



**February 7, 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**

- Valentines Dance scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> for grades 6:30 to 8:30om
- This Saturday Salk will be participating in the Science Olympiad invitational at Division High School. We are very close to making it to the state level.
- Congratulations to Arianna Zanelli who won our spelling bee. She was successful at Hofstra and moved on to the final round in the spelling bee which will be held at Hofstra on February 12<sup>th</sup>. She is one of 48 students competing in Nassau County. If she wins she will move on to the national level. Thank you to Mrs. O'Grady who was instrumental in coordinating this year's spelling bee.
- We recognized 45 students who performed Random Acts of kindness on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Challenger Homecoming is February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm in the Salk gym. They will be playing against Wisdom Lane and they will have a large Sign In Board at the entrance.
- Congratulations to Hunis Lee who won the Geography Bee for Salk. She qualified for the next level and we will soon now whether we will move on the next round.
- We have been having grade level assemblies with the guidance counselors to discuss/review student schedules for the next school year.
- We were informed that the State assessment exams will have no time limit for taking the assessment. ELA will be the end of March and Math will be on April 28, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Received several concerns regarding the crosswalks and how they are fading on several street blocks. We have been in communication with Nassau County Department of Public Works 516-571-8055. In addition , we have been in contact with Richard Weiss for Town snow removal 516-796-7236
- Cheerleading has been added to the budget for next year.
- Open discussion was held between Mr. Zampaglione and attendees to the PTA meeting regarding updating the Salk calendar online more frequently and having more Connect Ed announcements on Sunday evenings.

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

- Conducted annual Generals breakfast on January 6 where 74 graduating seniors were honored for maintaining an overall GPA of 95 or better over their career at MacArthur
- We have concluded our first semester course schedule and all Fall elective classes are finished. Final exams or final projects for those classes were administered during the week of January 17

- We conducted our winter concert II performance on January 19. MacAppella under the direction of chorus teacher Mrs. Lisa Levenberg and the symphonic band under the direction of Mr. Joe Romano performed magnificently.
- We began selling tickets to our 11th grade students, to attend our annual junior banquet. Tickets are being sold during all four lunch periods in cafeteria A. The price of the ticket is \$40 which covers the cost of catered food, deserts, beverages, DJ and Photo Booth. The banquet will take place on Friday evening March 3.
- On February 2, we sent six 11th grade students with PE teachers Mr. Fehrenbach and Mr. Gorman to Hofstra University to represent us at the annual student leadership conference. The kids participated in various group discussions and workshops to talk about mandatory qualities that make up a quality leader with good character traits.
- Last night we conducted our winter concert III, as well as the Tri-M music and theater honor Society induction ceremony. We inducted 25 new members to Tri-M and 7 new members to the theater honor Society. The event concluded with a performance from our jazz band ensemble under the direction of Mr. Joe Romano.
- This past Saturday our science Olympiad team competed in the annual Nassau East Regional competition held at Wantagh high school. We competed against 44 other schools in 22 different events relating to various components of science and engineering. Our Mac science Olympians finished with the highest results of any Mac team in recent years as we placed 9th out of 45 very tough teams. In addition we receive the 'Spirit award' signifying we were the premier team in exhibiting sportsmanship, teamwork and fair play!
- We have a revised schedule for algebra I, geometry and algebra II. The schedule is posted on our school website.
- On Thursday, February 9 we will be conducting our annual 9th grade survey breakfast.
- On Monday, February 13 we are hosting college information for our current 11th grade students and parents from both MacArthur and division Avenue high school. The program begins at 6:45 PM with keynote speaker Ms. Veronica Keesler an admissions counselor from Oneonta College who will elaborate on the college admissions process.
- Our varsity cheerleading team will be leaving for Disney World on Thursday and will be competing in the national cheerleading competition. Good luck to Coach Lisa Nessler and the members of our cheerleading team.
- From February 16 through February 22, our world language director, Mr. Steve Costello will be taking 25 students from both MacArthur and division Avenue high schools, on an overnight trip to the Grand Canyon and San Francisco.
- Our varsity baseball coach Mr. Steve Costello has been named the Northeast sectional baseball coach of the year. This section consists of Connecticut Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. Congratulations to Steve!
- Congratulations to two incredibly special young men who were recently featured in Newsday's 'Way To Go' column written by Michael Ebert. First, 10th grade student Michael Reed for his remarkable and heartwarming story of his kidney transplant and the amazing speech he gave at the university of Stony Brooks medical center. And to senior John Ramirez for his tremendous volunteer work at the Town Of Hempstead animal shelter, where he received the 'Shelter Hero' award. Congratulations to these two fantastic young men and their families. Way to go!!!

## **Presidents Report**

- Greenhouse is ready with plants inside at LMEC. Discussion regarding whether or not to include Gym in GPA.
- Parents had concerns about low balances for purchasing food and would like an alert for low balances.
- Honorary life info is going on the website this week.
- Facebook page for Salk/Mac PTSA is being started for Posts only for flyers.
- Reflections- Mr. Zampaglione will invite children to next PTSA meeting in March at 7pm.
- Minutes from January meeting reviewed and approved as written.

## **Membership Report**

- Margaret Costa reported we have 466 paid Salk / Mac Arthur PTSA members so far. The breakdown was as follows: 51 staff; 106 students, and 309 parents.

## **Committees**

- Elementary & Secondary curriculum will be presented at next meeting. It was reported that District is looking to have a summer CAPE program.
- Transportation- ongoing traffic study. There was a complaint about speeding cars (Douglas & Meadow) and asked if something can be done to see how to better manage safety and speeding cars.
- Food Service was reported by Vickie Sanchez. Was not at last food service meeting. Audit of the cafeteria food was performed and the food and service was good at Mac Arthur. There were no complaints, no needs and equipment appears to be in good condition. There were complaints about no register open in Cafeteria B and this was causing long lines.
- Tara Carr reported that the Scholarship application for MacArthur seniors is posted online and can also be obtained from the guidance office. Please see the application instructions for requirements regarding this scholarship.
- Graduation Yard signs will be for sale (\$25.00) as part of a senior fundraiser. Betty Mullane will be chairing this committee. Would like this to be a surprise. April 28<sup>th</sup> will be the due date.
- GC Tech had Open House and it went very well. Offering new courses in Construction management and Landscape Design. The GC Tech skills competition is scheduled for this Thursday at LMEC.

## **Corresponding Secretary**

- Donna Hoesten reported that a get well card was sent to Mr. Mulligan

## **Treasurer Report**

- Roma Nowak presented Budget to Actual Treasurer Report for December 2016 and copies were available for review. Treasurers reports which will be filed for audit.

## **Apparel**

- New MacArthur shirts will be available soon; cost will be \$25 each.

## **Old Business/New Business**

- Nothing to report.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Tara Carr, Recording Secretary*