

**Division Avenue High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2012**

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

Co-presidents Report – Lisa Curran- Dr. Grossane stated that when school reopened after Hurricane Sandy there was 94% student attendance and 96% teacher attendance. Friday after the hurricane the district had power back in all but 3 buildings. A redeployment plan was issued for East Broadway. Students reported to their home school and then were bussed to another school. A redeployment plan will be put into place for each elementary school for the future. Secondary schools would have gone to an AB schedule short term. If power outage was longer the district could have switched to a 7 period day by eliminating lunch and gym and holding two sessions a day. Legislation has been put before the NYS Senate to grant affected counties a waiver on the number of days school must be open. AP Exams: College Board is looking at the AP Exam schedule at this time. Dates for Regents week are also being examined. Red Cross Shelter at LMEC- 3 members of the NCPD and 2 members of the Corrections Dept. were on staff. Temporary wall erected by district to separate the shelter from the students. District Robo-call will soon have ability to send out text messages. Report on file.

Executive Committee Reports

1st VP- Laura Brown- Flip Flops- have 15 orders but need 25 to place the order. Motion: Laura Brown “to order the 15 and the 10 extra shoes at \$160 to be sold as needed. **2nd** K. Reilly. Discussion. Motion adopted. Lisa Curran suggests that one pair be retained by the PTSA for future display purposes. Report on file. Tribune- 10 orders received, 9 processed currently and \$80 profit. Sweeps- 14 people have placed table orders. Donation letters have started going out. Donations from families accepted. Report on file.

2nd VP-Lynn Petrofsky- 378 members to date: parents 180, Students 131, Staff 64, Community members 3. Ran out of cards and more were ordered.

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

Corresponding Secretary- Patricia Genco- Sympathy cards sent to Maria Severance, Gina Interdonato and Mrs. Hendler.

Treasurer- there was no treasury report this month. Tom Huber is the new Treasurer and is in the process of going over the books. Opening balance is \$4,810.62, income \$1,225.00, expense \$50.85 closing balance in general fund \$5,975.00 on 11/13/12. The Scholarship fund opening balance on 10/10 was \$1,708.88 with a closing balance on 11/13 of \$1,767.93. In the General Fund shows there is a \$1,000 larger bank balance than listed in the books. Liz Kirk volunteers to assist with a full audit as does Esta Lachow. There are inconsistencies in both accounts and Esta will work with Tom to review the accounts and bring books to order. Lisa Curran asks that the audit committee reconvene and meet with Tom. There are also issues in the Scholarship account. Audit committee will meet in January.

Student Liaison: 10th Grade: Emma Curran for Christina Reilly-food drive for the Levittown Food Pantry is being conducted. Bricks for the Brick Garden pathway are available. They are \$100 and \$200 see Ms. Castellano for more information.

Principal Report: Dr. Ianni- Impressed with the staff and students after the hurricane. Marching Band received 1st in their division at Walt Whitman competition and 3rd in Syracuse. Swim team is conference champs, girls soccer made the playoffs, girls varsity volleyball raised over \$1,000 for Breast Cancer Research. Mini college fair went well, adjustments will be made for next year to allow more students to attend. On site admissions to be held at Division next month with some schools. Saturday review will continue and the SAT was rescheduled. Dr. Ianni addressed questions on: Brick Walkway, Dopr off in rear of school, Foreign Language Trip.

Committee reports:

Standing Committees:

Legislation: Diane McPartland- presented NYS PTA Resolutions for unit to vote on. Motion: Lynn Petrofsky “ that DAHS PTSA give a vote of confidence to Diane McPartland, Mary Rickard, Lisa Curran and Lyndsey Petrofsky to vote on behalf of the unit at convention”. Second K. Reilly. Discussion. Motion adopted.

Procedures: Lynn Petrofsky- Bylaws need to be updated.

SEPTA: Liz Kirk-meeting held on Oct. 22nd. Tracy Von Eschen the Director of Special Education reported that each of the IPADs that the district purchased will have over 50 apps downloaded onto them. District has expanded the implementation of the Read 180 program with 56 staff members being trained on the program and System 44 to keep up with Core Curriculum ELA instruction. Guest speaker was Kevin McCarthy a special ed. teacher for 30 years and is SEPTA President for the Oyster Bay School District. He shared ideas and strategies to maximize the productivity of

children's study and homework time. He addressed the importance and necessity of effective parent teacher communication. Next meeting is Nov. 20th. Report on file.

Special Committees:

Audit: Angela List- Committee met on October 10, 2012 to review the books. General and Scholarship funds- copies of checks are not being returned with the statements, the Co-Presidents will be going to the bank ASAP to have this changed. Statements were not reconciled but expense forms and remittance forms match the check register and amounts total correctly and match the closing statement amounts. Report on file.

Book Fair: Lisa Curran- will be held on December 13 at Barnes & Noble book store in Mineola.

Harlem Wizards: Angela List- the event has been cancelled due to low ticket sales. Thank you to everyone who worked to prepare for this event. There were over \$1600 in donations and sponsorships. We were able to get back ½ of the deposit from the Wizards. Refunds will be processed. Membership questions regarding moving forward with this for next year were addressed. Motion- Esta Lachow- "the Co-Presidents call a meeting of the Executive Committee and the Harlem Wizards Committee and report back to the unit in January." Second Debe Howe. Motion adopted. Report on file.

Honorary Life: Debe Howe- April 25th is the event at the Crest Hollow. Committee formed for judging is Mary Rickard, Diane McPartland and Mary Rickard, Pat Genco is the alternate.

Reflections: Debe Howe- the drop off and pick up dates will be changed due to Hurricane Sandy.

Scholarship Sweeps: Pat Genco- to be held on March 8th in the Division Gym. Collecting donations of baskets, items, cash and have started selling tables. Volunteers will be contacted soon. Report on file.

Liaisons:

Dollars for Scholars: Debe Howe- next meeting is November 26th.

Food Service: Lisa Curran- many students were happy to come back to school and have a hot meal. Salad Bar is coming back in November. Vending machines- both companies are in violation of our wellness policy.

Old Business: Esta Lachow- Holiday Adopt a Family is ongoing. More volunteers are needed to help those in need.

New Business: Lisa Curran- many students were happy to come back to school to have heat and be with their friends. Kudos go to the staff and administration at Division.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm

Submitted by Diane McPartland, Recording Secretary