

Levittown Division Avenue High School
PTSA General Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2015

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

Kathy Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes from 9/17/15 PTSA meeting. Dani Jefer seconds the motion. All in favor. Minutes accepted.

Principal's report- Mrs. Lorelli spoke about homecoming on Sept. 26th. The Grand Marshall was Steve Kissane. He is the Special Ed teacher and girls soccer/basketball coach. Sophia DeFranco and James Lunetta were crowned Queen and King of the Court. The varsity team beat North Shore 48-41.

The competitive marching band, under the direction of Mr. Michael Bastone and student Drum majors Michael Mahoney and Brandon Hoyt, continue to vie for 1st place after 3 competitions. This year's show is "Puppet Master" The visual designer is Mr. Ryan Nolin. The color guard captain is Teresa Neri and the Guard designer is Dimitra Tzanis. 89 Students earned AP Scholar awards.

Guidance sponsored its first Mini College Fair. The next ones are 10/7 and 10/21.

Mr. Coscia presented an informational AIS meeting for parents earlier this evening (10/05/15)

NHS students attended Abbey Lane's annual BBQ and did face painting with the students.

Trevor Ross, 10th grade, was honored by the Levittown Community Council for his years of service through this organization.

Back to school night was on 10/01/15. The Chamber Orchestra performed and NHS students were guides.

Students selected for All-State Honors are, Dawn Kim, violin and Brendan Skillman, clarinet.

Students selected for Long Island String Festival, Dawn Kim, Violin, Subin Heo, Cello and Eileen Cha, Cello.

All American Ricky Stamm signed to wrestle for Hofstra.

On Sunday 10/04/15, at the annual blessing of the animals at St. Bernard's, Father Ralph Sommer included our mascot, The Blue Dragon, graciously costumed by Lukas Rickard. Coming up... Board of Ed. Will honor commended students at Wednesdays meeting. Dig Pink volleyball tournament on thurs eve at 6:15pm, Newsday marching band festival at Mitchell Field on Oct. 19th. Board of Ed recognition night is Oct. 21st. CD and Best Buddies Halloween Dance is Oct. 23rd. LEADD walk and fair on Oct. 25th. PSAT on Oct. 28th.

1st VP- Pat Genco- Agenda books all sold out. DAHS magnets are a big hit. If you have pre ordered a magnet you can pick it up at any PTSA meeting. BJ's and Tribune fundraisers are due this week. BJ's new incentive- each NEW member will get a \$50 gift

card to restaurants.com. Fall Plant sale has ended. Pick up is Oct 9th from 9am-4pm. Volunteers are needed. Honorary life information and letters will be going out shortly. Please nominate someone who has gone above and beyond for the children of Levittown and the community. Honorary life dinner will be at Crest Hollow on April 21st, 2016. The cost will remain \$60 per person. Sweeps will be Friday, March 4th 2016. Seats are \$5 each. (Over 100 tickets sold already.) That includes one game packet, door prize ticket, coffee/tea and dessert. After Jan. 6th 2016, tickets will be \$7. No refunds after Feb. 12th 2016. Volunteers in all areas are still needed.

2nd VP- Linda Pereira - As of 10/05 we have 441 PTSA members. 154 students, 85 faculty and 202 adults.

3rd VP- Liz Kirk – No report

Corresponding Secretary- No report

Delegates- No report. 10/15/15 is the next meeting.

Resolutions- Mary Rickard- Patricia Genco made a motion to have the resolutions voted on in a block. (There are no changes to the resolutions.) Kathy Reilly 2nd the motion. Motion carried. There are 7 updates. Things that have been reviewed and need to change just the wording in the resolution. Patricia Genco made a motion to have the updates voted on in a block, Kathy Reilly 2nd the motion. Motion carried. 1 NEW resolution regarding Bio-solids. It is human waste in fertilizer used in commercial farming. Patricia Genco made a motion to have the new resolution voted on, Kathy Reilly 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

Mary Rickard and Patricia Genco need a vote of confidence for going to the convention in November. Lynne Petrofsky made a motion to give them the vote of confidence, Kathy Reilly 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

Treasurers Report- Dawn Tiemer- Books were reconciled by Kristine Ekberg. All was in order. A motion was made to move “BJ’s” from the Senior Fund to the General Fund. Kristine Ekberg made the motion. Ann Johnson 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Once the money for magnets is recouped, a motion was made for “Magnets” to be moved from Senior Fund into General Fund. Kristine Ekberg made the motion. Ann Johnson 2nd the motion. Motion was carried. Patricia Genco made a motion to move \$100 from Convention to Cultural Arts to cover the overage from the 2 assemblies. Kathy Reilly 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

SEPTA- Liz Kirk—No Report

Reflections- Betsy Baquet is the Chair person.

Student Liaison- Senior- James Lunetta, Sophomore- Lucas Rickard, Freshman- Natalie Baquet, Thomas Kirk and Jenna Summer. It was decided the freshman would share the position. There is no Junior Liaison as of yet.

James Lunetta wanted to give a big “THANK YOU” for all the food drive help. The fundraising and advertising was a great help. It is their favorite fundraiser and were very happy with the outcome.

Mary Rickard wanted to give a special “Shout Out” to the Student Council. They do so much work for the food drive and there is SO much work involved. We are all very proud of them.

Arts in Education- Laura Brown-- There will be two assemblies this year. Oct 26th “A message from Justin” a powerful presentation from Jeff Veatch who’s son passed away from a drug overdose at the age of 17. Nov. 25th Rohan Murphy will be here. He was born with a condition that led to the removal of both legs. He has gone on to be a wrestler for Penn State University and a paraolympic champion. He has starred in multiple Nike commercials and travels the nation speaking to kids about reaching their potential. Usually there is only one assembly for the students. Due to the support of our parents and staff through membership dues and our fundraising events, we were able to sponsor two.

Communication- Laura Brown-- Emails go out every week with news about the school. Facebook is over 400 followers and Laura updates it daily with news and photos.

Nominating— We are looking for three general members to be on the committee. One will be an alternate in case someone cannot make the meeting. Meeting takes place in February. At that time, you will review letters of nomination for individuals wanting to be PTSA officers. You can only serve in a position for two years and you must be asked back by the committee to return for the second. Presidents’ position will be open, as this is Laura Brown’s second year.

Senior Award- Linda Pereira made a motion to change the wording in the instructions for the essay. She would like the wording to be “...a minimum of 150 words and no more than 250 words in the essay”. There was a big discussion, Kathy Reilly 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

Elementary Curriculum- Nermeen Eldardery-- Summit lane will have their New York Blood Center Blood Drive on Tues 10/13.

Wisdom Lane Middle School will have their blood drive on Oct. 7th 12pm-7pm.

Mary Rickard brought up the topic of not enough students being enrolled in AP Chem which lead to 2 students (last year) and 1 student this year from MacArthur HS coming over to Division to take the class.

Money will be collected at our next PTSA meeting for Adopt a Family. Each year PTSA sponsors a family.

Next DAHS PTSA Meeting: Monday 11/9 at 7:30pm - Staff Lounge

8:49pm-- Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Ann Johnson, Recording Secretary