

**Division Avenue High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2013**

Call to order by Lisa Curran 7:30pm. Pledge, quorum. Welcome BOE members Mike Papas and Peter Porrazzo.

Presidents Report: Lisa Curran reviewed Parliamentary Procedures regarding being a unit member and speaking at the meeting. Pres./Sup. Meeting-the district will be presenting the 5 year strategic plan to the BOE, the District SAFE Committee will be reviewing the district policies and procedures. On February 13th the BOE will be recognizing the PTA. Division participated in the snowflake project from National PTA for the new Sandy Hook school. Laura Brown- children and young adults that are in shelter's or homeless often request jeans. Aeropostale is organizing a program that if you donate jeans you will receive 25% off a new pair. Motion- Liz Kirk, "to participate in the Jeans 4 Teens Program." Second Joann Sweeney. Discussion. Motion adopted. A drop box will be placed in main entrance of school, program ends mid-February. School with most donations qualifies for a monetary voucher. Laura will post event on Facebook. Congratulations to Mr. Marzigliano the Honorary Life Member from Division. Welcome to Mr. Sagistano the new 3rd VP.

Executive Committee Reports

1st VP- Laura Brown- Flip Flops have been ordered and should arrive within two weeks. Extras have been ordered and the school store has expressed a desire to stock them for sale. Hockey Game- with the strike over, the rep is confident that the original date can be kept, waiting for the game schedule. Report on file.

Recording Secretary- Diane McPartland- minutes of the December 3, 2012 General Meeting approved as corrected.

Treasury- Lisa Curran- General Fund starting balance on 11/1/12 was \$7,719.77, deposits of \$624.95, expenses 3010.25, closing balance on 12/05/12 \$5,334.47. Scholarship Fund opening balance on 11/1/12 \$1,770.93, deposit \$135.00, closing balance on 12/05/12 \$1,905.93. When Treasurer returns Mary Rickard and Lisa Curran will meet with him to assist in bringing the books to order and maintaining them. Budget items need to be reviewed with the Treasurer. Lisa Curran requested that Angela List hold the mid-year audit and contact the audit committee members. Esta Lachow suggests that the Co-Presidents meet with the treasurer before the audit committee meeting.

Principals Report- Dr. Ianni- citizens for the month of November were announced. Lyndsey Petrofsky entered artwork in a Sharpie contest which was displayed in Times Square. Cheerleading squad placed 8th in event and Hofstra and qualified for National in Orlando Florida. They also came in 3rd in a Smithtown competition and qualified for Long Island Championship. Barnes & Noble event went very well. Division has 2 Coca Cola finalists. Two Physical Education students were selected as Nassau County Model Physical Education students, one student will be performing at LISFA from Division. National PTA snowflake participation was a success with the Art and other departments participating.

Standing Committee Reports

Hospitality- Lisa Curran- Division will be hosting Council on 2/14. Volunteers are needed to donate items.

Legislation- Diane McPartland- the Nassau Region Legislation Brunch will be held in March as will the Leg/Ed conference in Albany.

Newsletter- will be going to the webmaster shortly. Committee chairs are asked to write articles for the next issue.

SEPTA- Liz Kirk- can coffee urns be brought to the Council meeting. Liz or Lisa Curran will make the coffee. There was no Dec. SEPTA meeting. On Dec 4th Bellmore/Merrick SEPTA had a program regarding transition from HS to college. Several colleges were present and offer a variety of services. A similar

program will be held at Calhoun HS on Jan 8th that is geared more towards the students. Liz will send information to Lisa Curran for inclusion in the Newsletter and on Website.

Special Committees

Audit-Angela List will contact the committee for the mid-year audit.

Book Fair- Lisa Curran- \$878.83 was made. Next Year will be held on December 12th. Motion Liz Kirk “ to have the book fair next year.” Second, Esta Lachow. Discussion. Motion adopted.

Harlem Wizards- Lisa Curran-event was cancelled due to low ticket sales. Motion was made in November to have a meeting to explore running the event next year and if so set up a committee and sub committees as needed. Lisa will send out email to the Executive Committee and the Wizards committee to hold put together an after action report to see if this should be done next year. Question if this should be combined with Wisdom for higher involvement.

Honorary Life- Mr. Marzigliano is the Division awardee this year. The event is April 25th at the Crest Hollow Country Club. Invitations will be distributed shortly.

Reflections-Lisa Curran- entries are being dropped off by Linda Borrenson. Presentation will be at the February general PTSA meeting for winners.

Sweeps-Laura Brown-57 seats have been presold. Laura reviewed items that have been received for the event and some that are pending. Donations are being accepted for new items and gift cards. A box will be placed in the main office. Assistance is needed to solicit businesses in the area. Mailings have gone out to businesses for donations. Report on file.

Liaison Reports

Elementary Curriculum- Angela List- parent workshop held to review the new report card format. Envision Math material is not phased in which is giving some issues to parents understanding of the program. Journeys is the new ELA program and is aligned well to the report card. District will wait to see if the phonics piece is okay.

Food Service- Angela List- vending machines have been installed in staff areas. New vending machines from My Healthy Thing were given a warning by district because they need to be on timers to shut off during lunch periods. Several other issues with vending machines were addressed. Federal Gov't has increased the calories and grain amounts so the number of nuggets can be increased. Next year all items served with lunch will be whole grain. 2014/2015 school year the USDA will reduce the sodium limit and will eliminate chicken nuggets and french fries. In response to last months' snack window discussion, Chartwells machines are being placed in the cafeteria to eliminate any issues with lines.

Old Business

Angela List- Traffic in the rear parking lot- the school is looking into the placement of cones.

New Business

Liz Kirk- Wrestling did well in Oneonta and several students placed in their division. Basketball team beat undefeated Bethpage.

Laura Brown- Wisdom play “Little Mermaid” will be performed this weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm by Lisa Curran.

Minutes submitted by Diane McPartland