

HIGH SCHOOL PTA MINUTES

Monday, February 12, 2017

7:30pm

WELCOME

Welcome to our meeting. Please take a minute to review the minutes from January that are on the tables. 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
- Debbie Edelstein and Marina Bournias for Membership
- Maureen Cooke for sending out our daily announcements
- Patrice Finklestein for representing the HS for the District Event
- Anna Nizzari and Cindy Mertz for tonight's hospitality

Junior Class Officers, President and Secretary announce sale of POBJFK Winter Hats to raise money for prom. Hats will be sold during 10th and 11th periods for \$20/hat.

Mr. Murray:

Recent Events:

POB Idol

PTA President and Principal dinner

Midterm Week-

Teachers and Administrators are dissecting data on student performance so teachers can better guide instruction the remainder of the year.

Reworking schedule for next week although with over 50 exams to be given in 3.5 days makes it complicated.

Possibly for 2017-18 will hold exams Monday - Thursday and potentially shorten exams to 1 - 1.5 hours in length.

Will review again with teachers to avoid where possible testing the week before midterms.

Guidance College Week Tour - 7 Colleges and Universities were visited by about 50 students.

Band Concert

Guidance completing scheduling and students will be able to review.

Budget Presentation coming soon.

Vote on Minutes for January

Edit to the Minutes to read: "Fran Rappaport"

Motion to accept Minutes: Cindy Mertz; Second: Olga Portnoy; January 2017 Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

\$23,788.88 Total

\$12,440.82 in the operating account

\$11,348.06 in the college award account

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- At the January 30th Board of Education meeting a Dr. Lewis announced there will be a district wide CPR event on March 29th – anyone who wants to learn can come.
- The BOE approved to change grade weighting to 84/11/5% for all full year courses; they are not changing weighting of the 2015 Algebra Regents and are leaving it as originally approved which was DNH; a trigger of a difference of 6 points between the Regents and quarter grades will trigger an investigation into whether that exam needs to be re scored – those involved in the discussion will be the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Principal, department Chair and teachers.

- At the February 2nd BOE meeting it was announced that on May 4th there will be a presentation by Mr. Dewey concerning drugs – it's for all, not just teens.
- They are looking at Stratford Rd to move technology and athletic departments. Parking/entrance to the building is an issue they are looking into.

Committee Reports

Curriculum:

250 students (113 Sophomores and 137 Juniors) sat for First administration of the Pre-ACT
Next year may offer in the spring for Sophomores.

1:1 Initiative: Incoming 9th graders will have Chromebooks; 10th graders will receive however
issues raised over whether students who are in different grades in the same class will be
affected if they do not also have access to use of Chromebooks. Teachers are being trained
and loaner carts will be available.

AP Courses: Support for summer assignments will be reviewed and is at the discretion of
department chairs.

Prescriptive remedial reviewed.

College level classes discussed.

Next meeting in March.

Technology:

Switch upgrade at POBMS and MMS

Faculty training on Chromebooks and Google Platform

Issues addressed regarding wifi reception

Radio Station received stand alone computers.

Language Labs received new computer systems.

New firewalls installed.

Title IX:

At the last meeting we discussed sending out the letter to obtain nominations for the
LeMay/Watson award. We also discussed how each unit celebrates women's history month.

College Scholarship:

PTA packet; need volunteers to read Senior class essays.

Membership:

944 members

Parking Lot is dark at night. Inquiry as to placing additional lighting.

Our next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday, March 8th. Motion to adjourn: Olga Portnoy; Second:
Karen Griess; All in favor; Motion carried; Meeting adjourned.