

DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES, Mon, April 9, 2018

Linda Pereira called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge.

President's Report - Linda Pereira welcomed all attending and was unable to attend the President / Superintendent meeting. Information updates will be given during the Delegate report.

Principal's Report— Mr. Coscia updated membership on the school's ongoing activities and few achievements within the school body:

- On March 14th, Ryan Alvarez under the tutelage of Ms. Stritzl and Mrs. Thompson, gave a dynamic presentation about the AP capstone program and how it has benefited his education and preparation for college at the Levittown Board of Ed Meeting
- Sophomore J.D. Moore from recently competed in the NY State Wrestling Championships, receiving All-State honors, by securing 3rd in NY Athletic Association and 4th in the Federation Tournaments.
- Production of Mary Poppins from our Drama Department went great and performed beautifully
- CD Program celebrated Down Syndrome Awareness by selling coffee and blue ribbon chocolates to the staff, funds goes towards the program
- Three students were recognized for All County Artists at Farmingdale University by the Art Supervisors Association: Kara Hagar, Amy Rzemieniewski and Ashley Mamys
- Three students under the direction of art teacher Timothy Ryan, Michelle Huynh (12), Grace Connors (10), Deanna Tomaselli (10), Emily Fuchs (10), represented at the Heckscher Museums juried art competition "Long Islands Best Young Artist". Out of the 385 entrants the Museum chooses about 75 pieces for the show. Deanna won an award for achievement and Emily won an award for "Most Promising Young Artist".
- Congratulations to the Class of 2018 Division Avenue Valedictorian, Joy Kim and the Salutatorian, Charles Mauro
- Dylan Chase was named as News 12 Scholar Athlete, who will be present at the school to film a piece on him
- Working with Central and District Attorneys to create a Cell Phone Policy, one that is in writing and no ambiguity to it, will include "teachers will not be collecting cell phones in the beginning of class"
- Upcoming Activities: Night of Honor; Honor Society Induction Ceremony; Senior Portraits for Class 2019 (Change to Irvine Simone); SATs May 5th; and beginning on May 7th AP Testing

Recording Secretary – Approval of the Minutes from March 2018 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report— Maureen William presented March report and budget for 2017 -2018 to membership.

General Fund — Opening Checkbook Balance: \$8,555.28; Expenses: \$366.50 Total Income: \$33.39;
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$8,222.17

Senior Award Fund— Opening Checkbook Balance: \$5,124.98; Expenses: \$2,090.01; Total Income: \$1,588.37;
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$4,623.34

Funds for Sweeps have not been deposited yet. Please refer to the filed budget. March books were audited by Elizabeth Kirk. Filed as written.

End of the Year Audit committee will consist of: Susan Massoni, Marianne Britton, Dayna Ferreiro
and Lynn Testamark and Stephanie Gannon as Alternatives.

1st V.P. - The March fundraiser was cancelled due to the snowstorm; and unfortunately the day that Kona Ice came it was Freezing Rain – Therefore it will be rescheduled.

Spring Plant Sale – Delivery scheduled for May 9th – Pick Up May 10th – Many Volunteers Needed for Both Days

2nd V.P. - Membership has 480 members (216 Parents, 191 Students, 73 Faculty)

Delegate Report: Jose DeLaFuente reported out that the council reported that the Nominating Letters will be done in April; Audit team meet and all was good. Health and Safety will be meeting to review protocols and procedures throughout the schools, increase of guards and changing doorways. Senior Award Dinner Dance is on schedule. The YES counseling program is looking for volunteers. Students have been complaining about the backpacks and weight on the students. Regents Exams dates have been set for the next two years. Waiting for the books to be delivered from the contest First Books program.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Communications—Emails continue to go out to membership – 996 Followers on Facebook

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Honorary Life –Ms. Kim Rosenberg on this year’s recipient of the DAHS PTSA HONORARY LIFE AWARD, she will be honored at the dinner on April 26 at Crest Hollow Country. Invitations sent out.

Senior Awards - Chair Liz Krik. Scholarship applications currently in guidance and online on the district webpage for Seniors, Ensure Seniors are PTSA Members and must be returned by May 4th – So Far 18 Applications have been handed in.

Three general members will be reviewing the application to verify compliance to the criteria: Betsy Baquet; Susan Massoni; Lynn Testamark.

Staff Recognition - Sign up sheet being distributed. Will be held Tuesday, May 22th. Please see Kirti Osan chairing the event, if you can assist & donate.

Nominating Committee –Chair Dayna Ferreiro meet with the Nominating Council and presented the 2018-2019 Proposed Slate for the Division PTSA Council as stated:

President-Linda Pereira; 1st VP – Lynn Testamark; 2nd VP – Kristen Eckberg; 3rd VP – Terence Rusch;
Treasurer –Maureen Williams; Recording Secretary- Stephanie Gannon; Corresponding Secretary – Kirti Osan

The proposed slate was accepted “All In Favor” by membership. There were no other nominations received. All proposed board members were voted in unanimously by the membership.

LIASON REPORTS

Curriculum—Meeting on March 27th. Summer programs at wisdom discussed – Camp Invention and Robotics Camp – Cost will be \$250. Summer Reading programs: Incoming 7th & 8th Grades Book Choice will be “Because of Mr. Terrupt” by Rob Buyea, which is a series. 4th & 5th graders will be reading “Mr. Lemoncello’s Library”. 10th graders will be reading “Refugee” and 11th will be reading “a long way gone”. Subcommittee on HW would like to see guidelines verse a policy in place. By the spring, schools in the district should be having a “sweeping” mechanism and looking to have a “drop off area” for lunch or drop offs. Discussion on the Guidance Department as a whole and expectations for the parents and timeline for events.

SEPTA Report— SEPTA Meeting was on March 27th at 7:30pm – William Pastore, Superintendent discussed the proposed budget; Next Meeting will be on April 24th.

Student Liaisons –

Senior Report: Getting for AP Exams in May and fundraising for Prom; Senior Retakes end of the month
No report out from other Student Liaisons.