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**Division Avenue High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2013**

Mary Rickard called the meeting to order. Pledge, quorum.

Co-presidents Report – Our district did not receive any Race for the top money. The cost to the district to apply and to implement what was necessary to receive it would have been more than we would have received. There are no changes to testing accommodations for students with them because of Common Core. The School Development Committee is addressing the issue of the Gym Lobby Entrance. We are looking to make improvements in the appearance since it is often the entrance visitor's use for sporting events. We are still in need of some Committee Chairs. Please consider helping the PTA out. Report attached.

Executive Committee Reports

1st VP- Laura brown reported that there are still Local Merchant Discount Cards available for \$10.00. We sent back 70 cards to the company. We did not do well with this fundraiser and should consider something else for next year. Our next event is the Barnes and Noble Bookfair. It will take place in Westbury on 12/14 from noon to 2:00PM. Report attached.

2nd VP- Angela List reported on the units current membership status.

Recording Secretary- Amanda Smithwick taking minutes for Lynn Petrofsky. Minutes of the October 7th meeting were accepted with a change of the spelling to James Lunetta's last name.

Corresponding Secretary- Amanda Smithwick reported that a sympathy card was sent to Mike Pappas for the death of his father in law.

Treasurer- Pat Genco reported. The general fund had an opening balance of \$4,584.56, Expenses of \$2,426.60, income of \$240.00 and a closing balance of \$2,397.95. The Senior Award fund had an opening balance of \$1,416.63, Expenses of \$601.98, Income of \$590.00 and a closing balance of \$1,404.65. Report will be filed for audit.

Student Liaison: 10th grade- James Lunetta reported that Student Council sold bracelets during lunch periods in support of Bailey Gribben and the Children's Tumor Foundation. There will also be a garage sale on 11/9 for the same cause. So far approximately \$1,400 has been raised. Thank you to all for their support. Report attached.

Principal Report: Mrs. Lorelli reported that a Best Buddies parent orientation meeting was held on 10/2 to review the program. The girls Volleyball Team hosted a "Dig Pink" game against Jericho High School as a fundraiser for breast cancer research. Approximately \$1,400 was raised. The girls completed an undefeated season with their senior game on 10/29. Health Teacher, Denise Walsh, sponsored an anti-bullying fundraiser on 10/9. The Marching Band performed at the Newsday marching band festival. The band placed 3rd in NYS at the championships in Syracuse. Thanks to all that participated in the LEADD walk and parade. Mallory Kundert was the student Grand Marshall from Division. November 1st was celebrated as Bailey Gribben Day. Thanks to all who helped with this event. Guidance conducted 2 mini college fairs. Report attached.

Committee reports:

Standing Committees:

Arts in Education: Laura Brown reported that the PTSA sponsored Jacy Good – Hang up and Drive on October 30 for all grades.

Communications: Facebook is going well, it is updated frequently. We have 83 likes. We have many people who view the posts. Our members have been receiving emails of our PTA's happenings. If you are not receiving them, see Laura Brown.

Legislation: *Motion by Debe Howe not to read resolutions out loud. Second. All in favor. Motion carried. Debe Howe reported for Lynn Petrofsky on the new resolutions. *Motion by Pat Huber to give a vote of confidence to Mary Rickard, Lynn Petrofsky and Lyndsey Petrofsky to vote on behalf of Division Avenue PTSA at the NYS Convention in Saratoga Springs. Second. All in favor. Motion carried.

SEPTA: Liz Kirk reported that their meeting was October 21st. The guest speaker was Dr. Barry McNamara. The next meeting is 11/18. Report attached.

Special Committees:

Agenda Books: Laura Brown reported that they are almost sold out. There are 10 in the attendance office..

Book Fair: Laura Brown reported on the Book Fair..

Division Avenue Sweeps: Laura Brown reminded all to reserve their tables before they sell out.

Honorary Life: Debe Howe reported that the event is 4/24.

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Nominating Committee: Kathy Reilly, Pat Huber and Pat Genco were elected to the nominating committee.

Staff Appreciation: Gabby Herbert and Alicia Ramos will chair it again.

Liaisons:

Council Budget: Laura Brown reports that information is needed by 11/21. The unit needs to decide what the school needs to have implemented in the budget.

Dollars for Scholars: There has been no meeting yet. They have no president.

Elementary Curriculum: We still need a representative from Division. Meeting was 10/15. They discussed writing expectations for the Common Core, Vocabulary books and the Journey's Program.

Food Service: A representative is needed from Division to be approved by the Board of Ed. A worm or caterpillar was found in the salad. Investigation is underway. The kitchen has design flaws that are being worked on.

Health and Safety: Representative still needed. Senior Prom workshop will be March 18th and 24th.

Secondary Curriculum: Angela List reported that next year Health will be scheduled in the early years of high school.

Transportation: Representative needed.

New Business:

The Adopt a Family Program was discussed.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Lynn Petrofsky, Recording Secretary

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