



Salk/MacArthur PTSA General Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2016

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

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Treasurer's Report from December approved.

Minutes from November meeting reviewed and approved as written.

Principal's Report: Mr. Zampaglione, Salk

- Our Winter Concert was held December 10th & 16th
- On December 18th, we donated toys to Columbia Hospital in NYC in honor of Lorenzo Fernandez.
- December 22nd, our String Ensemble performed at MacArthur Airport under the direction of Ms. Sposato.
- On December 18th we had our annual 7th grade trip to Port Jefferson to watch the Christmas Carol. Props to Heather Mason.
- On January 5th we recognized over 30 students who received RISE awards.
- Upcoming parent meetings to review next year's curriculum and schedules will be held in the Little Theatre: Grade 6/Mrs. Lyons – February 10th at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.; Grade 7/Mr. Caufield – January 27th at 10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.; Grade 8 – Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.
- This Thursday we have a New Year's Dance for all grades from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.
- Congratulations to Sean Napoli who won an essay contest that was sponsored by the LI Ducks. Sean was one of four winners on Long Island, he was honored on December 19th.
- On January 15th the doctor will be in for Winter 2 sports. We are offering: wrestling, boys volleyball, and girls basketball
- Next recreation night: 6th grade students had asked if we could show a movie, Gremlins
- January 22nd Harlem Wizards @ MacArthur
- January 21st John Theissen toy fundraiser by the Wrestling team. There will be a special appearance by the Principals in Sumo wrestling suits!
- January 27th will be out Terrific Kids Assembly at 8:50 a.m. in the Little Theatre
- January 29th is the end of the 2nd marking quarter
- If your child has forgotten their locker combination after the holidays, please see the office.

Principal's Report: Mr. Sheehan, MacArthur

- November 12- 14, we conducted our annual musical performances of "Legally Blonde"
- November 24th we did a Financial Aid Night, facilitated by a rep from LIU Post. Feedback received re the presentation was outstanding.
- After capturing our first Nassau County Championship in football in 13 years, we played Newfield H.S. for the LI Championship on November 27th at Hofstra University. Newfield won with a final score of 41-33.
- December 4th was our annual "Teacher's Choice" breakfast. Kudos to Mrs. Bissoondial for organizing.
- December 8th we had our cap & gown sales for Seniors.
- December 11th Dr. LaClair and Mrs. Levenberg, from our Music Department, accompanied our Guitar Ensemble to Hagedorn Little Village, to perform holiday songs for the children.
- December 19th, our Winter Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Romano, performed at the Broadway Mall in Hicksville.
- December 21st was our Winter Concert I performance by our concert choir and our string orchestra.

- Driver's Ed registration for the Spring semester will take place tomorrow right after school in Cafeteria A
- January 8th will be the annual General's Breakfast which will honor 51 senior students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 95 over the course of their academic career at MacArthur.
- From January 11-15 we will be selling tickets for the Junior Banquet
- January 26th students enrolled in 11th grade English classes will be taking the English Regents. For Regent retakes for specific students – refer to attached schedules.
- We are also administering in-class finals for semester courses, listing of exams is online.

Board of Ed – Mike Pappas:

- Budget meetings are taking place. Planning for an increase again below 2%, probably 1.5 or 1.6%. Not planning for any service cuts.
- Looking into leasing solar power.
- Gardiner's got their trees.

Committees:

- Mixed Bag Fundraiser: we made \$1771.25
- Pie & Bread Fundraiser went well, we made \$203.50. We are planning to run it again next year.
- Spirit Wear: orders were fulfilled in November. A new Salk order will be out shortly. The new MacArthur orders are due January 11th. Forms and pictures are online.
- BJs: our rep was overloaded with orders, so processing took longer but all renewals should be good now. If anyone has any questions, please contact Margaret Costa and she will give you the rep's number.
- Honorary Life: The committee met on November 23rd and consisted of 3 PTSA members, 1 alternate PTSA member (she showed up but was not needed), and 2 teachers. The Dinner-Dance will be at the Crest Hollow on Thursday, April 21st – invites will be out soon.
Winners are: Salk – Mrs. Laura Fernandez; MacArthur: Mr. Patrick Burke
- Reflections: there was a lot of literature submitted from Salk, submissions also from MacArthur. The committee met last night to review and pick the ones to submit to District.

District Committees:

- Health & Safety: no report
- SEPTA: we adopted a family for the holidays; there will be an autism speaker in March
- Food Service: December's meeting was cancelled, next one is January 17th.

November report:

- January 2017 the vending machines go up for bids. This year we are using My Healthy Thing. Samples were on hand, lots of different drinks are available, many different chips, but most seem to be different kinds of popcorn.
- After-school fundraisers sometimes will unplug or place an out of order sign on the machines. Please refrain from unplugging since they are often left unplugged once the event is over and this causes items to go bad and an alarm to go off. (Mr. Z explained that he is the one unplugging, so that the alarms go off so that the service people come to fix them when money is being lost.)
- A quick review of the Wellness Policy lead into a discussion, so we are now looking into having a joint meeting.
- Some schools are going to be evaluated for either renovations or a layout redesign of the kitchen areas.
- Breakfast menu will be the same every month. Breakfast is only being served at the Secondary level - numbers were too low in the Elementary levels.
- Looking into either an app or a web link for nutritional values. Large binders with this information are with each kitchen.
- Elementary schools have a new utensil package, it contains a spork, straw and napkin. Most children are having a hard time opening the packages and the lunch aides have to help them.

- A new procedure is being looked into regarding the maintenance and repairs of the kitchen equipment. Discussion about having Summit come in 2 weeks prior to the start of school to start up all equipment.
- Thank you to all PTA units, we have full representation of all schools.
- Secondary Curriculum:
 - November 24th meeting: if students experience any technological issues, they should inform their teachers
 - There will be no physical education senior paper
 - The District is researching AP Capstone, a diploma program, recently developed by the College Board, that consists of two AP courses: AP Seminar & AP Research. Looking to offer it in 2016-17 to carefully selected and highly motivated students.
 - December 17th meeting: AP Chemistry & AP Environmental Science will become 1.5 period classes in 2016-17.
 - At the time of the meeting, NYS has announced that teacher performance evaluations will not be tied to Common Core state assessments for the next four years. The District is waiting for further info and guidance.
 - Next meeting is January 19th.

New Business/Announcements/Q & A

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Roma Nowak, Recording Secretary