

Levittown Division Avenue High School
PTSA General Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2015

At 7:37 President Laura Brown called the meeting to order. Pledge, quorum.

Recording Secretary-Minutes from last PTSA meeting stand as read.

Treasurers' report- The audit was done over the summer by treasurer Dawn Tiemer and Ron Renda. A third person who was to do the audit was unable to attend any of the dates proposed. No one at the meeting was opposed to only two doing the audit.

A motion was made for certain lines on the budget to be removed and some to have the name changed. The motion was carried. (From general fund coupon cards, Islanders, Yankees and miscellaneous were removed and from senior award fund Wizards was removed. Carryover from senior award fund was changed to senior award reserve, DAHS sweeps was changed to DAHS sweeps supplies and miscellaneous was changed to administrative functions.)

A motion was made to have the proposed 2015-2016 budget approved, motion was carried.

President's report- Laura Brown introduced all of the officers.

A motion was made for Stephanie Gannon to become a delegate, motion was carried. Many PTA workshops are going on this year; a flier is available for anyone interested. Looking for student liaisons from each grade.

Principal's report- Mrs. Lorelli wanted to specifically thank Karen Smith for her hard work as a board member. DAHS's has new teachers and staff this year. Their names and departments were shared. Ms. Kerri O'Rourke, a new staff member, attended this meeting and was introduced. The gym renovation is almost finished. Mrs. Lorelli is pleased with the outcome. The students just attended grade assemblies. They are for the students to know the code of conduct for the school. The regents this year are Common Core regents. NYS has labeled DAHS a "Reward School" due to high achievement in every category. DAHS had 89 AP scholars. Names of students who participated in interesting summer opportunities with Sloan Kettering, LIU, NYU and Siemens competition were shared with us. All 9th grade students received tablets. There is a workshop for parents and students on 9/24 at 7pm. Mr. Sparacco is the mentor for computer science girls. 10th & 11th graders will be taking the PSAT this year on Wednesday 10/28. They will come regular time but be dismissed after the test. DAHS will pay for the PSAT this year. The pep rally is on 9/25 8th & 9th period. Back to school night is 10/1. Homecoming is Saturday 9/26, parade at 10:45 and Game at 1:30pm.

Mrs. O'Rourke wanted to voice concern on how low the food pantry is. She is also asking for holiday help.

1st VP- Pat Genco- Agenda books all sold out. "New" addition to the BJ's fundraiser is a \$50 gift card to restaurant for new BJ member. Plant sale going on. Order on line. 9/24 is the deadline. Pickup for the plants is 10/9. In the back of the school after 10am. Honorary Life nominations are needed. The dinner will be 4/21 at Cresthollow. No open bar this year due to insurance reasons. Sweeps will be Friday 3/4. The money is raised for Senior

awards. Only 24 were given last year. Would like to have more students apply for the award.

2nd VP- Linda Pereira submitted the info that as of 9/16 we have 198 PTSA members. 74 students, 15 faculty and 109 parents.

3rd VP- Liz Kirk (staff liaison) Dr. McDonald Addressed all staff from DAHS, GC Tech, MacArthur HS, Salk MS, and Wisdom MS. Mrs. Lorelli announced Mr. Sean Smith as the new Chairperson for Phys Ed. As well as introducing all new staff. Mr. Smith will be sending out an e-mail each week to the DAHS staff of all games and matches.

Corresponding Secretary- Jennifer Benz submitted that we received 6 thank you cards from Senior Award Recipients. Christina Reilly, Haley Smithwick, Morgan Ward, Jeanne Marie Howard, Frankie Kirk and Jason Tiemer. A Thank You was also received from Ms. Donna Negri for hosting Senior Award night. Another Thank You was received was from Amanda Smithwick for her PTSA involvement at DAHS as former Corresponding Secretary.

PTSA needs Student Liaison's from each grade.

Delegates- Betsy Baquet and Marie Adams both submitted their reports. DAHS hosted this council meeting on 9/8/15. 11/15 is tax filing time. Building use forms need to be done by units for all PTA events. Google drive will replace council committee folders. Mary Rickard shared that NY ranks 50th in volunteer hours in the whole U.S.! Linda Pereira did the Audit and all is in order. Several council committees are still open. Dr. MacDonald addressed work done at different schools in the district. New staff was introduced. STEAM rooms being explored. Council is now on twitter. New procedure for Levittown Coalition Liaison. Currently working on procedure for Facebook and Twitter. Food service is contacted with Chartwells. Lunch went up 10 cents. Chairperson needed.

Legislation- Mary Rickard will be attending the Niagara Falls NYS convention.

SEPTA- 1st meeting will be Monday 9/28 at 7:30pm at Memorial.

Reflections- Needs a chairperson. Theme is "Let your imagination fly". There is also the search for next years theme.

Elementary curriculum- Mary Rickard let us know that there will only be Common Core English Regents this year. Midterm week has been eliminated in the HS. Algebra II being given this year for the 1st time. Student Assessment Presentation available on district website. Division was named a "Reward School". 94% Regents diplomas, 68% Advanced Regents diplomas. Next elementary meeting is 10/13; next Secondary meeting is 10/29.

Marie Adams showed the Marching Band Umbrellas. They are for sale for \$25.
Next PTSA Meeting : Monday 10/5 at 7:30pm - Staff Lounge
8:49pm Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Ann Johnson, Recording Secretary

