



Salk/MacArthur PTSA General Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2015

**Maria Xenios started the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
Pledge. Quorum established.**

**Approval of 2015-16 Budget.
Approval of September 2015 Treasurer's Report.
Approval of September Minutes.**

Principal's Report: Mr. Zampaglione, Salk

- Author for Mr. Lemoncello was in this past Friday and spoke to students at an assembly. Thirty students were selected to have lunch with him.
- Baumann bus company will be voting on their contracts on October 17th. If not ratified, they may go on strike, two school buses will be affected. Parents would be notified that they would need to provide transportation.
- Bryan Luball was nominated as RISE employee of the month. RISE awards will be distributed during period 3.
- Tomorrow in the SALK gym, the PSAT will be administered to the 10th graders.
- October 15 & 16 is the 7th grade trip to Sunken Forest.
- First Halloween Dance will be: Oct. 28th for 6th graders @ 6:30; Oct. 29th for 7th & 8th graders @ 6:30. Tickets can be purchased at the door.
- Reminders: Breakfast program at 7:00; Lost & Found is filling up – valuables (jewelry, glasses, money, etc.) are kept in the office and locked up at night.
- Lite the Night Walk is the evening of October 17th at 5:00 p.m. The Builders Club will be participating.
- The Fall sports season ends the first week of November. Winter 1 season offers Boys' basketball and Girls' volleyball. The new form to fill out is now only one page.
- Connections Club, is open to all grades, meet in Cafeteria and play board games – November 2nd. Thank you to Mrs. Papach for organizing.
- LEADD Week: Oct. 21st cyberbullying workshop for 8th graders; Oct. 29th 6th & 7th grade workshops. LEADD Walk on Sunday October 25th @ 10:30 at LMEC. Mandated for Junior Leaders, meet at 10:00 a.m.
- There's a new white board in front of the office that announces the club meeting times that day. Suggestion came from a student.
- Transportation and athletic events – issues with buses being late is being addressed with the Superintendent.
- If any student needs to go back to their locker after school, because of the all the various events in the building and it being open, you have until approximately 9:00 p.m.

Principal's Report: Mr. Sheehan, MacArthur

- Annual Homecoming Parade & game was on September 26th. Congratulations to Jared Wolfe and Jasmine Chavez for being named Homecoming King & Queen. Kudos to Sarah Foster for being our honorary Grand Marshall. MacArthur won 42-13 over Mepham.
- Senior picture take on September 28th on the turf bleachers.
- Two college mini fairs held on October 1 & 8 – close to 50 colleges and universities were represented.
- Back to School night was October 1st, with an impressive parent turn-out.

- Tomorrow is PSAT day – all 10th & 11th graders will be taking the exam. No GC Tech program, all students to report to their 1st period. All students will be dismissed no later than 11:30. Results are back usually within 6 weeks. Students testing booklets will be returned to them. It's highly recommended that students take the Fall PSATs, so they see the test format.
- Upcoming Events:
 - 'Dig Pink' volleyball fundraiser on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
 - Newsday Marching Band Festival on Oct. 19th at Mitchell Field
 - BOE recognition night is Oct. 21
 - Annual Mac's Got Talent show is on Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m.
 - 'Pink Out' varsity football game is October 23rd
 - LEADD walk & fair is Oct. 25th starting 10:30 a.m. at LMEC
 - Parent Math Night taking place at LMEC on Oct. 27 from 7:40-8:25 p.m.
- We had a Nation Merit Semi-Finalist: Ashley Kim, who was in the top 3%. We also have three National Merit commended students: Kyle Cieslicki, Kyle Lampasona, Anthony DeMartino. They were in the top 5% of last year's PSAT.
- Parent questions: Yearbook pictures – hoping for more information online; Driver's Ed – Spring Semester info should be available in the winter; Photographers: LifeTouch gave MacArthur great deals vs. Irving Simon in the past.

President: Maria Xenios

- Yesterday was the last time that the old 2014-15 PTSA distribution list was used – to continue to receive updates and alerts, please renew your membership for this year.
- Planners are still available.
- We still have an open position of 2nd VP Committees
- Spirit Wear: orders are due Oct 19. Margaret Costa is planning to meet with students to see what other items they would be interested in offering.
- BJs fundraiser – it's cheaper to renew with us and you get more months.

New Business/Announcements/Q & A

- Margaret has the sign-up book for committee chairs.
- Mixed Bag fundraiser this Fall – order forms went home today.
- Membership is at 446 so far – a great number so far.
- There will be a cakes & pies fundraiser from White Post Farms.
- Color Run is planned for May – Mr. Z has put in the Town permits.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Roma Nowak, Recording Secretary