



September 14, 2017

Salk / MacArthur PTSA General Membership Meeting

Called to Order by PTSA President Margaret Costa at 7:34pm

Pledge

Establish Quorum

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

- Sixth graders transitioned beautifully. Held discussion regarding timing of 6th grade orientation and if changes should be made in future- discussed timing of open house on Friday of Labor Day weekend.
- There are 906 students enrolled in Salk and our Superintendent was there on the first day to greet the students.
- Club Fair will be the first week in October for all grades
- Picture day will be October 10th. There was a conflict with the 7th grade trip and they will be rescheduling the 7th grade pictures for October.
- Mrs. Snitzer took one year leave of absence.
- There will be a 6th grade dance on Thursday October 5th from 6:30 to 7:30. Halloween Dance will be separate for 6th grade and dance for 7th & 8th grade will be combined.
- Started our Fire drills and the lock down drill will be held on 09/15/17 during period 2.
- Day 1 & Day 2 will be reflected on the website and on morning announcements.
- Discussion/Feedback on Salk specific calendar online, week ahead updated on the online calendar as well.
- Discussion on the renovation of wrestling room and locker rooms was raised by attendees. Meeting with contractor on Tuesday. Construction slated to start at the end of September. After school: Salk football will use MacArthur locker room; Salk girls on teams will be using the Tech room for changing for sports and the Salk boys on teams will be using Family/Consumer room for changing for sports. During school, children are asked to dress in attire that is comfortable for P.E.. Accommodations are available, if a child needs to change clothes. The project is expected to be completed at the later part of February. The reason the construction did not occur in the summer, was due to timing of several items: plan had to be approved by state, there were adjustments made, as a result they ended up using a different architect and that changed the start date. All in all, very happy to have these improvements occur in the school.

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

- Successfully conducted our Freshman parent and student orientation.
- School opening went very well. Have 1,250 students, 313 Freshman, 276 Juniors and 306 Seniors.
- Completed grade assemblies for all four grades yesterday.
- Continued with our technological advancements in instruction and we have issued tablets to our incoming freshman. Now, all of our 9th, 10th & 11th grade students have tablets. At this time, next year, every student in MacArthur will have tablets.
- Tomorrow concludes our "Spirit Week" celebration, which brings us into our Homecoming game. Monday students and staff showed their American pride wearing clothes that symbolized the USA, Tuesday was Twin Tuesday where

students paired with a friend to match, next was Walt Disney Wednesday, followed by Throwback Thursday and tomorrow is MacArthur Friday.

- Tomorrow Friday, is our annual Pep Rally during 9th period which will take place outside.
- Saturday is our homecoming parade which kicks off from Gardiners avenue school at 12pm. Pre-game festivities will begin including honoring our Senior football players, band members, cheerleaders, color guard and their parents. We will also crown this year's homecoming king & queen. We will also be honoring three former MacArthur Generals who were inducted into the Levittown Hall of Fame: Sal Carrillo, John Thiessen and Sue Petersen-Lubow. Congratulations!
- Homecoming game kicks off at 2pm against the Garden City Trojans and we encourage everyone to come out and support our Generals.
- Registration for the upcoming PSAT exam that will given on Saturday October 14th, will take place this Tuesday the 19th in Cafeteria A right after school. All students registering to take this exam must bring the completed registration form and \$25 check made out to MacArthur H.S.
- Also on the 19th and the 26th of September we will be conducting out college mini-fairs.
- Our photographer will be taking photos of all Fall sports teams on the 26th.
- Impressive news: An amazing 6 MacArthur Science Research students participated in various science research projects at local colleges and institutions including Stony Brook University, Brookhaven National Labs and Hofstra University. They dedicated more than half their summer breaks on a Monday through Friday schedule carrying out independent research. Congratulations to Maggie Liu, Helen Zhang, Jared Schwartz, Delilah Spinnelli, Hannah Grunfeld and Isabella Molina.
- Tremendous kudos to Helen Zhang and Jared Schwartz for being named College Board semi-finalists by the National Scholarship Merit Corporation. Please join me in wishing Helen and Jared good luck in the next level of the competition and hopefully they will become National Merit Finalists!
- We received a 3rd ABA class and so we restructured our 200 suite over the summer to accommodate the extra class.
- We created a new space for a spinning class and it came out fantastic. The Central office and Dr. McDonald were great in providing assistance.
- Introduced Mr. Anthony Allison as our new assistant principal.

