

**HIGH SCHOOL PTA Minutes**

**February 12, 2018**

**7:30pm**

**WELCOME**

Welcome. The attendance book was passed around. The Share folder was also passed around.

**THANK YOU:**

- to Mr. Murray and our administrators for joining us tonight
- Hilary Starr and Karina Merseburg for Membership;
- Jenn Federmann for our daily announcements
- Anna Nizzari for tonight's hospitality
- Maureen Cooke for our website

We need two people to review our books from the past month.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Murray**

Marking period 3 under way. Random Acts of Kindness week is underway: The kids are hanging up signs and acknowledging others with kind words.

Some results from the Postgraduate survey from Class of 2015, we use this data to help make improvements. There were 376 students in the class, 214 responded to email (62%).

77.6% are at 4 year school, 19.6% are working part time.

Do you feel you were offered a quality education at POBJFK?

85% yes; 3.7 % no; 11.2% no response.

Were Enough elective classes offered?

69.2% yes; 16.4% no; 14.5% no response

Did participation in Extra curricular activities help prepare you for the future

69.6% yes; 14.5% no; 15.9% no response.

Did your teachers hold high expectations for you and help you succeed in school, even if you fell behind?

81.8% yes; 5.1% no; 13.1% no response.

Do you feel you were given enough research based writing skills in order to be successful in college?

63.1% yes; 22% no; 15% no response.

How well did HS prepare you socially? (drug/alcohol awareness, sex education, online safety and character building?)

52.3% excellent; 21% good; 7% average; 2.3% below average; 4% needs improvement; 12.6% no response

These results will be reviewed with BAC, for question updates and feedback

**Mr. Haruthunian – Title I**

What is a Title I school- % of students receive free and reduced lunch, funding to help close the achievement gap between students of lower socioeconomic status and students from non low socioeconomic status. Federal funding to support curriculum, reading system, staffing to help boost student performance in the building. We are on the low end of funding for Title I funds compared to other districts that might have more need.

**Treasurer's Report**

Operating account \$12,199

College Awards: \$12081

Copy of budget on each table - no questions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

At BOE meeting: Lorna Lewis commented about the testing days schedule that's being piloted and noted that this will be revisited at the end of the year. She met with Student Council to get their feedback on the schedule. One student said that he had 5 tests in one day. When she asked him how he felt about that, he responded that we have to get used to stress. She said no, you don't.

Parent Question: How are you soliciting feedback on this? Students at SITE Based and Bac will share information and feedback on the new testing schedule. Parents are welcome to email Mr. Murray with feedback. Plan came about because parents complained about the # of tests, this is to address the # of exams on any given day. This is for full

period test. Are the teachers providing feedback? They were not supportive of this model. Piloting is very new, people getting used to it, pilot doesn't mean it is going to be permanent. At the end of the quarter can you survey the students like a survey monkey? The plan was approved in November the HS teachers requested that it start with the new semester so they can prepare, this was so they could make adjustments. One parent said that it is causing more turmoil renamed 'quizzes' kids are just as stressed. Mr. Murray: If they are being counted as tests then parents need to tell me.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Breakfast took place this past Saturday morning. Thank you to Paula Barsky, PTA Council, and the Jericho and Syosset PTA councils for hosting the breakfast. It was an extremely informative event. Regent Chancellor Rosa, Regent Tilles and Representative Charles Lavine were among some of the distinguished guests who attended and spoke at the breakfast. When they hold the event next year, Please make an effort to go.

I've received feedback regarding the dates of parent/teacher conferences, which I've forwarded on to Mr. Murray. Heard from only 13 people. Of the comments, two want to keep them where they are. The rest are divided between making them earlier or later in the school year, with a couple of miscellaneous comments.

We are looking for a volunteer to chair a Relay for Life team for the High School. Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer.

March 12<sup>th</sup> is St. Baldrick's

March 1 Mah Jong @ JJP

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> The Fire Department will hold a Blood Drive 2:30- 8:30 @ the Firehouse on Old Country Road

**Committee Reports**

<p><b><u>Arts-In-Ed – Cindy Mertz</u></b> looking for something in our budget still trying</p> <p><b><u>Athletic Committee</u></b>-Bowling made it to the States 3.10</p> <p><b><u>Building Advisory Committee-Aliza Greenberg</u></b> scheduling model discussed</p> <p><b><u>Community Awareness-Stephanie Kaplan</u></b>          Little Doctor Blood Drive 3/8 Matlin @4-9:30          Anti Bullying night at TOB Ice skating rink 3/3 @7-9          POB Chamber of Commerce 3/1 Women's group meeting (must be a member)          Relay for Life: Gaga and Lego 3/8 at the Y @ 3:30 -6          Sensory bowling in Farmingdale Lanes          2/15 robotics fundraiser movie night \$20 at Elwood Cinema</p> <p><b><u>Curriculum-Karen Greiss</u></b>          No Feb mtg. 3/19 is next meeting</p> <p><b><u>Health-Hilary Starr meeting after break</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Mapob-Michelle Keis</u></b> 3/5 instrumental petting zoo at 7pm at POBMS</p> <p><b><u>Mattlin Liaison – Lisa Hindi</u></b> meeting was cancelled</p> <p><b><u>Nutrition-Lisa Hindi</u></b> Elementary had guest chef, it was the HS Chef and they loved it. Here at the HS there is a smoothie bar planned but it was going to take up too much space, went back to the drawing board</p> <p><b><u>POBMS Liaison-Stephanie Kaplan</u></b>          3/23 Watson Adventure Night out          Steam night in April for the whole district          Boston trip is in April          Mr. Page is retiring</p> <p><b><u>Septa Liaison-Paula Barsky</u></b> Family night out 2/8 was well attended it was Wingo with Best Buddies</p>
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Founders day 3/14 the flyer is on the daily announcement  
 Drama cadets 4/19, 4/20 and 4/ 21 looking for donations of raffle prizes  
 Question about Tax id's for the Boosters and the POBMS Drama cadets

The Checkbook was reviewed and the Books are ok.

**Our next meeting is on Monday, March 19th.**