

HIGH SCHOOL PTA MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016
7:30pm

WELCOME

Welcome to our meeting. Please take a minute to review the minutes 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
- Lori Frucht and Julie Kessler for helping with membership, college awards and water at 9th Grade Guidance Night
- Anna Nizzari for tonight's hospitality

Mr. Murray's Report: Past Programs:

Financial Aid Night

Club Fair - last Friday- Good student turnout; waiting for teacher feedback

Grade 9 Guidance Information Night

Pep Rally- very spirited

Homecoming and Banner Parade

Senior class photo was held indoors

Research Colloquium- summer learning and research reports

Presentation of \$200 for College Awareness Day from the Scholarship Fund on behalf of Ms. Lynn

Concerns Raised:

Homework assignments and tests given day after Jewish Holidays. Mr. Murray will remind faculty when solemn holidays are on the calendar.

Tests given on Pep Rally Day, which is a shortened day. Mr. Murray will remind teachers to avoid testing on this day.

It is possible that tests are still geared for old time period not for new shortened periods. Mr. Murray will inquire.

Vote on Minutes: Motion to accept September 2016 minutes-Cindy Mertz; Second-Vivian Chen. All in favor. No discussion. Minutes approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nassau Region PTA representatives in attendance- acknowledged the 50th Anniversary of POBJFKHS PTA Charter

Parents on Grading Committee report – Paula Barsky:

9/7/16-BOE requested formation of a grade weighting committee.

Committee is comprised of 1/3 parents, 1/3 teachers, 1/3 administrators with 5 representatives from each group. Parents are of different grade levels.

Meetings already held: 9/22, 9/29, 10/19

11/21- Committee will present its recommendation to BOE.

Discussions have been whether to give the regents exams any weight, leave percentage weighting as is, or impose a 'do no harm' policy.

Other districts on Long Island were queried on a listserv as to their policies.

2016 average regents scores were provided to the committee in summary data form.

Parents of the committee are seeking input from PTA membership via emails sent to pobgradingcommittee@gmail.com. This information was sent out in the Daily Announcements by the HS PTA as well as POBMS and Mattlin.

As of the meeting there were approximately 25 responses. Parents are still able to submit their concerns, questions, and input.

Treasurer's Report – Debbie Baer for Olga Portnoy:

Balances: Operating Account \$13,543.52

College Awards: \$ 6,488.44

Plus: Debbie Edelstein received \$282 in college awards

No membership disbursements to NYS PTA have been made yet for this year.

Received today: \$2,174.00 to be deposited into operating account.

Committee reports

Membership: 904 parents and 41 staff

Parents Night Out: 12/8/16. Dinner, Chocolate fountain; raffles; mentalist David Lawrence, supports College Awards. \$45 pp

District Wide Event: 1/13/17: Murder Mystery Dinner; ads being sold for dinner journal; proceeds will be divided equally among all units; raffle prizes needed.

SEPTA Paint Night Out: 11/10/16; 7pm at Mattlin. \$48/pp

Nutrition: Plans to install food/snack vending machines on opposite side of building/cafeteria for students.

Site Based:

- * Seniors reported about Homecoming and sweatshirt sale.
- * Sophomores plan to fundraise with sale of cell phone wraps with card holders.
- * Teacher Reacher was slow going for first opening of conference scheduling.
- * Need more information for students in preparation of taking PSAT once registered.
- * Club list is updated on HS web page; no calendar but posted in Daily Announcements and on electronic board in front hall.
- * Students have not seen a drug presence in building at this time.
- * Common Core regents: Senior student was not effected; Sophomore student thought somewhat fair; Parents thought curves are unfair and final impact felt when students must compete with other out of state students in college admission process.
- * Passing time- some issues still but teachers are aware of those students who have unusual circumstances that may delay them.

Building Advisory:

9/27/17 meeting.

- * 3 new filtration systems and water fountains installed.
- * Homecoming Banners displayed
- * Junior Class seeking Kan Jams for its fundraiser
- * Parking-75 spots remained available after 1st marking period spots assigned. Spots are given on 1st come 1st serve; DECA created a raffle for several spots with proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House. Students are guaranteed 2 quarters for spots.
- * Request made for school supplies to be posted on the portal upon teacher assignments
- * Library open hours-Only open until 3pm leaving student athletes and others needing to be in building past 3pm with nowhere to study.
- * Prescriptive remedial schedule reviewed.
- * 10th period makeup tests-students have shorter time period to complete exam.

Nominating Committee will be formed at next PTA meeting 11/15/16. We will be electing 2 members plus an alternate from our general meeting to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Cap and Gown measurements- need additional times for fittings

Ring measurements-only 9:30-12:30; need additional times for fittings

Our next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15th.

Motion to end the meeting: Eileen Dershowitz; Second: Natalie Drebsky; No discussion; All in favor; Meeting adjourned.