



November 1, 2016

Salk / MacArthur PTSA General Membership Meeting

Called to Order by PTSA President Margaret Costa at 7:35pm

Pledge

Welcome to all attendees.

Mr. Mulligan reported on the Principal report for Salk Middle School

- Winter One Sports Season starts within next week- Boys Basketball & Girls Volleyball
- We had Game-Day on November 1st in the cafeteria
- Turkey Bowl will on November 9th, for Grades 7&8
- Parent meeting for Washington Trip in November for 8th Grade Students- 11/17/16 @7pm in Little Theater
- November 4th Emergency sheltering Drill will be conducted by the district
- Early bird exercise club is on Tuesday & Thursday at 7:15am in the gym
- Peer Tutors are in the cafeteria after school, both High School & Middle School
- Landscaping in the front of the building has started. Sponsored by a former Salk Graduate – Class of '68.
- On October 13th & 14th we were honored as a National School of Character. Would like more parent involvement to develop programs.
- Each Monday, they have a motivational video. This month was regarding Breast Cancer Awareness. If parents would like to read a story/quote, please get in touch with Mr. Mulligan.

Mr. Sheehan's Principal report for Mac Arthur High School

- We had extremely successful "Back to School" Night. Thank you to NHS & String Orchestra.
- Breast Cancer Awareness month at MacArthur was very successful. We conducted our "Dig Pink" volleyball game and had our annual "Pink Out" Varsity football game against Elmont High School with a victorious 20-19 result. We raised over \$16,000 that was donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer research.
- Conducted the PSAT exam on October 15th, 2016. Over 300 Sophomores and Juniors took the exam.
- On October 20th, the MacArthur HS Marching Band under the direction of Mr. Romano along with the color guard and kickline performed at the annual Newsday Marching Band Festival at Mitchell Field.
- October 24th, kicked off our LEADD week workshops and presentations for all students. Topics included: Testicular cancer awareness, breast cancer awareness, dangers involved in substance abuse, distracted driving, cyber bullying and internet safety and driver safety awareness.
- "Mac's Got Talent" took place last Thursday. There were 14 amazing acts. Kudos to Mrs. Levenberg & Mrs. Wellenreuther for organizing this amazing event. Thank you to our judges: Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Nessler and Mrs. Greco. Special thanks to our MC: Mr. Causeman and Congratulations to the show winners: Joe Novello and George Mavromattis for their marimba duet!

- Congratulations to our senior students Jenna Stillman and Kevin Tierney for being names the AAHPERD Physical Education award winners for Nassau County.
- Congratulations to Helen Zhang, Hannah Kilmetis and Yingyu Liu for being recognized by the Long Island String Festival Association (LIFSA) and were invited to perform at the upcoming LIFSA concert on November 20th, 2016
- Science teacher Mrs. Grimmer took her AP biology students to the Dolan Learning Center in Cold Spring Harbor. Students took part in a supervised lab experiment where they did a bacterial transformation. This is a required lab for the course and the feedback from Mrs. Grimmer and from the students was outstanding!
- Friday November 4th, we will be conducting our new entrant breakfast in Cafeteria B.
- Tuesday November 8th is Election Day and students are off from school. Faculty are not off and will be participating in various workshops throughout the day.
- On November 8th & 9th Social Studies teacher Mrs. Mc Cue will be facilitating an overnight trip to Boston with our AP Government students. The specifics of the trip include: a tour of the Freedom Trail, tour of Fenway park, visiting the John F Kennedy Memorial Library as well as the Edward Kennedy Library.
- Our Musical performance of "The Addams Family" will be performed on Thursday November 17th, Friday November 18th and Saturday November 19th, with all shows beginning at 7:30pm in our auditorium.

Presidents Report

- Please speak clearly and be mindful of side conversation while our meetings are in progress. Also please be courteous to all speakers. There are various rules and regulations on who can vote and or speak at PTSA meetings. Only paid members can vote and there needs to be reasonable limitations on time for discussions. Please help keep the lines of communication open and contact us through the PTSA email.
- If there are questions about an PTSA event on Facebook, please be mindful of posting people(s) personal info that may be contained on a flyer, on Facebook. If there are any questions, please call the school in order to get in touch with Margaret Costa.
- Minutes from October meeting reviewed and approved as written. Leslie Cassidy requested to accept the October minutes and Eileen Petrullo seconded the motion.

Membership Report

- Margaret Costa reported we have 453 paid Salk / Mac Arthur PTSA members so far. The breakdown was as follows: 49 staff; 102 students, and 302 parents. Dues for adults are \$10 and \$5 for students

Committees

- Reported by Margaret Costa. We are in need of a Transportation, Honorary Life, Reflections and Elementary Curriculum chairpersons. Please contact Jeanette Stevens or Margaret Costa.
- Transportation- TSA security survey still ongoing. Have GPS and cameras on our buses. We changed from Baumann Buses to We Transport Buses. We subbed 9 runs out but hope to change to 6 runs.
- Food Service had its first meeting. Switched to Dover vending machines, which provides more products and in line with wellness guidelines. Does not apply to staff vending machines. Have bids out to service/maintain our equipment but no response yet.
- Parent University, only 70 people signed up. Looking to have a second session in the spring.
- Looking to have a Levittown Hall of Fame. This year there will be 10 winners. Initial introduction will be larger and then there will be two per year selected. Nominees will be someone who has had a successful career after leaving the school district.

Corresponding Secretary

- Nothing to report

Treasurer Report

- Copy of the Budget to Actual Treasurer Report for September 2016 were available for review. Margaret Costa made a motion and Eileen Petrullo seconded the motion, to approve the September 2016 Treasurers report which will be filed for audit.

By-Laws

- Updated By- Laws due October 2016. We gave 30 day required notice in September. We presented By-Laws at October PTSA meeting. Three of the proposed changes were favorable to the attendees at the October meeting and two changes were discussed at the same meeting. As of October 15th, no emails came in regarding the proposed changes. Vote on #1 below was 12 yes and 6 no and Vote on #4 below was 12 yes and 4 no. The adoption date was October 16th, 2016 and the by-laws move on to Nassau Region.

The following changes to the by-laws were presented and discussed:

1. Change Quorum from 15 to 12
2. Change the election month of executive board members from March to May.
3. Change the naming of the VP structure. Currently listed in numerical order (for ex. 1st VP, 2nd VP). Request VP structure to be represented as VP-Job Title instead (for ex. VP-Membership and VP-Committees)
4. Change required delegates from 7 to 4.
5. The current executive board consists of the Salk/MacArthur PTSA officers; past President; Delegates. We would like to add the two school principals and student representatives to the board.

Resolutions

- Margaret Costa explained what the resolutions represented. Copies of the resolution packets were left on the tables. There were 12 retentions, 9 updates, 2 rescissions and 2 new resolutions. All sheets will be picked up at the end of the meeting and the final tally will be forwarded to Levittown Council. Made a motion to have Mary Rickard represent Salk/MacArthur at convention to present our Resolutions count. Motion proposed by Margaret Costa and seconded by Leslie Cassidy

Pies & Breads

- Pies and Bread Order Form from White Post Farms is available online.

BJ's Membership drive

- BJ's membership ended on Monday.

Apparel

- We were sent incorrect MacArthur apparel. Salk spirit wear forms due tomorrow.

Old Business/New Business

- Next PTSA meeting will be January 3rd, 2017. There will be no December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tara Carr, Recording Secretary