

DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES, October 15, 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:

Linda attended Council Meeting on October 10, looking for members to chair committees, review of the calendar. Next Curriculum meeting is on October 22nd and next SEPTA meeting is on October 29th. SEPTA is having a Vendor Fair Fundraiser at Levittown Hall on November 18th. Dr. McDonald expressed her enjoyment of this year's homecoming festivities. Adopt a Family program is beginning to take collections. Parent University is going to be on October 23rd at Memorial. She attended Dig Pink, as part of the many breast cancer research fundraiser events. Financial Aid evening was also that night, and had great information. Fall Plant Sale went great, sold out. Back to School had great numbers with membership and sign-ups for Tribune and BJs membership fundraisers. GC Tech Back-to-School was rescheduled for October 22nd, looking to have a parent liaison to bring information to PTSA. No President / Superintendent Meeting as of yet.

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

- Pep Rally was held indoors this year due to the rain during last periods of the day. Homecoming was well attended, though it was a cold night. Also held it as our Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new field. Looking to continue with the night schedule for future Homecomings.
- This year there are 64 AP Scholars, 17 AP Scholar with Honors, 23 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 2 National AP Scholars.
- New PBIS system has been launched successfully, having the first few group of students that were recognized by their teachers for being responsible, respectful and ready to succeed.
- September 25th, few school members attended the School Security Forum at Hofstra, which was an informative discussion and powerful speakers.
- Holding many events this month for Breast Cancer Research and Awareness, including Dig Pink (Volleyball), Pink Out (Football), Knock-Out (Basketball) Events; Every Monday students are encouraged to wear Pink and hosted a Pot-Luck luncheon and staff raised funds during the event.
- Two more college fairs were held for students to have the opportunity to attend.
- LEADD Week will take place October 22nd – 26th; Many assemblies are planned throughout the week.
- Marching Band is currently placed 4th in the state; Will be in the Newsday Marching Band Festival
- A Tech Committee is initiative taking place in the building, which few teachers will participate in, as a supplement to the district tech committee
- Guidance is starting another initiative – “Coffee and Counseling” – Meet and Greets with freshman parents to alleviate any concerns or questions and what to anticipate in their high school careers
- New APP – Dragons Tales – is now available for all to have that include updates / articles from school news.

Treasurer's Report— Proposed budget for 2018 -2019 presented to membership. Please refer to the filed budget. September 2018 Books were audited by Jen Therale. Filed as written.

General Fund — Opening Checkbook Balance: \$7,794.37; Expenses: \$201.06 Total Income: \$252.00;
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$7,845.31

Senior Award Fund— Opening Checkbook Balance: \$2,260.60; Expenses: \$0.00; Total Income: \$0.00;
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$2,260.60

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

1st V.P. - Lynn Testamark informed the committee of fundraising items: Plant Sale went great – Approximately profit of \$1100; Wood Sign Paint Nite will be taking place on November 1st - \$40 per plaque; Tribune and BJs Fundraiser are closed at this time; Magnets and Pop Sockets being sold for \$10 – Few left; Sweeps Table Reservation Table Forms are out; sooner submission, more chance to reserve for seating.

2nd V.P. – Kris Eckberg reported that for Students to obtain their own PTSA card – must submit their own email. As of date, there are 341 members. Request went to Treasurer for NYS payment of \$1364.

3rd V.P. – Report from Mrs. Jaclyn Guidice, Assistant Principal as appointed 3rd V.P.

On September 26th, Officer Konik from NCPD was as a guest speaker for our US History class, who came in to discuss a program they offer – Nassau Country Law Enforcement Exploring Program, which give young adults in our community to work with the police department and take part in hands-on activities and training.

On October 4th, the Guidance Department held College Night Presentation that went over the college process with Senior parents. Financial Aid Night was also well attended. The SCC which is a school development committee and has stakeholders from a parent representative and student representatives, to discuss ideas / activities that will make the school better for all. November 1st and 2nd – Jostens will be at the school to do Ring Sizing and Cap/Gown measurements. November 9th – Emergency Shelter Drill and Early Dismissal by 10 minutes.

Corresponding Secretary – Congratulatory Card sent to Mrs. Roth for the birth of her baby.

Council Delegates – Looking for 4 more delegates to report out from BOE Meeting

STANDING COMMITTEES

Arts in Education – The PTSA is funding the Paul Fala Assembly during LEADD week, scheduled for October 29th.

Communications—Emails continue to go out to membership. If anyone likes to assist in maintaining Facebook page, please reach out to Linda.

Legislation— Linda and Lynn will be attending convention in November 2018 to be held in Saratoga, Vote of Confidence from the unit was given to them to vote on the behalf of the Division PTSA.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Agenda Books – Need Committee Chair

By-Laws – Need Committee Chair and members to review; As they are up in April 2019 to be updated

Nominating – In need of an alternate.

Honorary Life – May 2nd Date Set – Dayna Ferraro appointed as Committee Chair

Reflections – Theme “Heroes around Me”

Senior Awards – Need Committee Chair –to gather members to select applications - Last year 48 students received scholarships

LIASON REPORTS

Curriculum – Sue Massoni attended September 25th Meeting: Homework Committees will be formed for both elementary and secondary – 2 parent reps will sit on each; Levittown website up and running with new updates; Parent University was discussed; Climate survey was given to students last year in high school, results pending; cursive writing will reinforced through elementary schools; Next Meeting is October 22nd.

SEPTA –Liz Kirk appointed Committee Chair – Meeting will be on October 29th

Student Liaisons: Senior – Kayla Gannon; Junior – Jackie Testamark; Sophomore - Rebecca Williams
Still in need for a Freshman Liaison