Presidents Report

- Minutes from May 2017 meeting reviewed and approved as written (D. Hoesten made motion, E. Petrullo seconded).
- Welcome to our 2017-2018 school year. Discussed rules of who can talk and who can vote during PTSA meetings.
- Board of Education meets twice per month usually and it is a great way to get informed or if you want to voice a concern.
- Need chairpersons and people to help on several committees. We have a Reflections Chairperson but we need people to help on the committee. Also, need Chairperson for BJ's, Health & Safety and Transportation. Please see Jeanette Stevens or Margaret Costa if interested in helping on one of these committees.
- We are going to inform people with email/text blasts and on the PTSA Facebook page with Sunday posting for the week ahead. If you ever have any questions, please send an email to the Salk/MacArthur PTSA email at:
- salk.macarthur.pts@gmail.com

Membership Report

- Introduce Donna Hoesten who oversees membership. We have 203 members in total and 67 registered online.

Committees

- Introduce Jeanette Stevens who oversees Committees. Please consider helping run a committee; it is not as time consuming as elementary school committees. BJ's is coming up and we need a chairperson.

Corresponding Secretary

- Introduce Maria Xenios who is our Corresponding Secretary. Nothing to currently report.

Treasurer Report

- Introduce Roma Nowak who is our Treasurer. Reported on Audit for time period 01/01/17 through 06/30/17. The books were found to be in order. Reports were available on the back tables of the room. We had previously been reconciling the Treasurer report to the bank statement but instead the reports have been revised to agree to our checkbook. It is a more accurate reflection of the checkbook at any point in time. It is a better way to report for our membership.
- Budget to Actual Treasurer Reports for July 2016 through August 2017 were available for review and on the back tables. Treasurers report will be filed for audit.
- Reminders: committees with cash need to have a second signature to verify; deposit form & expense reimbursement forms are available online and must always be attached to all paperwork submitted to Treasurer along with original receipts; do not combine personal purchases with PTSA purchases- please obtain separate receipts.
- Proposed Budget for year was available for review. Discussed BJ's will run 2x per year & check for last year was deposited in current 2017/2018 year; fundraisers - we will have in the fall a mixed bag fundraiser, Modell's and in the spring, we will also sell the MacArthur Senior graduation signs as a fundraiser. M. Lieb made a motion and M.Xenios seconded the motion to approve the budget, quorum met and budget passed.

Reflections

- Barbara Reed was introduced as the Chairperson of Reflections. The theme is "Within Reach" and last years' theme was "What is your story?". Mrs. Rao will start notifying all the teachers at MacArthur. It is a great way for students to show off their talents. November 28-30th is the deadline. Students will send their submissions to their teachers for submission. No names can be on the front of the artwork and do not include names in the written work. Entries can be disqualified if these criteria are not met, because judges cannot know any of the identities.

Fundraisers

- Tara Carr was introduced as Recording Secretary. The current ongoing fundraiser is Modell's which is running until 09/28/17. The coupon can be used multiple times and is available on the Facebook page & the PTSA website and was given out to students in Gym and by coaches. Also, Salk/MacArthur PTSA is now signed up as a charity with Amazon Smile. Please select our PTSA as your charity and make all your purchases through the Amazon Smile website:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-2515782>

- Also, we will be having an upcoming Panera Fundraiser in January.
- In addition, agenda books are available for sale for \$5- for MacArthur in the attendance office and for Salk in the Salk library.
- Pies & Breads Fundraiser will take place in November in time for Thanksgiving. The pies/breads are from White Post Farms.
- Spirit-wear is available twice per year. Flyers are available online. Also, new items will be available soon. We are not able to do returns or exchanges.

Secondary Curriculum

- Elementary & Secondary curriculum meetings have been combined

Old Business/New Business

- Discussed the Membership forms and possible suggestions
- The crossing guard- Ms. Maureen(also from East Broadway) at Wantagh Avenue & North Jerusalem was retiring this Friday.
- October 3rd is our next PTSA meeting
- No other new business to report

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tara Carr, Recording Secretary