

HIGH SCHOOL PTA Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
7:30pm

WELCOME

Welcome to our meeting. Please take a minute to review the minutes from November and December that are on the tables. Minutes were approved for November and December. Please sign attendance book that is going around. The Share folder is also being passed around.

THANK YOU:

- to Mr. Murray and our administrators for joining us tonight
- Olga Portnoy for the directory
- Debbie Edelstein and Marina Bournias for Membership
- Maureen Cooke for sending out our daily announcements
- Judy Brenner for Reflections
- Anna Nizzari for tonight's hospitality and Frann Rappaport for assisting

Mr. Murray's Report:

Since we met last year, we had the senior citizens tea hosted by the community service club. We had the choir concert 12/23, we had the incoming grade 9 parent orientation: the chair people spoke in small groups discussing different levels, good opportunity to see the building; the night of Acapella, and DECA regionals 144 students moving on to States in Rochester. We started the scheduling process for next year. The mid-term exams are in place. Updated this morning to add 7 exams in world languages because those exams were across 3 days which impacted instruction. We had a lot of feedback last year that too many exams were being given in class over several days prior to the exam week. There were some students that were impacted by the late change and we are working with them individually to address this. The bus schedule for mid-terms will be finalized this week Janet Rockowski- Mr. Murray's secretary is retiring.

Parents and Administrators Advisory committee Tuesday, 1/24: 12-1:30. The committee was created to discuss issues like drugs, sex, and other destructive behaviors. Words to listen for and places they are hanging out etc.

Relay For Life (Saturday, June 10th) A kick-off event at Farmingdale Main Event 1/12

Minutes for November and December were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- At the January 9th Board of Education meeting a Dr. Lewis presented a report to the BOE concerning grade weighting and recommended the board change the weighting to a formula of 84/11/5%: 84% for total of the Quarters; 11% for the Regents and 5% for Midterms. She also made the following recommendation: in the event that the Average Regents score (obtained by the entire cohort) varies by 6 or more points from the average Quarter grade, the superintendent will be granted the authority to readjust the scale to provide a local Regents score for calculation into the Final Grade.
- The official Regents grade obtained from the state scale for that year will appear on the transcript unadjusted, as is required by regulations; however, the final average will be obtained using the readjusted local Regents grade.
- Rescale the 2015 Algebra Regents exam using the 2016 Algebra scale and recalculate the final averages using the adjusted Regents grade
- The new grading criteria should be applied to the calculation of the 2016-17 grades

Committee Reports

Reflections: Debbie Baer for Judy Brenner: Ava Kreshover was selected as a Nassau region finalist in the category of film. She is invited to attend a reception on April 26th. Some kids will progress to the next level and they will be announced at the reception.

Legislative Report – Debbie Baer for Corinne Kyriacou

Brief Legislation Update for PBOJFK PTA – January 2017 (C. Kyriacou) **Select Current Legislative Issues**

Mid-Year Update to New York's Financial Plan

State Budget. With a \$3.5 billion deficit, education advocates will be looking closely at tax caps and rising costs of budget items they have no control over like insurance, interest rates, foundation aid and retirement contributions. **Special Education:**

- i. *Closed Caption Movie Theater Ruling:* The US Attorney General signed a final rule that requires movie theaters to have and maintain equipment necessary to provide closed captioning for individuals who require and request it. The new rule will take effect January 17, 2017 and movie theaters must be in compliance by June 2, 2018.
- ii. *ELA Testing Accommodations:* The NYS Education Department (SED) released a document that describes the changes in allowable testing accommodations on the Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Assessments. Beginning in 2017, students who require that tests be read aloud (by way of human reader or technology) must be provided this testing accommodation in accordance with the specifications in the IEP/504 Plan.
- iii. *Justice Involved Youth:* The US Department of Education released resources to help justice-involved youth transition back to traditional school settings.
- iv. *Surviving Holidays for Special Needs Kids:* Holidays can be very stressful for kids with special needs. Events that most family members enjoy can be overwhelming.
- v. *Behavioral Supports Under IDEA:* The US Department of Education has issued a document reminding school districts of the importance of providing positive behavioral supports under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for students with disabilities.

Wellness:

- vi. *Wellness Policy Outreach Toolkit:* The US Food and Nutrition Services Team Nutrition Initiative developed a free Local Wellness Policy Outreach Toolkit for school districts. Share it with your Wellness Team to insure that all policies are up to date.
- vii. *US Surgeon General Released Two New Reports That Impact Youth and Families:* The first Surgeon General report explores the science of substance use, misuse and disorders; The second Surgeon General report raises public health concerns about e-cigarette use among youth and young adults.

January Awareness Events

- b. January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month
- c. Third Monday of Month: King Day of Service
- d. January 16-20: No Name Calling Week
- e. January 26: 10th Annual Drug and Alcohol Chat Day
- f. January 23-29: National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week

Committee Reports:

Site Based- freshman- pizza sales and t-shirts, soph-selling credit card holder for cell phones, juniors selling hats. Students told they can reach PTA to sell merchandise.

MAPOB- 1/30 7:30 at POBMS a program on preparing to continue music study in college, a college professor will present

Membership-960 members

Curriculum- 1/30

College Awards- 2,000 from cap and gown and 100 dental dollars,

Founder's Day- Parent recipient: Lori Frucht, Staff: Joyce Barry and Carolina Rodriguez

Treasurers report- Balances: general \$ 12469.30 and College awards \$9160.06

Transportation and Safety- New system introduced by Nassau county police, an app the administration have on their phones to alert police of an active shooter. The greeters at the front door will be trained on the computer to access student list and make sure visitors are allowed to visit. Looking into seatbelts for kindergarteners

Community engagement: A student from Nassau Community College from Plainview was arrested for vandalizing property, and we are still waiting to hear who the new Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor will be.

Athletics- No comfort station, issue with the town not moving forward now. HS badminton team and new bleachers for the HS. They can't force the coaches to use remind app, but they can try to use the school messenger to let parents know of changes

Our next PTA meeting will be on Monday, February 13th.