

**High School PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 15, 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
- Maria Gustafson, Frann Rappaport and all who helped them with our wonderful Parents Night Out
- Anna Nizzari for tonight's hospitality

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

At the December 5, 2016 Board of Education meeting a motion to rename Parkway Elementary The Judy Jacobs Parkway Elementary school was made and passed

Special performance from the Accapella groups. Advisor is Mr. Paltrowitz  
The concert is January 6<sup>th</sup> with 2 performances. Selling tickets for \$12 in advance and \$15 at door the door. Under Arrest and Drastic Measures performed.

**Mr. Murray:**

Thanks for braving the cold. Lots going on: SADD blood drive; Fall play Dracula; Financial Literacy day at middle school; Engineering Awareness night; Digital Citizenship district wide, show what they know. Parents Night Out was great. METMUNC weekend. Jazz/orchestra concert was last night. Working on the grade weighting committee: committee met 5 times and didn't come to a consensus. We had a final meeting with Dr. Lewis to try to come to consensus. There were 2 reps from each group. Looked at mid-terms and regent's grades; multiple scenarios were run to find where consensus can be made. Committee did reach consensus and Dr. Lewis will present at January Board meeting.

Mid-Term Exams: 4 days, students only come to school if they are taking an exam. All teachers reviewed the exam for accuracy, for content that was taught, its length, point value, and each teacher took the test ahead of time to validate it. In-class exams before the mid terms, are tests returned prior to mid-term? which means plan ahead. It is not a week to grade assessments, when the portal closes parents and students should know where they stand. Question: The week before Mid-terms, can we be mindful of meetings so that teachers are available for remedial?

Car in the circle is a reminder for SADD for Grim Reaper Day.

**Committee Reports:**

Site Based- student fundraisers, freshman- looking into organizing off-site volunteer opportunities. Clubs use Facebook a lot to publicize events and not reaching everyone. MAPOB- Introduction to NYSSMA was well attended.

BAC: 11/29- Freshman class pizza sale, working on long sleeve shirt, Junior class met with Mr. Miller about prom and selling hats, looking to create ways to include, sophomore class selling credit card holder for back of the phone, discussion of portal grades, St. Margret's doing a Family in need drive.

Membership-941 members 45 staff, our goal is 960 so we are 19 short to reach goal.

Curriculum- 12/12- New course proposals 17-18 school year can be found on the district website. New social studies framework; starting June 2018 transition to a new one year 1750-present regents. New textbooks for global courses. Grade 12 health- graduation requirement is a full year; the state requires ½ credit.

College Awards- we are looking for volunteers to read essays.

Nominating Committee- 3 people from the general membership: Paula Barsky and Michele Keis. Alternate: Rakhee Bhatra.

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

Treasurers report- Balances: general \$12618.30 and College awards \$4,210.85

Parent night out- 75 people and 65 raffle baskets, La Famiglia was very cooperative. 136 business donated. Thank you for attending, Thank you to Frann and Maria.

**Our next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**