

## **DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES, April 8, 2019**

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:

Thank you to school administration for taking up the suggestions from PTSA and parents and installing cones outside in front of the school, in order for the buses to have a path to park at dismissal.

PTSA dates for next year were submitted to Council, waiting for approval; Spring Conference Ways & Means Expo being held on 5/15 at Chateau Briand, expo provides fundraiser ideas from various organizations/businesses. June 18<sup>th</sup> will be Officers Training for incoming officers to partake in, More info to follow. SEPTA submitted their slate for next year's board, they are also asking for each unit to donate \$100 towards SEPTA.

**Principal's Report**— Mr. Sparoco, currently participating in an administrative internship program reported:

- Mr. Engel's Trial classes participated in a Mock Trial arson case for Ms. LoGiudice's Personal Money Management class, who served as the jury
- Ms. Stritzl AP Literature students volunteered to tutor the AP Capstone Seminar students on their IWA papers; AP Lit students also participated in a Socratic Seminar discussing Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew
- Mrs. Wheelers AP Bio classes participated in a pilot program "Biobits", in collaboration with Wyss Institute at Harvard, MIT and Northwestern University.
- March is Music in Our Schools Month, members of Tri-M Music Honor Society performed in main lobby.
- March 21<sup>st</sup>, Division students and staff showed their support for World Down Syndrome Day by dressing in bright colors and mismatched socks
- Mr. Miller and the Physics Olympics team captured the championship; Sci-Oly competed in the Division C State Tournament at Le Moyne College, team ranked top 8% of all teams across NYS
- Students in History of NYC and AP Human Geography and US History visited the Lower East Side Tenement Museum
- Wonderful showcase of the play "Thoroughly Modern Mille".
- Handful of Students also performed at NYSSMA solo festival the weekend of March 29-30th

Be sure to follow the Dragon App and Instagram page for more events and happening events.

**Treasurer's Report**— Proposed budget for 2018 -2019 presented to membership. Please refer to the filed budget. March 2019 Books were presented, will be audited at next month's PTSA, Current Funds are Below:

*General Fund* — Opening Checkbook Balance: \$8,067.21; Expenses: \$294.07; Total Income: \$150.00;  
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$7,923.14

*Senior Award Fund*— Opening Checkbook Balance: \$-88.60; Expenses: \$61.80; Total Income: \$10,984;  
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$10,833

**Recording Secretary**— Approval of the Minutes from March 2019 were approved as written.

**1<sup>st</sup> V.P.** - Lynn Testamark informed the committee the Plant Sale is due by Wednesday, April 10 via Pre-Order Forms, Delivery will be the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.** – 389 Total Membership

**3<sup>rd</sup> V.P.** – Mrs. Guidice informed committee that a ConnectEd will be out regarding Saturday Regents Review Classes

**Corresponding Secretary** – No Report

**Council Delegates** – Maureen Boniello reported out: ELA / Math tests will be shorter this year and other changes to take place as well; PTA Council Scholarship Application is due May 1<sup>st</sup>; Wisdom Lane Buses might bring back one of the late buses; Meet Candidate will be on May 6<sup>th</sup>; New slates for PTA Council was proposed and approved; Food Service would like to propose to donating unopened food to Wisdom Food Pantry

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Communications—Emails continue to go out to membership.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Agenda Books –Susan Massoni reported orders forms will be coming out in May; Forms will go out to Wisdom as well

By-Laws – By Laws were accepted by New York State PTA and good until 2022

Nominating – Chair Dayna Ferreiro meet with the Nominating Council and the Proposed slate for Division PTSA Council was presented as stated:

President-Susan Massoni; 1st VP – Lynn Testamark; 2nd VP – Linda Pereira; 3rd VP – Mrs. Guidice;  
Treasurer – Krista Hill; Recording Secretary- Dayna Ferreriro; Corresponding Secretary – Kirti Osan

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

Honorary Life – JoAnn Medina to receive Honorary Life; Celebration held at the Crest Hollow Country Club on May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Senior Awards – Applications are due May 3<sup>rd</sup> for Senior Scholarship for Division Ave High School Seniors.

## **LIASON REPORTS**

Council Budget – Linda went over the Schools’ requests for council budget with Mr. Coscia — Asking for continuing funding for renovating classrooms; updates to audio systems for the auditorium; telephone system to be updated; funding for more teachers for HW centers; security manpower; outdoor PA systems

Food Service - Jill Meyerowitz states kitchen report was good; TV monitor isn’t working for menu displays

Curriculum – Sue Massoni report – Elementary and Secondary curriculum:

New Levittown Newsletter will be smaller moving forward; Summer programs that are offered are Camp inventions, Adventures in local history, Marine Biology, and STEM camp; All flyers and information can be found on the websites home page. Homework committees: Elementary committee has sent home a survey to parents, will report results. Secondary committee: working on drafting their guidelines. State testing- we have been flagged for lack of participation. No monetary penalty but the district will have to write an improvement plan for more participation. Some changes have already been implemented: reduced from three to two days. Teacher written questions and releasing of more questions for review. Parent communication during emergencies, increased connected messages throughout emergency led to better results and less follow up phone calls from parents

Agendas- order forms will be out and available beginning of May

Scholarship Awards- deadline is May 3rd. please see application on divisions Ave website

SEPTA – March 10<sup>th</sup> was SEPTA Fundraiser at Governor’s Comedy Shop, about 30 attendees; Next Meeting 3/14

Staff Recognition- Will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> Theme: “Walk like an Egyptian” , will need any donations or volunteers

Student Liaisons- No New Reports

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Glen presented “Be The Change” Presentation, a seminar that is able to be held over two days for students for a certain grade and teach them how to communicate their feelings as other students around them are going through the same, but not verbalized. Looking to see how it would be implemented at Division.