



October 3, 2017

Salk / MacArthur PTSA General Membership Meeting

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

Pledge

Establish Quorum

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

- Discussion/Feedback on Salk Calendar. Discussed questions emailed to PTSA- regarding locations listed for track (Salk versus Eisenhower). Clubs will be on calendar starting next week. Clubs are also listed on a white board outside the attendance office.
- Sydney Schneider wrote a children's book In Nara Denson's class that was recently published. She is currently a MacArthur senior. The book goes on sale today and is called "Chip and Dip".
- Thursday October 5th, is our 6th grade Meet & Greet at United Skates from 6:30-8:30pm. It is reserved for 6th grade students only.
- The 7th grade will be going on a trip to Sunken Forest on October 12th & 13th.
- October 10th is Picture day for Grade 7
- October 13th is Picture Day for 6th & 8th grades
- October 24th is Halloween Dance for Grade 6 from 6:30-8:30pm (tickets available at the door)
- October 26th is Halloween Dance for Grade 7 & 8 from 6:30-8:30pm (tickets available at the door)
- Turkey Bowl will be held November 6th at 6:30pm on Mac Arthur's turf field (the next day Tuesday, is a day off). The rain date is 11/8/17
- Fall sports season ends first week in November. Winter I season will offer Boys basketball & Girls volleyball.
- Small group of students requested a work study during cafeteria time. We will try it out and monitor the kids going into the little theater. The time in the cafeteria is important for socialization. The work study can accommodate approximately 20 students. The students will eat first in the cafeteria and then go to Quiet work study for approximately 20 minutes. This will be a work in progress.
- Discussion regarding Lunch and switching tables. Children can move tables but they need to let the staff know so they can determine what or if, there is an issue. Kids can still go to the library at lunch.
- Monday November 6th will be Board games with Connection Club. Lots of fun for all students from 3-4:30pm. There are two late buses one at 4:05pm and second at 5pm.
- Construction update. The workers needed a spot for a dumpster and for workers to park. Also, they will be providing an estimated date of completion shortly.

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

- Beautiful day for our Homecoming. Parade and pre-game activities were successful. We lost to Garden City 27-3. Kudos to Grand marshal Dan Silberman and to our three inductees into the Levittown Hall of Fame: Mr. Sal Carillo, Mr. John Theissen & Ms. Sue Petersen-Lubow. Congratulations to our newly crowned Homecoming King, Kevin Tarone & to our Queen, Molly Huggard.
- We conducted three successful college mini-fairs during the school day.
- This Thursday evening is our annual Back to School night. The warning bell will sound at 7pm sharp and the first period begins at 7:05pm. We will be following a Day 2 schedule
- We will be administering the SAT exam this coming Saturday and the PSAT exam on the following Saturday October 14th. The PSAT is for all our 11th graders. College Board will dissect & examine the results and determine which students are named National Merit "commended" students as well as national Merit semi-finalists.
- Speaking of PSAT standouts, at our last meeting it was mentioned that Helen Zhang and Jared Schwartz were named National Merit semifinalists. Since then we were informed by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation that both Kristen Papach and Maggie Liu were named National Merit "commended" students.
- We will be hosting this year's Financial Aid night on Thursday October 12th at 7pm in Mac Arthur auditorium. The presentation will be conducted by two financial aid counselors from Adelphi University.
- Our marching band will be performing in the annual Newsday Marching Band festival on Thursday October 19th at Mitchell Field.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and on Friday October 20th, our Varsity football team will be hosting Calhoun H.S. in our annual "Pink Out" football game- kick off is 7pm. On Thursday October 26th, we will be conducting our annual "Dig Pink" volleyball game which starts at 6pm.
- Levittown School District will have its annual LEADD Week Walk and carnival on Sunday October 29th. The walk will start at 10am. Leading up to the walk, we will be conducting several assemblies that will speaking to all grades. The topics include testicular cancer awareness for boys, breast cancer awareness for girls, substance abuse and making members of our community as well as themselves safer, dangers of distracted driving, driver safety awareness and cyber bullying and internet safety.
- On October 27th, we will be conducting our annual "Mac's Got Talent" competition amongst our students, including our very special MC, Mr. Causeman and three surprise judges, who will be all be teachers.
- Discussed issues regarding having PSAT on weekdays.
- Parking lot to be repaved between MacArthur & Salk. Mr. Milano and Mr. Z will be having a discussion soon to determine when this will occur.
- Midterms are back. Quarterly exams are out. Midterms will be held the week of January 22nd, Monday through Thursday, in Math, English, Science & Social Studies. Will be 10% of final average grade. Also provides a good setting to prepare students for sitting for a Regents exam. There will be blocked times for 4 subjects in Midterms.
- Key Club incorporates the Light the Night Walk.

Presidents Report (reported by Margaret Costa)

- Minutes from September 2017 meeting reviewed and approved as written (D. Marmo made motion, M. Lieb seconded).

- Made slight changes to agenda.
- Reported on Superintendents Meeting: Beginning of school went well. Todd Winch attended the meeting. Looking for anyone interested in attending the convention. Council needs help on some committees. Making presentation to NYS on outdoor learning center, to show well it works. Discussed Parent University, Jets Game, Honorary Life (04/26/18) and fire at Abbey playground.

Membership Report (Reported by Donna Hoesten)

- We have 378 members in total and 105 registered online. This includes 28 staff.

Committees (reported by Margaret Costa)

- Please consider helping run a committee. Thank you to A. Mumolo for running BJ's, B. Reed for running Reflections. We need a chair for Honorary Life and Transportation.
- M. Xenios reported on Mixed Bag Fundraiser, which is going on until November. Can order online. Contact friends and family and ask them to participate before Thanksgiving. Everything will be delivered before the Holidays. Link will available on our page.
- T. Carr reported that Modell's fundraiser ended 09/28/17 and we should be receiving a check in about 6 weeks.
- D. Marmo reported that we are almost sold out of agenda books.
- Spirit-wear forms due this Friday.

Corresponding Secretary (reported by Maria Xenios)

- Remember to invite/ask friends to like our Facebook page. We will be posting more and more to our Facebook page.

Treasurer Report (reported by Roma Nowak)

- Too early to prepare and report on our September Treasurers report. We filed our taxes.

Secondary Curriculum (reported by Margaret Costa)

- Discussed Midterms (already mentioned by Mr. Sheehan). Looking to release children's schedules earlier. Student supply lists for secondary schools will be online under the teacher's page. Continuing to work on the district calendar online. Lunch menus will be on the district page on right hand side. Also trying to make searches easier on district calendar.
- Discussed property at Laurel Lane and combining it with Crossroads Farm. Crossroads will act as the manager and will help us to expand the outdoor learning center.
- Parent University will be October 25th.
- Camp Innovation was an enormous success. Looking to expand it next year.
- Revised report cards, to make them more grade appropriate for lower grades.
- Levittown Hall of Fame nominations for next year is available online.

- Using Social Studies class for students to take their pictures this year. The class is rotated each year for student pictures.

Reflections (reported by Barbara Reed)

- Need help with the committee. A note was sent to Mrs. Rao and Mr. Mulligan to ask kids to put together their work for submittal. November 17th is the deadline to pick up work. Will be judged before Thanksgiving.

Old Business/New Business

- Took a vote of confidence so B. Mullane can research a fundraiser with the Levittown Tribune, where we can receive monies for subscriptions to this local newspaper.
- No other new business to report

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tara Carr, Recording Secretary