



Salk/MacArthur PTSA General Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2015

Maria Xenios started the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge

Quorum established.

No Treasurer's Report this month. Books were audited in August and all was found to be in order.

Minutes from October meeting reviewed and approved as written.

Principal's Report: Mr. Zampaglione, Salk

- The girl scouts were using a room at Salk and had a guest presentation by the Special Services unit. Mr. Z wasn't aware that involved SWAT units which arrived, so he received many phone calls about the trucks.
- Game Day was a success on November 2nd, run by Mrs. Papach. Will look to do it 3-4 x year.
- Turkey Bowl was yesterday 11/9, for grades 7 & 8. It's so popular, they will consider doing it for 6th graders too.
- Parent meeting for the Washington D.C. trip was yesterday and was very well attended.
- The Emergency Sheltering Drill was held on 11/6.
- The Early Bird Exercise Club will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 7:15 in the gym.
- Food Drive has started and will be collected in home room classes.
- Salk will be conducting surveys for teachers, parents, and students.
- Peer tutors will be in the Cafeteria after school for both High and Middle School.
- They recently started a Twitter page to assist with communications re buses, sports, etc.
- Toy Drive in honor of Lorenzo will run November 23-Dec.
- Coat Drive until November 16th.

Principal's Report: Mr. Sheehan, MacArthur

- PSAT exams for 10th grade students went without a hitch. Held in the Salk gym – thank you to Mr. Z.
- In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the staff & students went above and beyond in various fundraisers. October 15 was the Dig Pink volleyball game for students and staff. October 23 was the Pink Out varsity football game against Long Beach. All concession proceeds went to Susan G. Komen Foundation. Also, to promote the event, cheerleaders went to various district elementary schools to excite the children.
- October 22 was the Mac's Got Talent show which featured 15 acts.
- The last week of October was LEADD week, several workshops were held: senior boys learned about testicular cancer, and senior girls about breast cancer awareness. Also there were substance abuse workshops, cyber bullying instruction, and driver safety awareness.
- October 19 showcased our Marching Band at Mitchell Field.
- October 22 was our 3rd college mini-fair this year.
- October 27 the 5th grade class from East Broadway visited Mr. Friedman's science lab for experiments.
- November 6 was our new entrant breakfast. Quarterly exams started Nov. 9, thru the 16th.
- Congratulations to Jaime Aquilino, Jasmine Chavez, Danielle Pinto, and Devin Zeller for their science research work, which will be displayed at the Middle States Association of Geographers in Binghamton, NY
- There will be extra help for Common Core Math.

- This year's music production will be Legally Blonde, shows are Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
- MacArthur football team are going to the County Semi-Finals this Friday at 7:30 at Hofstra against Carey H.S.

Board of Education – Mike Pappas

- Gardiners got their trees
- They are meeting to discuss using solar power for the district buildings. Maybe create solar farms at Laurel Lane or other areas.
- If the minimum wage increases, it will cost the District \$250K
- There are emergency walkway repairs to the walkway at the football field.

Committees

- Mixed Bag was extended to today – seems to have been well received
- Spirit Wear – a lot of orders. Not sure yet what our profit is.
- BJs – received 33 renewals
- Thanksgiving Pies & Breads – a small fundraiser going on right now. Orders will be handed out at Salk for parent pickup.

Corresponding Secretary: Margaret Costa

- A condolence card was sent to the family of Kevin Regan, who was on the Board of Ed, who passed away.

District Committees:

- Health & Safety: trees planted, Connect-Ed re buses, extra help schedule already discussed
- Food Service: not much was discussed at the first meeting, no complaints about the food
- Elementary Curriculum – someone approached Maria this evening with an interested to represent us.

Miscellaneous:

- Planners are still available
- 2nd VP Committees position is still open
- Honorary Life submission letters are due Nov. 19
- Reflections needs a chair
- Math Night – 70 parents attended
- Next meeting is January 5, 2016

New Business/Announcements/Q & A

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Roma Nowak, Recording Secretary