

## HIGH SCHOOL PTA MINUTES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

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
- Anna Nizzari for tonight's hospitality

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Vote on \$165 to purchase TV with SEPTA for Founders Day Raffle
- You should have received the announcement from Dr. Lewis concerning the rescaling of the 2016 Geometry and Physics regents. Copies of the recalculations are in the share folder. (sent out Wed., 3/1).
- BOE budget meetings have begun. Reports on those departments that have already made their presentations are in the share folder.

### **Mr. Murray:**

Spring Sports started. We are in the middle of 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period. Exchange concert here was outstanding. Battle of the Classes: Kids had a great time at Battle. Juniors Won! We held our Junior College round table, turn out wasn't great, but those that came said it was good information. We finished programming our students and we started meetings with Central to look at course selection to determine section #'s and staffing issues. Sad note we had another alumnus pass away from an overdose from the class of 2007, he was friends with the alumnus from class of 2006 that had passed away 3 weeks prior. Steven Dewey is coming in May and we are working with Health Education to see what more we can be doing. Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> there will be an event at the Plainview Fire Department to address drug awareness.

Questions: Last year there was a speaker that moved a lot of families, can you bring them back earlier in the year, it was too close to finals? How can this be addressed in health, in a new way? I am working with Mr. Braico, I agree we are looking at other things, other speakers they can relate to.

Reporting for Ms. Lynn

Last night Junior College round table: Binghamton, Union and The Ohio State were the colleges here and we received great feedback.

College essay night is March 22; College 101 is also coming in March. Remediation in ELA and math for students who tested low on the Nassau Community College entrance exam has begun.

College Fair is April 4<sup>th</sup> once again we will have break out session for students with IEP's and 504's and at 8:15-8:45 we will hold employability skills workshop. In May counselors go to 10<sup>th</sup> grade health classes.

May 1-12 are AP's

### **Committee Reports:**

Transportation and Safety: The use of text messaging for communications seems to be working out well.

Still figuring out if wearing seat belts on school bus is necessary. After doing on-going research – we find that despite lack of seat belts, fatalities are rare.

The day of the bomb scare at the JCC – it was difficult to hear Mr. Murray on the loud speaker. Not sure if there was something going on with the loud speaker system.

Have done research for visitor screening at front security desk when walking into the schools. First they tried the chrome book- didn't work.

Then laptop – very expensive. The most recent type of security system being worked on is called "Scholarship". Visitor gives his/her license and it gets scanned and does a security check. The person's picture is printed out and info and they wear this while in the school for the visit.

There has been an improvement in our radio system district wide. It's a digital hand held radio system @ POB. This helped us with the bomb scare at the JCC.

MAPOB- March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 th musical petting school, HS students have their instruments and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders come to choose instruments for next year.

Founder's Day- Parent recipient: Lori Frucht, Staff: Joyce Barry and Carolina Rodriguez: We could use more raffles. SEPTA voted to spend \$170 on a TV to raffle off. This would be a separate grand prize raffle. Motion to spend \$170 towards a grand prize. Motion carried.

Treasurers report- Balances: general \$11960.92 and College awards \$11346.06

Nutrition-Witson's contract is up and we are reviewing other vendors and reviewing menu's. We are meeting at the end of the month to discuss different menu choices.

Athletics-text messaging system for game changes. Newsletter coming out in March

**Our next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday, April 26, 2017**