

HIGH SCHOOL PTA MINUTES

Monday, June 12, 2017

8:00pm

WELCOME

Welcome to our meeting. Please take a minute to review the minutes from May that are on the tables. Please sign the attendance book that is going around. The Share folder is also being passed around. I am also passing around the committee sign-up book for next year. Please go through it and sign up for those committees you'd like to participate in and/or chair.

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
- Lori Frucht for distributing the PTA College awards at the Senior Award & Scholarship Ceremony and the parents who sat on the college award committee to review the applications.
- Maria Gustafson for chairing Senior Sign and Dine and all of those who volunteered to help there
- Anna Nizzari for our upcoming graduation flower sale

Vote on Minutes for May – Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balances in the checking accounts are:

Operating account \$ 11,653.06 - there are still disbursements to be made for sign and dine, hospitality.

the money we get for the flower sales from graduation will go onto next year. (this year we got last year's flower \$)

We have not disbursed any \$ for College 101, College fair, Junior gala DJ, Reflections, Sophomore event, Special project to school - these are all in our budget.

Awards account \$3,964.31 --- this should be the final number for this account to carry onto next year.

Total cash in both accounts \$15,617.37

Request to spend up to \$1000 over the summer for fall activities including but not limited to staff breakfast and gifts, freshman welcome and set up. Motion made as to the above by Ivy Chasen. Motion second: Frann Rappaport. No opposition. Motion passed.

Mr. Murray: Underclass awards took place with more students than ever possibly due to 9 period day and there were a large number of juniors this year; Jazz concert was great and Mr. Loeb's last concert here; SAT Subject tests were given. Choir concert was well attended and wonderful. Choir Formal coming up.

Senior Awards Night taking place currently in the LGI; Orchestra Tea was an afternoon spent with the seniors and the community; Thespian Honor Society had a banquet at Domenicos; Sign & Dine will be held this Friday, sponsored by the PTA as has been in the past annually; JV & Varsity Sports Awards were handed out recently; Graduation preparations and rehearsals will be underway. POBJFK will look into streaming the graduation live. This year will be again held at the Tilles Center. Review for costs and class size will be done for next year as the class of 2018 has 450 students. Parents raised concern of ticket distribution and capacity of Tilles Center to accommodate the large class size guests; Prom upcoming; New Electric Sign Board up and running; This morning was 'Senior Sunrise' informally held at the POBJFK track; Yearbooks will be distributed; Looking into the idea of parading our senior graduates around middle and elementary schools. Reviewing logistics and how to best do this given many calendar conflicts, time constraints, and bus schedules.

High School Community Service requirements as per senior Health course are being reviewed by the BOE. The current health requirement is 10 hours and Mr. Braicco has permitted beginning to earn those credits during late spring of Junior year. Any concerns, suggestions, comments should be addressed during public participation at the next BOE

meeting. BOE is looking into community service: researching how it got tied to graduation, is it legal to be a graduation requirement; and placed in Health; how they came up with 10 hours; also looking to possibly extend requirement k-12, or 9 – 12 – 10 hrs a year. ; discussed that there are honors requirements for community service, that students also do community service by helping their own families and are unable to do this outside of their family- we should find student friendly ways to help those students fit it into their schedule/identify opportunities for those students; Also discussed how it would be managed as currently it's the student who tracks the hours and then make a presentation about their experiences; They will be looking for input from student council, PTA, and other districts to see how it's handled there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We need 3 volunteers for the audit committee, to audit our books, which would take place after June 30th. Ivy Chasan, Cindy Mertz, Anna Nazzari. Thank you to these volunteers.

- Mr. Farrelly has received tenure – congratulations; Mr. Mulieri, Asst. Superintendent for HR also received tenure.

\$83,000 had been raised from this year's Relay for Life. Congratulations to Jen Biren for organizing such a successful community event!

Beechwood: Town of Oyster Bay has a meeting 6/20/17 for Resolution 308. There were modifications requested regarding the covenants to the existing right to build. Shoprite delivery hours are at issue. There is currently no traffic plan or traffic lights planned for that area. Beechwood is openly selling 3-4 bedroom units when the plans filed were for 1 & 2 bedroom units. Additionally, Newsday recently reported that the TOB is trying to seek 9 acres by a housing development and sell back to the state. Please call our Town Council representatives to express any concerns.

NYS Board of Regents has scaled back the number of days of ELA and Math NYS Assessment testing from 3 each to 2 days each. Graduation requirements are on the agenda for 8/17 meeting. There exist local diploma issues for students with IEPs and other special learning plans. Passage of Regents are needed for local diploma. Parents are seeking multiple pathways for graduation diplomas for eligible students. There is a Facebook page: Multiple Pathways for Diplomas for All

There are two personnel bulletins in the share folder for part-time school monitors: 2 at Stratford Rd., and 2 at Pasadena. If you are interested, please see the information on those flyers.

The district has made an enhancement to Infinite Campus that allows parents and students to access year-end secondary report cards from previous schools years. Specifically, parents and students will be able to view the middle and high school report cards via the Campus Backpack for the 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 & 2015/2016 school years. Moving forward, the district will maintain this access for parents and students. Thank you to our PTA Board – this was an issue we brought up when we met with the BOE earlier this year.

Mattlin families: I spoke to Mr. Yagaloff, English Dept. Chair, about the time capsules our current graduates who are former Mattlin students, created as 8th graders. It's supposed take place on Monday, June 19th after graduation rehearsal. He said an email will go out to those families about opening the time capsules.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time for sign and dine: Debbie Edelstein, Eileen Dershowitz, Frann Rappaport, Olga Portnoy, Anna Nazzari, and Maria Gustafson.

Thank you to all our graduating parents! Patrice Finkelstein, Vivian Chen, Lori Frucht, Maria Gustafson, and Eileen Dershowitz.

Mr. Murray conducted the swearing in of the 2017-18 POB JFK PTA Executive Board.

Motion to adjourn: Olga Portnoy. Second: Sharon Becker. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Motion to adjourn, second.