

POBJFKHS PTA Meeting - Sept. 16, 2010

President's Report: Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

Welcome to 1st time High School parents; get involved- join a committee; did you join PTA?? Once you join you will get daily announcements, club activities and sports information through the PTA email; Jonathan introduced the executive officers and chair people. Directory will be e-mailed to members; limited number of hard copies will be available; there are some open committee positions- BOE, Community Awareness, Transportation, Co-Chair for Reflections; keep committee folders up to date. Passed around attendance sheet and share folder. You must be a PTA member to make a motion at meetings. Future meetings will be in Room 192.

Introduced Mr. Murray, Mr. Dallara, Ms. Lasher, Mr. Donnarummo. Thank you to Noreen Naftol for hospitality. Thanks you to executive committee, audit and budget committees. Special thank you to Lauri Shapiro and helpers for back to school breakfast for the staff. Thank you to Lisa Moskowitz for the emails and setting up the website.

Parent Portal- Infinite Campus- Student Mgmt. System- Can use it to look at students attendance and grades. Some teachers use grade book to show grades and assignments on an ongoing basis. Working with teachers to get more usage. By the end of the 1st marking period all teachers at the HS and both Middles Schools should be using Grade Book. Can download application from school website.

Motion to accept minutes- Minutes accepted

Principal's Report: Mr. Murray gave a full report on last year's school tests. This is a brief synopsis: 96% met NY State Regents Exam Requirements; Course passing rate continue to be high; Passing Rates outstanding- Mastery Levels could use some work (those that receive 85% or better); LOTE- Passing and Mastery levels excellent; English Dept.- 99% passed the English Regents with 71% at the Mastery level; Science- Passing excellent/ Mastery needs work; Social Studies- Passing 99%; Special Education- 49 Students received NY State Regents Diplomas- 20 received Advanced Regents with Distinction.

Mr. Murray discussed **Facebook**. Who monitors it?? Students have been setting up pages for school events- not all kids are on Facebook. Message to students- we will not host an event if you use Facebook. He also discussed the Scavenger Hunt for seniors. This is **NOT** a school sanctioned event and it is very dangerous. He met with the student government executive board, their advisor (Ms. Fielding) and Ms. Lasher. He will be meeting with each class and their advisors. There are Safe Teen Driving Nights planned for the seniors and a Senior Class Assembly where he will be speaking about the dangers of this unsanctioned event.

Director of Guidance Report: Ms. Lynn was unable to be at the meeting but Mr. Murray gave her report. Ms. Shevitz retired and Ms. Rivas-Laline has taken her place. Ms. Sigmon is now full time. There will be a 2 to 3 week turnaround time for applications to be processed and sent out. Freshman orientation was Sept. 3rd. Looking to schedule on-site admissions programs.

AP Scholar- 66 (3.42 Average); AP Scholar with Honors- 37 (3.80);

AP Scholar with Distinction - 82 (4.22); National Scholar - 13 (4.53)

Upcoming Events: 10/5 - 9th grade parent meeting; 10/9- SAT and Subject Tests; 10/16- PSAT Registration; 10/27- grade 9 & 10 Financial Aid Night; 11/9- Grade 10 night meeting.

New Business: Audit Committee met: everything perfect

Budget Committee met: (In budget) \$2000 gift to school; \$6000 Reserve; Scholarship money collected will be separate from the Reserve; income for this year is \$16750 (estimate) and expenses are \$16,750 (estimated); Motion to accept Budget- Budget passed.

Jonathan asked for a Vote of Confidence to give him authority to speak at Board Meetings- passed. He also asked for authority to approve expenditures of up to \$100 - passed.

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