

Levittown Division Avenue High School
PTSA General Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:38. Pledge.

Dr. Ellen Stegman, District Director of Math, presented changes to Algebra curriculum. Algebra 2/Trigonometry is now Algebra 2 and, as of next school year, will no longer feature a Trigonometry component, as per NY State regulations. The District originally planned to adopt the new curriculum this school year. However, since 11th grade students and 10th grade honors students will be taking two NYS Math Regents exams, common core Regents and standard Regents, this year's curriculum will still include the trig component so that students are prepared for both tests. Trigonometry that the district deems essential to certain college curriculum requirements will be incorporated into pre-calculus. The IXL Program has been expanded to 9th grade this year, and next year it will be expanded to all regents classes and 5th grade.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes--filed as written.

Treasurer's Report--Report presented and filed. Monthly Audit pending.

President's Report--Budget presentations have begun at board meetings. The tax levy allowed this year is 0% and we are expecting a 3% increase in State Aid. The proposed budget at this time is a 1.9% increase, 205,649,470. Last year the budget was 201,817,794.

Athletics has proposed a 5.06% increase, requesting to continue the cycling of the uniform replacements at MS & HS, replacing aging AED devices and health testing trees (vital sign devices in nursing office), new weight equipment in both HS (\$25,000) and a huge increase in BOCES based fees, a 10.65% increase. This is for the officials at games and health services. Clubs: budget increase of .68%, most of which is for increase in pay for staff. Building & Grounds: .83% increase. Steeple chase at MacArthur (portion is being paid for with donation from Mac Mercury Club). Continue the paving of parking lots, Summit and DAHS next Nassau County Leg. Grant for the Stadium Bleachers at DAHS. Replace furniture, lunch equipment and security cameras as needed. Replace the two way radios with digital ones.

Computer Dept: With the SMART School Bond act we are getting over 4 million dollars to use for very specific items. The proposal so far is to upgrade our aged firewall, upgrade network to 10 GB, laptop carts and to fund the 1:1 tablet program for the next 3 years, each incoming 9th grade will receive one. This only uses 1.3 million of the bond, leaving the district 3.5 million to use in the future. According to the rules of the funding we do not have to use all funds at once, so this leaves us with a nice cushion for future expenses. Some of the items it does not cover need to be in the regular budget, increase the Math IXL to grades 3-11 (currently only 6-9 have access), increase our internet speed from 200 mb to 750 MB (this is actually a SMART school compliance rule and has to be done), upgrade of laptop cart for robotics class in DAHS and upgrade of engineering lab at DAHS. This budget proposal is -3.74%.

At Wednesday' s meeting, proposals for GC Tech and Instructional will be presented.

If you check the district website under board of ed, and click on budget information in the right hand column, all of these presentations in their entirety are there for you to review.

Principal's Report--For the first time, a non-dedicated testing schedule was used for quarterly exams and worked out very well. DAHS had 88% passing rate on Common Core English Regents that took place 1/25 -1/29. Students who took English Regents can opt to take it again in June. State will take higher grade. Advanced Visions art exhibit @ Tilles Center 1/27 featured works by two DAHS students--Elissa Bardhi and Sisam Bhandari. DAHS placed 3rd in Science Olympiad 1/30 and will go to States in March. AP Capstone meeting

held 2/1 regarding 9th grade pilot program for English; application is on line. Athletics: Cheerleaders competing in Nationals in Florida program at end of week. Boys bowling placed 4th in the county. Brandon Soedarmasto competing in individual championships. District Swim Team: Aidan McCaughey and Jack Stanley competing in Counties. A parent expressed concern because girl's lacrosse team does not have goalie equipment. Principal will investigate further. Coming up: Price is Right 2/5, 1st DAHS Challenger game 2/9, DAHS Talent Show 2/11 @7:00, Spirit Week starts 2/22, CD Sports Night 2/25, 10th grade parent info night 2/29, 7:00 p.m. @ LMEC.

First V.P.--Pat Genco asked for motion to accept By Laws as unchanged; Kris Ekberg made motion, Kathy Reilly 2nd, all were in favor and By Laws were accepted as unchanged. Honorary Life--money due March 1. Sweeps--need volunteers. B.J.'s--scheduled for Spring.

2nd V.P.--Linda Pereira--one member added.

3rd V.P.--Liz Kirk--Faculty Meeting held 1/5. Principal Lorelli went over new school opening procedure and safety measures moving forward. She also announced new student college commitments, spoke about bullying and went over Regents/Quarterly exam schedule. Mr. Coscia went over particulars for testing week. Levittown United Teachers Union showed a video of the effects of charter schools on our public schools.

SEPTA--Liz Kirk--1/25 meeting cancelled. Next meeting 2/22, 7:30 @ LMEC.

Corresponding Secretary--No report.

Student Liaison--No report.

Council Delegate--No report.

Communications--Facebook page growing in users and being shared numerous times. Weekly emails continue to go out.

Legislation--No report.

Procedures--No report.

Youth Issues--No report.

Sweeps--Need helpers.

Honorary Life--Money due March 1.

Nominating--Ballots handed out for vote on general members. Need two plus alternate. All positions up for nomination. New President needed, as Laura Brown has finished the maximum two-year term.

Plant Sale--No report.

Senior Awards--Meeting will be set up to review applications, which are due back in late May.

Staff Appreciation--In May. No report.

Council Budget--DAHS has requested some painting in the building. The committee is reviewing all requests and will meet with administration as needed, present to Council in March and present to BOE March 16.

Elementary Curriculum--Meeting held 1/13. Starting for 16/17 school year, grades 1 - 3 will be using Science Fusion Kits. They are currently being piloted. Resources available on line. Grades K, & 4 - 5 will continue using BOCES kits. District using NWEA for grades 3 - 8 and will use NWEA to assess student progress due to NYS testing opt out numbers. NY Common Core Task Force making recommendations to NYS for 20 changes. Task Force report available on NYS Ed website. Next meeting 2/8.

Secondary Curriculum--Meeting held 1/19. Debbie Rifkin presented the Regents results, which is available on the district website. No specific plan in place yet for next year's Algebra 2 program. AP Capstone applications due 2/29. Summer reading book for incoming grades 5 - 8 will be presented at next meeting. Teachers are not required to enter anything but grades onto the Parent Portal. New Secondary Curriculum Chair needed.

Food Service--No report.

Health & Safety--No report.

Transportation--No report.

Wellness--No report.

No Unfinished Business.

New Business--Laura Brown asked for motion to put PTSA ad in the drama dept.'s West Side Story program/brochure. Original motion by Liz Kirk and 2nd by Linda Pereira to move \$60 out of office supplies and add a "Drama Booster" line. An amending motion was made by Pat Genco, 2nd Liz Kirk, to move \$100 from office supplies and add an "Admin Function" line and use \$60 for a ad in the West Side Story program. Amended motion was passed.

Nominating--ballots counted and general membership committee members voted in: Kathy Reilly and Marianne Britton with Barbara Huckstadt as alternate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.