

DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES, May 13, 2019

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

School District Budget Presentation: Mr. ___ presented the 2019-2020 Board of Education Budget, as part of a series of public workshops to review the financial status of the school district and proposed budget. The presentation can be viewed on the Public Webpage.

President's Report - Linda Pereira welcomed all attending and provided updates:

No President/Superintendent Meeting last month. Linda and other Board Members attended the Honorary Life recognizing JoAnn Medina. Flower Plant Sale went great – Selling Out. Will be attending the Spring Conference Ways & Means Expo on 5/15 at Chateau Briand, expo provides fundraiser ideas from various organizations/ businesses. During the Art Show, Moe's will be at the school to sell food as a part of a fundraiser. Next week is the Staff Appreciate Luncheon being organized by Kirit Osan. Asking members to Sign Up for Committees for the next school year.

Principal's Report— Mr. Sparoco, currently participating in an administrative internship program reported on the school's ongoing activities and achievements, few are:

- Introduction to Engineering Design is using Auto Desk Inventor to #D Model solutions and create prototypes.
- Ms. LoGuidice's – Personal Money Management Class won 3rd Place in the Stock Market Game for the High School Division of Long Island; Competed against 287 teams, where teams virtually invest \$100,000 in the stock market, and are now invited to an awards luncheon at Hofstra.
- CD and Skills Students are selling ice coffee and pink lemonade through the school to raise fund for various extracurricular activities for the CD/Skills program.
- Ms. Miller's – Culinary Arts classes participated in their own episode of "CHOPPED".
- Mrs. Euler's Earth Science class interacted with Climatologists from the Netherlands and Boston through Skype-A-Scientist program.
- 76 Students were inducted into the National Honor Society; Mr. Mark Martufi was recognized as Teacher of the Year by the National Honor Society.
- After the Spring Sports; the softball field will be rotated; home base will be moved to the center field.

Few Student Recognitions:

- Brandon Smith and Ryan Dwyer recieved the Bernard and Lillian Hein Brotherhood Awards; Gary Nepravishta received 2nd Place at the Brookhaven National Lab Bridge Building Contest; Jacqueline Testamark submitted her audition/application for National Association for Music Education Honors Mixed Choir; Leah Draluck honored with the Rensselaer Medal Award Scholarship; Angeliz Gatt selected as one of Newsday's Exceptional Senior on Long Island

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: \$7,923.14; Expenses: \$645; Total Income: \$0.00;
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$7,278.14

Senior Award Fund— Opening Checkbook Balance: \$10,833.60; Expenses: \$0.00; Total Income: \$8,359.00;
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$19,192.60

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

1st V.P. - Lynn Testamark informed the committee the Plant Sale went great selling out; Moe's will be at the Art Show to sell food as a fundraiser.

2nd V.P. – No Report.

3rd V.P. – Mrs. Guidice informed committee that a ConnectEd will be out regarding Saturday Regents Review Classes; Regents will be taking place from June 18th – 25th Bus Schedule is also out for those dates/times.

Corresponding Secretary – Sympathy Card was sent out to Betsy Baquet for the passing of her father.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Communications—Emails continue to go out to membership.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Agenda Books –Susan Massoni reported orders forms went out to Wisdom

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

Nominating – Approved Slate for Division PTSA Council were sworn in:

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

Honorary Life – JoAnn Medina received Honorary Life; Celebration held at the Crest Hollow Country Club on May 2nd

Reflections: Awards ceremony for Four Finalists for all Regional Finalists were last week (2 Wisdom / 2 Division)

Senior Awards- Committee has met; Students will be informed at Senior Awards Night.

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

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 sent report that Kitchen is running smoothly, Sink had a leak, repair was being done during visit; Temperatures were good, everything on menu available; kids loving the Italian melt sandwiches.

Curriculum – Sue Massoni report – Elementary and Secondary curriculum:

Committee waiting to hear feedback from units on moving Parent / Teacher Conference to first week in December; Concerns over report cards included: too many indicators making it overwhelming; teachers have asked for pre-populated comments for first quarter; Only 15 people attended the Parent University at LMEC in April; Northside is planning their own in May – Discussed on doing more school-based events; SEPTA started to have meetings in individual schools to increase attendance, reporting to be effective; Four (4) Summer Programs to be offered – Registration Online: Camp Intervention; Middle School STEM; Local History; and Marine Science; Based from Parent Survey – 75% of parents indicated they would support a change in start time for students; as research has shown older students starting school at a later time show benefits, no plans to implement as of yet.

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

SEPTA – SEPTA Scholarship Committee selected winners; Next Meeting 5/20 at LMEC; will be welcoming new Board; Dr. Farber, Director of Pupil Services will be giving presentation on Special Education Budget/Initiatives for 2019-’20

Student Liaisons- Senior: Kayla Gannon reported that

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made on the floor to move the funds from the Council Hosting Budget to ____
Betsy Baquet made the motion; Lynn Testamark second; All in Favor.