



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

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

Pledge

Quorum established.

Asst. Superintendent Business & Finance Budget Report: Mr. Bill Pastore

- Mr. Pastore did a presentation of the proposed budget for 2016/17 (see attachment)
- Highlights include: continued expansion of the STEM program; additions and revision of courses at High Schools; expansion of Summer Reading Program to Middle Schools; addition of AP Capstone Program; expansion of Medical Assisting Program at GC Tech; additional iPads for Middle School RTI program; expand computer access to students at Salk; reinstatement of All District Music; cycle in new uniforms; new AEDSs; new weight room equipment; new mats; purchase of additional buses; installation of Steeple Chase at MacArthur; complete stadium bleachers at MacArthur.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report approved.

Minutes from March meeting: Minutes approved.

Principal's Report: Mr. Zampaglione, Salk

- ELAs this week. Math next week. ELA opt outs were at 76.3% It was reported by a parent that teachers are giving a lot of homework and scheduling tests during the ELAs, as if students who are taking the assessments are being punished. As per Mr. Z, teachers had been advised to not schedule tests this week and he will remind them.
- March 17th we had our National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony.
- We were awarded as a NYS School of Character and on April 14th we will be going to Albany to be recognized.
- Last day of classes is June 15th
- Accelerated Math notices will be out with the course schedules at the end of April/beginning of May. The requirements to get into this class has not changed.

Principal's Report: Mr. Sheehan, MacArthur

- On March 2nd, Mr. Fazzolari took his Business Ownership & Marketing class to Smokin Al's restaurant in Massapequa.
- The overnight trip to Boston of the AP Government class was a huge success.
- On March 10th was the Badminton Tournament fundraiser which raised \$1000 for Habitat for Humanity.
- On March 11 & 12 conducted this year's drama performance "David & Lisa"
- Student Hannah Grunfeld finished as 1st runner up in the National AFS project change competition. Even though she did not win, she will be going to India for two weeks this summer to help fulfill the plan of the student who won.
- This coming Monday, April 11th, the MacArthur and DAHS Chorus will perform the National Anthem at Citifield prior to the start of the Mets game.
- There will be six Saturday morning Regents Review sessions for Algebra I & II as well as Geometry.
- Congratulations to Ashley Kim for being named Salutatorian, and to Gregory Matousek for being named Valedictorian!

Commitees: Margaret Costa

- Health & Safety: no report
- Food Service: (see attached report)
- **Spirit Wear:** latest orders will be distributed tomorrow
- **Plant Sale:** Pre-order forms are online under each school's Parent/PTSA sections. Pick up will be May 6th in the Salk courtyard.

New Business/Announcements/Q & A

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Roma Nowak, Recording Secretary