

HS PTA Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2016

Eileen welcomed everyone.

Attendance Book, Share Folder & Sign-Up Sheets were circulated. Copies of budget & last meeting's minutes on tables

Thank you to Julie & Maria for Sign & Dine, Anna & Mike for Hospitality.

Mr. Murray's Report

There have been a lot of amazing activities going on at JFK since the last meeting. These include National, Business & Science Honor Society inductions, Jr. Gala, Night of Accapella, Underclass Awards, Science Research Symposium, Senior Awards, Thespian Honor Society dinner, Sign and Dine, Choir Formal & Relay for Life to name a few. The concerts were great. We are in the process of posting the summer assignments as soon as they come in. There is no summer assignment for AP Capstone, as the teachers are being trained over the summer. Retirements: Hall Aid Marge O'Connor retiring after 49 years of service (district says 50), Head Custodian Mike LaMattina, Secretary Sandy Tempkin, and teachers Nick Ventimiglia, Evan Abraham and Dorothy Kleinman. Thank you for your support over the past year. We are planning for 1:1 initiative for 2017-18. Doing construction over the summer. The pavement will be torn up. They are doing the parking lot and the roof on 80% of the building. No summer school or Camp Apollo because of building upgrades. Heroin Community Forum went very well and the Memorial service for Mr. Golbert was inspirational.

Ms. Lynn's Report

HS 101 and HS visit for the 8th graders were completed, as well as College 101 program and our last alumni day for 2016. 10th grade did a career exploration in their health classes. 3 weeks of APS, 2 SAT's and an ACT kept us pretty busy. On Tuesday at the Nassau Counselor Association's end of the year dinner we won an award for our sophomore college tour. Wrapping up with the senior class: 97% applied to college, approximately 89% will be attending 4 year colleges, 8% attending 2 year; 53% staying in NY, 47% out of state. 3400 applications processed overall, yielding a 68% acceptance rate. Overall Ivy League acceptance rates for Class of 2019 were between 5 & 15%. We had a 16% acceptance rate for Ivies. 5 top colleges our seniors will be attending next fall are Nassau, Binghamton, Ohio State, Buffalo & SUNY Farmingdale. At the end of August, we are hosting University of Chicago for a regional information session. New college application we will discuss at senior guidance night in fall from The Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success. This is a consortium of 90 colleges creating an online platform for students who might not have the resources or access our students do (students from disadvantaged communities where they don't have access to counselors). The coalition application will go live by the end of July for class of 2017. Of the 90 that are participating 58 will accept the application next fall (Ms. Lynn has the list), as an alternative to the Common App. Has "virtual locker," an online storage space to upload & store documents for when students are ready to apply to colleges. Colleges won't have access, but students can give access to counselor, parent or outside advisors. University of Maryland will only accept the Coalition app. We are not recommending it for other schools at this point & neither are most other schools, but we will support our students through the process. Some other local schools will not allow students to use the Coalition app next year. Want to get more details on the Coalition app & how schools will allow students to use the locker. Not sure if schools will limit the number of items that students upload from the locker. SAT 2 from June will have scores available in July. Question from parent: If a child was removed from the ACT during administration is there a record of that? No, because schools only know about students taking ACT or SAT when they report the score.

President's Report

Budget & propositions passed. Seth Greenberg, Ronelle Herskowitz & Susan Stewart elected to BOE. APPR plan will be presented to BOE at the June 20 meeting. Portal will open for transportation info on August 17 & schedules as of August 24. Michael Rogers will be the new District Director of Music.

Motion to accept minutes, minutes accepted

Committee Reports

Treasurer – General account \$8964.63, College awards \$3597.40. We used \$1340 from the College Awards reserves for scholarships. Any outstanding receipts that need to be paid must be submitted by June 30.

College Awards- PTA gave out 14 scholarships, each worth \$1100.

Arts & Ed – Successful year here. New Director of Music comes from Nassau BOCES. Each school getting \$1000 next year, except for elementary schools getting \$1250 to cover the incoming kindergarten class.

Curriculum – Pre-ACT similar to PSAT will be offered next year, probably in December. There were reports that Regents reviews were crowded. That will be explored. ENL Night was scheduled but cancelled due to lack of registration. We will try again next year. College Fair went well. Alternate Education program will not be running in September of next year, but hope to have it at some point. Topics for next year include: Calculator Dependency, Tricks and Tips for ACT and SAT, Prescriptive Remedial, New Social Studies Regional/Regents for Global, 1:1 updates, new technology company/infrastructure issues, AP passing rates and College level classes.

Sign & Dine – Went very well this year thanks to everyone who came to help. We opened doors at 2:30. Kids stayed until 5. Most of the food went. Thank you Cindy for taking pictures.

Graduation Flowers – The link is in the announcements, prefer a check if purchasing at the event.

Liaison Reports

Mattlin – Getting yearbooks tomorrow, Monday is 8th grade breakfast, and interviewing for principal.

POBMS – Yearbooks will be distributed tomorrow, Graduation on Friday.

SEPTA – College awards given to 7 recipients, who received \$1000 each.

Booster Club – Senior dinner & awards ceremony was tonight. Looking forward to new members next year.

MAPOB – Held memorial luncheon & presented check to Mr. Golbert's family

New Business

Need to form Audit Committee. Ronni Leo, Lori Frucht & Anna Nizzari volunteered. There is a line in the budget for a gift to the school. Mr. Murray spoke of replacing the banners that are at the front of the school. They are 13 years old & fraying. Art students have submitted designs. A Motion was made to use the money in the gift to school line for new banners. Motion was seconded & passed unanimously. Mr. Murray swore in the 2016-17 slate of officers. Eileen gave gifts to the members of the Executive Board for their service & recognized Anna Nizzari for supplying hospitality for all of our meetings. Recognition of Senior parents whose youngest children are graduating for all of their years of service to PTA – Marie Giulietti, Julie Kessler, Ronni Leo & Donna Sansariq. Fire Department is running a blood drive on June 21, 2:30-8:30 at the headquarters on 885 Old Country Road. They are giving away a pair of Mets tickets for every pint donated. The Community Pre-Prom will be at the HS at 5:30 on Thursday.