



**January 3, 2017**

**Salk / MacArthur PTSA General Membership Meeting**

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

**Pledge**

**Quorum established**

**Welcome to all attendees.**

**Mr. Zampaglione reported on the Principal report for Salk Middle School**

- Winter concerts were held December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Discussed moving Jazz Band. In Spring Concert the Jazz Band will perform with the band instead of the orchestra. We had Game-Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> in the cafeteria
- Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> we donated Toys to Columbia Hospital in NYC in honor of Lorenzo Fernandez. Thank you for all the donations.
- December 22<sup>nd</sup>, we recognized over 30 students who received RISE awards. One entire class in 7<sup>th</sup> grade was recipients of the award.
- There will be a grade level assembly for 8<sup>th</sup> grade on Friday January 9<sup>th</sup> and parent assembly on Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at LMEC.
- Open Gym on Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>
- Winter 2 will be offering Boys volleyball & Girls basketball. Wrestling will be offered as well. Physicals will be January 9<sup>th</sup> for Winter 2.
- Challenger will be January 26<sup>th</sup>
- On January 30<sup>th</sup> the author from Counting by Sevens will be in to have lunch with students who participated.
- We are piloting virtual field trips. The science research class recently virtually met with scientists in the Antarctica.
- Mrs. Poggioli is filling in for Mr. Mulligan while he is out.
- Discussed the Salk Circle and that none of the proposed plans are finalized.

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

- Conducted our annual new entrant breakfast on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Special

thanks to our guidance department for their participation, as well as Mrs. Rao and Mrs. Kozlowski for putting together this pleasant event.

- Social Studies teacher Mrs. McCue took approximately 50 AP Government students from both Mac Arthur and Division HS to Boston. They participated in tours of the Freedom Trail, Fenway Park and the JFK Memorial Library and they participated in an interactive Senate simulation at the Edward Kennedy Library where students acted as Senators on the floor.
- Amazing performances of the musical production of “The Addams Family” took place November 17<sup>th</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade parent workshop was held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, with Guidance chairperson Mrs. Hammer and all the counselors from our guidance department. Topics included: mandatory requirements for graduation, SAT/ACT exams, NCAA regulations, and timelines of course requirements for all four years.
- Teachers Choice breakfast was held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Over 50 teachers picked a student of their choice that they were able to make a positive connection with and honored them with a certificate signifying their recognition of being a positive influence in both school and community. Kudos to Ms. Reynolds for spearheading this special event.
- Art honor society co-advisors Ms. Spinnato and Mrs. Gomes-Vance conducted a “Drop & Shop” Gingerbread house workshop on December 3<sup>rd</sup> for elementary students in the district. Parents had 3 hours of “shop-alone” time.
- Science teacher, Mrs. Grimmer took her AP Biology students on December 9<sup>th</sup> on a field trip to Dolan DNA Learning center in Cold Spring Harbor. The students participated in a restriction analysis experiment.
- English teacher Mr. O’Shea took students from his communication class on December 14<sup>th</sup> to Hofstra University for “Press Day”. Students sat in on seminars dealing with journalism and social media.
- On December 15<sup>th</sup>, our chorus under the direction of Mrs. Levenberg and our orchestra under the direction of Ms. Winter held their annual winter concert. Also on December 21<sup>st</sup>, the Winter Wind ensemble under the direction of Mr. Romano performed at the Broadway mall in Hicksville.
- This Friday, we will be hosting our “Generals Breakfast” where we will



recognize all senior students that achieved a cumulative GPA of at least 95, over the course of their academic career at MacArthur.

- In-class Finals will be administered for Fall Semester courses January 17<sup>th</sup> thru January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Extra help sessions for January regents re-takes only, will begin today for those specific students in Living Environment, Chemistry, Global Studies, US History, English 11, CC Algebra II, Geometry, and Algebra II/Trig.
- Congratulations to senior student Ryan O'Shea, the recently names winner of the Martone award, which means he was Nassau County's top lineman! This is the first time a General has won this prestigious award since 1981.
- Congratulations to the following teams that were designated Scholar-Athlete teams by NYS Education department: Girls Varsity Tennis, Girls Varsity Swimming, Varsity Football, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls and Boys Varsity soccer and boys Varsity volleyball.

### **Presidents Report**

- Superintendents meeting discussed new course offerings: American Sign Language, LPN, and CrossFit. Offering foreign language in elementary school. Levittown was voted best Community for Music. Also 85 students were selected for All-County district-wider and 11 students for LISFA. 75 parents attended Parents University. Will confirm the changes to scoring the regents to 1,2,3,4 in future years.
- Minutes from November meeting reviewed and approved as written.

### **Membership Report**

- Margaret Costa reported we have 464 paid Salk / Mac Arthur PTSA members so far. The breakdown was as follows: 49 staff; 105 students, and 310 parents. Dues for adults are \$10 and \$5 for students

### **Committees**

- Transportation- ongoing traffic study.
- Food Service was reported by Vickie. This was the first month where the food service representative was able to go to schools and audit the cafeteria food. Food and service was good at Mac Arthur. Reported that the hot lunch was a good value. Grilled cheese will be available every day at the elementary schools. Honey ham was a big

hit and Salk. Kids at Salk liked the fresh beet crisps. Discussed how parents cannot control what a child buys online but parents can call and request any restrictions.

- Honorary Life committee announced the honorees for both Salk and MacArthur. Mr. Agovino is the Salk honoree and Mr. Romano is the MacArthur honoree. Invites will be online. The dinner will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- GC Tech will be having an Open House at the end of January 2017. Recommended for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders to consider attending.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

- Nothing to report

### **Treasurer Report**

- Roma Nowak presented Budget to Actual Treasurer Report for both October & November 2016 and copies were available for review. Donna Hoesten made a motion and Eileen Petruzzo seconded the motion, to approve the October & November 2016. Treasurers reports which will be filed for audit.

### **Pies & Breads**

- Pies and Breads from White Post Farms were delicious.

### **BJ's Membership drive**

- BJ's membership ended and \$160 commission check was earned. May do again in April 2017.

### **Apparel**

- Spirit wear delivered in both buildings before the holidays.

### **Old Business/New Business**

- Will look at having a February fundraiser for Seniors.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Tara Carr, Recording Secretary*