

POB JFK HIGH SCHOOL PTA MEETING

Thursday, May 25, 2017 - 7:30pm

Meeting Minutes

President Deb Baer welcomed everyone to the meeting. The attendance book is going around as is the share folder. The committee sign-up book for next year is also available. Deb thanked Mr. Murray and the administrators who were in attendance as well as Debbie Edelstein and Marina Bournias for Membership, Maureen Cooke for sending out our daily announcements and Anna Nizzari for tonight's hospitality.

Deb introduced Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray spoke about all the different H.S. events that have taken place since the last meeting. This Junior Gala had the largest junior class and it went well and had great food. He spoke about the Best Buddies Walk and how well it went this year and told everyone about *The Best Buddies Club*. It is a National Club and it brings Special Education and Mainstream students together.

He informed us that Mr. Filippi, an Earth Science teacher, received tenure. Many Honor Societies have had their inductions. Mr. Loeb had his last Band concert. The Dr. Dewey presentation went well and there was another one on May 24 "Forum on the Impact of Drugs on the Brain" at Jericho High School. Parents asked about making a Dr. Dewey presentation mandatory for high school students. It was asked if it could start with 9th graders as it is good to start early. He is scheduled to speak at our High School in the fall.

There was a discussion on final exams. The State mandates the number of days allowed for testing (15) which includes both finals and Regents.

Mr. Murray addressed parent's concerns about Honor Societies Meetings and Inductions taking place during the day, when parents have to take off work to attend them. They would like some at night.

Deb thanked Mr. Murray for his remarks. She asked for a vote to accept the minutes from April and they were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Olga Portnoy reported that we have \$11,367.87 in the Operating Account and \$16,891.31 in the College Awards Account for a total of \$28,259.18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chamber Orchestra made Gold level at NYSSMA. Congratulations.

The budget was passed; Debbie Bernstein and Ginger Lieberman were voted in as BOE trustees - they had run unopposed.

The district communications committee was formed: parent representatives are Sarah Bogarty, Eliza Greenberg and Paula Barsky. Lorna Lewis, Chris Donarummo and one other will represent administration - will also be 3 teachers.

New assessments for Algebra 2 are being put in place that will now include Trig. They're looking to administer them in 2019-2020.

The regents will be graded using levels by the end of next year. They're not sure yet if they will use 1 - 5 or 1 - 4

$\frac{1}{2}$ days cannot be used for state aid if they're not educationally based. HS Regents days are the only days that can be used for $\frac{1}{2}$ days. $\frac{1}{2}$ day Parent/Teacher conferences are gone as they are not educational at the elementary schools - they are going to go to full day parent/teacher conferences and will revisit the calendar to pick new conference days.

Please look at the district website for the district Report Card.

The first installment of money has been received by the district from Beechwood for the building taking place on Old Country Road.

Community Service has come up in HS curriculum - a request to Joe Braico to start the health requirement in 10th grade vs current 12th grade (starts 7/1). Jill Gierasch says it should be a site-based issue. Getting bounced back and forth.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Maria Gustafson read the proposed slate:

President: Deb Baer

First Vice President: Natalie Drebsky

Membership Vice President: Hilary Starr

Membership Vice President: Karina Merseburg

College Awards Vice President: Kathy Rea

College Awards Vice President: Susan Stromberg

Curriculum Vice President: Karen Greiss

Communications Vice President: Maureen Cooke

Recording Secretary: Elissa Friedman

Assistant Recording Secretary: Paula Barsky

Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer Federmann

Historian: Fern Rothschild

Treasurer: Eileen Chasan

Past President: Eileen Dershowitz

Council Delegates: Missy Bartoletta, Ivy Chasan, Cindy Mertz, Marina Bournias, Frann Rappaport, Lisa Hindi, Fern Rothschild, Sharon Becker, Eileen Chasan, Debbie Edelstein, Janine Wolff, Michele Kies, Aliza Greenberg, Diane Collins, Jessica Corbett

Council Alternates: Anna Nizzari, Karen Greiss, Jen Biren, Natalie Drebsky, Gail Soffer, Kathy Rea, Jacqueline Altstaedter, Cheryl Sanborn

Deb Baer asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Maria said that Anna Nizzari for College Awards V.P. was put in and that Kathy Rea had withdrawn her nomination prior to the meeting. The proposed slate was voted on and approved for all positions except for one College Awards VP position. Anna gave a speech about her interest in the position and her intentions. We had to vote on it. Lori Frucht and Vivian Chen tallied the ballots. We voted and Anna was voted in.

Senior Sign and Dine will take place on Friday, June 9th.

Community Awareness: Stephanie Kaplan gave us some Town of Oyster Bay news Councilman Chris Coschignano resigned and Thomas Hand was named as his replacement. POB Middle School 7th & 8th Grade Band won NYSSMA Gold at Hofstra. Also, she told us that there is a Plainview company that is getting national recognition for creating a 3D prosthetic leg with Northwell Health for 33 year old Marine Veteran Daniel Lasko.

Transportation and Safety Committee: Pam Abramowitz spoke about what took place at the May 4th meeting. With regards to going forward, the committee is going to be looking into what other districts have that we don't, to see if there is something we might want to implement, such as GPS systems and cameras for the buses.

Regarding lateness for the buses: there will be an increase in communication with transportation. Emails and texts will go out to parents/guardians to inform them. Last week a letter was sent out about school buses. They will be putting out their red "stop" arms during arrival and dismissal of students. It became effective on May 8th. This will make it safer for students to go on and off the buses.

Pam also told us that starting in September, the district will be implementing the "ScholarChip" which is a visitor management system. There will be training for personnel on how to use it. Your license is scanned to check your identity and for any red flags. If all checks out, you are issued a label pass to put on your clothing while in school. This makes all the schools consistent with regards to visitors. It can pick up "orders of protection" and other problems that have come up.

There was some discussion of this new system by the parents at the meeting after Pam gave this report. There is major concern as to where this information is going to be stored and who can have access to it. Parents are uncomfortable about giving their licenses with all that information on it to just enter a school. This will definitely be discussed further.

President Deb Baer said that our next PTA meeting will be on Monday, June 12th. She asked for a motion to end the meeting. Motion made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Drebsky