

POBJFKHS PTA Meeting - November 17th, 2010

President's Report: Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm. Welcome to Ms. Lynn, Ms. Lasher and Mr. Dallara. Thank you to Margo Garcia for hospitality. Thank you to Lisa Moskowitz, Andrea Goldman and Linda Gould for continuing to work on membership and our email list to make sure everyone who is supposed to be getting our emails and announcements are getting them. Thanks to Paula Barsky for the student directory. December 2nd conference on Internet Safety at Hofstra. DECA's Holiday Fair Dec. 4th. Attendance sheets, Share Folder passed around. Minutes approved. Parent teacher conferences went well. Introduced Mr. Jacobson from PCT. Next meeting Jan. 12th, 2011.

Principal's Report: Looks like Scavenger Hunt has been cancelled (for now). Lockdown and Early Dismissal drills scheduled for 11/24. Marking Period 2 began 11/15 as does mandatory Gradebook usage for all faculty. Both Parent Teacher Conferences were held and the feedback from teachers were very positive. Overall a lighter turnout than in the past. Items of interest: student recognition for fall achievement will take place at BOE meeting; Varsity Boys' Volleyball lost the Count Championships; the Student Gov't, did their annual Park Cleanup last week; this week is the Fall Play- The Diary of Anne Frank; DECA had their annual Kickball Tournament; and the Blood Drive sponsored by SADD is next week (11/23).

Director of Guidance Report: To date 258 students have submitted applications (about 62% of the senior class). 194 students have applied either early action or early decision and so far we have 23 acceptances. Four on-site Admissions programs planned: 11/22- CW Post; 12/2 NYIT; 12/6- Nassau Community; 1/7- Mercy College. Since the last PTA mtg. we have hosted the Financial Aid Information Night for parents of 9th and 10th grade students as well as the 10th grade night meeting. Focus was on Naviance. On Nov. 4th we hosted a mtg. for students who might be interested in attending a BOCES Vocational program next year.

Treasurer's Report: \$16,779 - Scholarship has a little over \$1600

Committees:

Arts & Ed: Gearing towards Media Arts

BOE: Property Assessment Issue- \$1.4 million affects our budget; Good report from auditor; additional staff development courses; student recognition

BAC: students want to know when the student portal would be open for them to view; the students would like admin. And the board to re-consider Choir students getting $\frac{1}{4}$ credit for Monday night choir. Currently the Band gets an extra $\frac{1}{4}$ credit for Marching Band; 50 students participated in the park clean up; Students talked about the lack of motivation and spirit in buying t-shirts and participating in Fund Raising. It has become more difficult to raise money for Prom.

Curriculum: 11/15 meeting- Mr. Yagaloff - Dept. Chair for English discussed College essay writing; The English regents has been changed to have more short essays instead of long essays; there have been proposed changes to student scheduling process.

Founder's Day: Recipients: Jane Pace- Parent Tom Mattone- Staff

Health: Hadassah Speaker- Lynn Gordon Would like to introduce a program for 12th graders about breast cancer awareness and testicular cancer. Other confirmed speaker programs: LIGALY at MMS-11/17-18; LIAAC at MMS 11/22-23; LICC at MMS 10/25-26. Future Programs LICC at MMS gr. 8; LICC at MMS gr. 8; LICC POBMS gr. 8; LICC MMS gr. 6 (waiting for more programs for POBMS and HS). POB school district participated in Lee National Denim Day and raised \$1295 for breast cancer. Activity Works program has been introduced to the Health Advisory Committee. Also, many teachers are still confused as to what foods are acceptable on the Wellness policy. Mattlin's student council did a non-food fundraiser by selling Mattlin Pride Cards. They raised over \$10,000.

Legislation: For student safety schools have been implementing "zero tolerance" , but a North Carolina Supreme Court said that schools must provide strong reasons for denying alternative schooling or tutoring for suspended students. Congress Delays Vote on Child Nutrition Reauthorization Bill.

MAPOB: Talked about Fundraising; next meeting 1/27- speaker on college auditions

Mattlin: Bookfair; Auditions for school play.

Membership: 773 Members; everyone should be getting emails who joined

Nutrition: Food service director is Joe Coyt. Local produce will be used when in season. Next mtg. Wellness Policy will be discussed. Gluten free food is now available. Next mtg. 11/18.

PCT: Excited that Infinite Campus is open;

POBMS: Halloween party for 5/6 went well; Fundraising from KidsStuff; Holiday Boutique; Book Fair; 5/6 Parent Teacher Conferences; Pocket size District Calendars;

Reflections: Good response this year; Will be judged before Thanksgiving.

Scholarship: A Committee has been formed to brainstorm other ways to raise money.

SEPTA: SEPTA Night Out was a great success. Kym Powers and Linda Jakobs were given the SEPTA Awards. PPS has brought in Dr. Darlene McLaughlin to do transition training sessions for parents and staff. Next mtg. 12/8- Robin Pollak a speech and language pathologist will speak.

SITE Based: Discussed Scavenger Hunt; Spoke about having trouble with Fund Raising; Discussed Wellness Policy and how it is affecting Fundraisers; Bathrooms have been running out of necessities.

Title IX: Women's History: Theme- Art History is our Strength; Nassau County Police Dept. Cyber Bullying Presentation- would it be appropriate for Title IX?

Transportation: More complaints this year about Bus Stops; Need input from parents.

New Business: Can there be a formal club calendar? Can emails go to kids so they can see the flyers and announcements?

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm. Minutes typed by Pat Morgasen