.

**Scholarship Sweeps:** Pat Genco- scheduled for March 8 at 7pm in the DAHS gym. Letters were sent home to Senior Parents in the October Guidance mailing describing the event. Volunteers needed to help solicit, build baskets, donate baskets, run the floor the night of event, bake, decorate, set up and clean up. Notices regarding pre-admission sales will be posted. Last year we sold out. Report on file.

**Liaisons:**

**Dollars for Scholars:** Debe Howe- first meeting is on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Elementary Curriculum:** Angela List- APPR based on 100 points, 20 from state assessment, 20 from local assessment and 60 for evaluations (Danielson Model). Children have been taking pre-assessments in most classes. They are taking SLO which satisfy the 20 for local assessment. These were developed by the district. State assessment for grades 4 & 5 will be from state ELA/Math that the students took in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade. All other teachers that don't have state assessments the district will create SLO. Envision Math- last year introduced to K-2 this year 3-5 now has program aligned with common core. Piloting new ELA program called Journeys- 2 classes of the same grade in each school. New elementary report cards for grades 2-5. Report cards are now aligned with the Common Core Standards. The new way of reporting 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 card for K and 1. Sending report cards out 3 times per year instead of 4. Parent teacher conferences are moved up to the end of October. Each elementary principal will do a workshop on report cards in their building. Report on file.

**Food Service:** Lisa Curran- Mark Flower and Dr. Grossane are looking to make changes to the school lunches that stay within the laws.

**Secondary Curriculum:** Mary Rickard- Curriculum Associates and the buildings they are in were reported. Dr. Ianni asks that any issues the school be called first and message will be given to the Curriculum Associate. Physical Education grading issues are still being addressed. Discussion of the pre-assessment tests given to supply the 20% state portion of the APPR score for teacher evaluations. Report on file.

**Transportation:** a liaison is needed.

**Wellness:** a liaison is needed.

**Old Business:** Lisa Curran distributed committee chair folders.

**New Business:**

**Back to School Night-** Debe Howe- three teachers that are split between Mac and Division were not at Division for back to school night. Why was the event held on same night for both schools? Dr. Grossane will look into scheduling the event on different nights or arrange where the teachers can attend both schools on same night.

**Nassau Region Fall Conference-** Mary Rickard- to be held on October 17 at Plainview Old Bethpage Middle School. If interested in attending please let Mary or Lisa know.

**Adopt –A- Family-** Esta Lachow- being held again this year. Sign-up sheet passed around for volunteers to adopt a family or child. Esta reviewed the program with members.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm

Submitted by Diane McPartland, Recording Secretary