



Salk/MacArthur PTSA

General Meeting Minutes, February 2, 2016

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

Pledge

Quorum established.

Meeting started with explanation of what the Reflections program is, and this year's theme was "Let Your Imagination Fly." Two students went to State.

Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Sheehan handed out certificates to students in attendance, who had submitted entries.

Treasurer's Report approved.

Minutes from January approved as written.

Principal's Report: Mr. Mulligan, Salk

- The Sumo Wrestling fundraiser was a huge success, thank you to Mr. Scaduto for his sportsmanship.
- February 10th will be a Rec Night showing the Rocky 4 movie for all, and open gym for 7th & 8th.
- March 3rd will be a mandatory meeting for all students who will be attending the Washington D.C. trip.
- January 28th there was a Terrific Kids Assembly which recognized 18 students who performed community service.
- Congratulations to Shannon O'Leary who won our first Spelling Bee.
- January 26 we recognized 45 students with RISE awards, who performed random acts of kindness.
- Next Thursday will be a RISE Breakfast for Students of the Quarter, who are chosen by the Staff.
- February 25 will be the Challenger Homecoming in the Salk gym
- Congratulations to Aaron Schwartz who won the Geography Bee and qualifies for the next level.
- Grade level assemblies have been taking place with the Guidance Counselors to discuss schedules for next year.
- NY State informed us that students taking State assessments will have no time limit to complete them.
- We have been named a NY State School of Character by the Academy for Character Education Review Committee and Blue Ribbon Panel. They were so impressed, we are moving up to the National Level without having to apply.

Principal's Report: Mr. Sheehan, MacArthur

- On January 8th was the General's Breakfast for 51 seniors who obtained an overall grade point average of 95 or better over the course of High School.
- Congratulations to our Varsity Cheerleading Team who on January 10 won 1st place in the Section 8 Cheerleading Tournament.
- January 21 was our Winter Concert II where the Band performed. It was also senior night for Varsity Wrestling, which helped raise money for John Theissen's foundation. Nearly \$2000 was raised.
- During the week of January 25th, quarterly exams, Regents, and finals were administered. Unofficial results look very good.
- January 19th was a parent meeting for the upcoming AP Capstone program.
- Thursday there will be a 9th grade survey breakfast.
- February 8th at 7:30 will be our Winter Concert III and our TRI M Theatre Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

- Recognition to 10th grader Hannah Grunfeld who was named a finalist in the Project Change competition with her “Education on Wheels” submission.
- Congratulations to seniors Jasmine Chevez and Devin Miller who were named LI semi-finalists in the Junior Science and Humanities Organization
- Due to circumstances beyond our control, because the SATs were moved due to the snow, the Junior Banquet had to be moved from Friday, to February 27th

Dr. Stegman, District Math Director, did a presentation on the Math Curriculum

- Salk: first year of Big Ideas program; adopted the Ron Larsen program; IXL has been very successful
- MacArthur: 11th graders have had their challenges with the switch in curriculum

Committees:

- Sprit Wear on sale tonight, new Salk orders will be going out soon.
- Honorary Life Invitations are online, please send in your rsvps so that tables can be set up.
- Nominating Committee submission form is online. Two general members are needed – Tara Carr and Leslie Cassidy volunteered. Helen Travers will be the alternate.
- Food Service – not much has changed this past month
- Health & Safety – lack of a shoveled walking path after the snow was a problem on North Jerusalem. It was unclear who should be clearing it, if the Town or the County. Mike Pappas mentioned that the District is looking into an arrangement with the Town, that the District will clear it, and then bill the Town.

Next PTSA meeting is on March 1, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Roma Nowak, Recording Secretary