

**Levittown Division Avenue High School**  
**PTSA General Meeting Minutes**  
**March 7, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. Pledge.

**Approval of February Meeting Minutes**—Filed as written (Motion—K. Reilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Genco).

**Treasurer's Report**—Audit's performed for both January and February by M. Ricard. All was found to be in order. Monthly report presented and filed. Mid-Year Audit Committee needs to be formed.

**President's Report**—Superintendent/President meeting taking place Thursday, March 10. School budget discussions and presentations ongoing at Board Meetings; School Budget vote on May 17. Tax levy raised vs. last month's projection to .65%. The budget remains at \$205,649,473, which is up 1.9% from last year. No cuts in services are planned. March BOE meeting will include staff budget presentation and the PTA Council Budget Report. All presentations on-line. We will also be voting on Trustees. Candidates will be announced when available. "Meet the Candidates" night 5/12.

**Principal's Report**—Scheduling underway for 2016-17. AP Capstone—Application deadline was 2/29. NYS Mock Trial tournament took place 2/10 and 2/24 in NC Supreme Court. Mrs. Crusco's Trial Law class participated. Coach Steve Kissane honored for 300<sup>th</sup> win in girls basketball. Outstanding Winter Athletes honored. Principal Lorelli went over recent athletic signings. Challenger homecoming game took place vs. Mineola; turnout was excellent and support for all participants was enormous. DAHS student artwork being displayed at Levittown Library. Dragon PRIDE awards given to 8 students on 2/10 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Spirit Week was a great success; fabulous hallway decorations. 10<sup>th</sup> grade parent night was held and Laura Brown made some recommendations for improvement. Community Recognition Dinner was held. Sweeps was a great success.

**1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Report**—Spring Plant Sale: Pre-order form on website and due 4/15; May 6 pickup 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; there will also be plants for sale 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, 5/7; lower prices this year. Honorary Life: Money due 3/1; DAHS has 6 tables. Sweeps was great success and \$14,000 was raised for scholarships; May 6 is application deadline.

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Report**—Membership total 471; 164 students, 88 faculty and 219 parents.

**3<sup>rd</sup> V.P.**—No report.

**Student Liaisons**—No report.

**Delegates**—No report.

**Communications**—Facebook page has 518 daily followers. School news, academic achievements, sports news and more are added to the page daily. Submit items you would like added to Laura Brown for review.

**Hospitality**—No report.

**Legislation**—No report.

**Procedures**—No report.

**SEPTA**—Meeting held 2/22. Guest speaker Charlie Hammerman of the Disability Opportunity Fund (DOF). DOF provides financial services for accommodations for the disabled and their families, technical assistance, housing and group housing information and legalities. Next meeting 3/14 at 7:00 p.m., featuring “Autism Daddy.”

Youth Issues—No report.

**DAHS Sweeps**—Great success and \$14,000 was raised for scholarships.

**Honorary Life**—Money was due 3/1.

**Nominating**—Meeting held with committee on 3/5. Proposed slate to be voted on at April 4 PTSA meeting and is as follows: President—Pat Genco; 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.—Open; 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.—Linda Pereira; 3<sup>rd</sup> V.P.—Liz Kirk; Treasurer—Dawn Tiemer; Recording Secretary—Ann Johnson; Corresponding Secretary—Jen Benz. Any alternate nominations must be submitted 3 business days prior to April 4 meeting to be eligible for runoff.

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**Senior Award**—Application available on-line. Applications due May 6 to Guidance. Student has to be a PTSA member.

**Staff Appreciation**—Scheduled for 5/19. Susan Maher looking for donations of food, drinks, etc.

**Council Budget**— Council presentation on March 10 for approval. Presentation on March 16 at BOE meeting. No large requests or recommendations this year. All welcome to either presentation to hear details of report.

**Elementary Curriculum**—Summer reading book for incoming middle school students has been selected, but the title has not yet been announced. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading book has not yet been selected. Changes announced to the ELA and NYS Math tests for grades 3 – 8. Questar contracted to write tests for 2017, replacing Pearson. Effective this year, there will be untimed testing. There will be more teacher involvement in process. Fewer test questions. ELA 4/5 – 4/7; Math 4/13 – 4/15. District is planning to pilot STEAM workshop night this Spring for 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. Next meeting 3/15.

Food Service—No report.

Health, Safety & Environment—No report.

**Secondary Curriculum**—Debbie Rifkin taking Darlene Rhatigan’s position of Sup’t of Admin and Personnel upon her retirement at end of this school year. Summer reading book for Middle School will be “Counting by 7’s.” Changes announced to the ELA and NYS Math tests for grades 3 – 8. Questar contracted to write tests for 2017, replacing Pearson. Effective this year, there will be untimed testing. There will be more teacher involvement in process. Fewer test questions. ELA 4/5 – 4/7; Math 4/13 – 4/15. LUFSD offering new High School courses: SS—New York City; SS—Ethics; World Language—American Sign Language; AP Capstone. Honors Algebra 2 will be 1.5 periods next year vs. 1 period last year. Algebra Forward will be 1.5 periods vs. 2 periods with an extra lab for students who need it every other day. AP Environmental Science and AP Chemistry will be 1.5 periods vs. 2 periods. Other plans for next year: Incoming freshmen will receive laptops; Math IXL will be expanded to grades 3 – 11; a club with weekend excursions 1/month or 1/every other month will be added; Computer Literacy course added for 6<sup>th</sup> grade; a History Fair will take place for National History Day; Long Island Writing Project, which “works to improve the teaching of writing and reading across grade level and discipline.” Middle School summer math and reading will be offered. High School summer math will be offered. Next meeting 3/21.

**Transportation**—Presentation at last meeting. Starting to do reviews on putting traffic circle in front of DAHS.

Wellness—No report.

**New Business**—Dawn Tiemer, Treasurer, wants to add budget lines for sweeps journal ads as follows: Journal Ads Income--\$365 to come from Sweeps, and Journal Ads Expense--\$206.73 to come from Supplies. Motion made by P. Genco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marie Adams, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.