

## DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES, May 7, 2018

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

**President's Report** - Linda Pereira welcomed all attending and provided updates since the last meeting.

On April 25, Linda attended the President/Superintendent meeting: Incoming presidents invited to next meeting on 5/16; District is looking for representatives to sit in on interviews; Spoke about the PTA's responsibility in terms of responding to public/parent issues, i.e. social media, officers should consider this and the time it involves.

Dr. Mc Donald spoke about next year's calendar – more snow days have been built in; approximately 35 retire incentives were sent out; board of elections are being held during school time and contact your congressman for those who do not agree; visitations to district classrooms to see in place the non-formal seating arrangements. At General Council meeting, the Board of Ed recognized the PRA for the council budget process; Council announced their prospective slate of officers for next year to be voted in at the next meeting; Honorary Life / Senior Award Dinner attendance was extremely low this year – 365 attendees compared to 500 from previous years – looking to revamp invites and PR. Meet the candidates is on May 10<sup>th</sup> at LMEC – Candidates are Marianne Adrian, Jim Moran and Colleen Nadolny. Lynn Petrofsky will be replacing Pat Assornato for Nassau Region Director.

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

- Congratulations to the 61 Students who were honored and inducted in the National Honor Society during the traditional candlelight ceremony. Bill Quinan was honored with Teacher of the Year voted by the students.
- Also Congratulations to the 121 inductees to the Specialized Honor Society – Math, Tri M, World Language, Thespian and Business.
- Senator Kemp Hannon Youth Leadership Awards were given to Jack Stanley, Heather Bonsignore, Laiba Ahmed, Erin McCall
- Meet the Leader Summit with Town of Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen. Mrs. McCue's AP Government class had the wonderful opportunity to take part in the summit with Mrs. Gillen.
- Envirothon team finished in 2nd Place in Nassau County at the USDAN Center for the Creative & Performing Arts.
- Division Avenue junior, Brandon Smith, was honored by the American Legion for his Americanism. As part of his Eagle Scout Project, Brandon will be building two bocce ball courts at Levittown Memorial, including benches and a scoreboard.
- GC Tech students were honored at the Board of Ed meeting for their achievements at the Skills USA competition and Science Olympiad team that qualified for the states for the 10th straight year.
- Division Avenue High School Music Department had a successful trip to Hershey Park competing at the Music in the Parks Festival.
- Mrs. Rosenberg was honored from Division at the Honorary Life Award Dinner.
- Division will look into have a new style collaborative flexible furniture classroom that encourages a different style of learning, seen at other districts by the school and board members.
- Locker Rooms to be completed shortly
- Upcoming Activities: DAHS Art Show May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Spring Concert coming up

**2018-2019 Levittown District Budget Presentation** – Provided by Mrs. D . Information can be found online.

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

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

*General Fund* — Opening Checkbook Balance: \$8,222.217; Expenses: \$53.00 Total Income: \$969.13;  
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$9, 138.30

*Senior Award Fund*— Opening Checkbook Balance: \$4,623.34; Expenses: \$491.98; Total Income: \$7,600.43;  
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$11,731.79

Please refer to the filed budget. April 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> V.P.** - Spring Plant Sale – Delivery scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> & Pick Up May 11<sup>th</sup> –Volunteers Needed for Both Days; Kona Ice – Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> after school; Ring Doorbell Discount Code being offered – Division gets \$25 per order.

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.** - Membership has 486 members (216 Parents, 197 Students, 73 Faculty)

**3<sup>rd</sup> V.P.** – AP exams being held. Regents in June – Schedules being mailed out. Global History will be shifting from 2 year exam to 1 year exam. Global 2 Regents for Sophomores has been moved to June 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Legislation— Convention in November 2018 to be held in Saratoga.

Agendas - Adding a page for Cell Phone Policy – Selling for \$5. Motion made by Lynn Testamark, Second by Liz Kirk to order Agenda Books for the next school year. All in Favor.

Summer Budget – Motion made by Liz Kirk for General Fund and Senior Awards for \$500 for each account, Second by Lynn Testamark. All in Favor.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

PTSA Scholarship - PTSA Scholarship applications deadline was on May 4<sup>th</sup> – Date to be held to review applications.

Nominating Committee – Installation of officers conducted:

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

## **LIASON REPORTS**

Staff Appreciation – Arrangements are being made for donations and volunteers for the date.

Curriculum – Changes are being made to the District Website. Discussions being made about responsibilities of Guidance Counselors in the high school. Assistant Director of Special Education was in attendance to inform of the Social Emotional Group available to students either by request or recommendation.

Food Services – Next Meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

SEPTA – April Meeting cancelled. Next Meeting is May 29<sup>th</sup>

Student Representatives:

Freshman – Rebecca Williams reported they are discussing ideas for next years Theme.

Junior – Kayla Gannon reported discussion being had on Senior Prom Date and Location.

New Business: Officer Training being offered on June 14<sup>th</sup>.