



**November 8, 2017**

**Salk / MacArthur PTSA General Membership Meeting**

**Called to Order by PTSA President Margaret Costa at 7:33pm**

**Pledge**

**Establish Quorum**

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

- Presented a sample handout of the online calendar
- Had one of the best assemblies in recent memory to cultivate kindness in conjunction with the theme from our summer reading program. The assembly was attended by all three grades and was about cultivating kindness even during times of tragedy. Very powerful presentation. Looking to do something building wide and follow it over the year as a result of this presentation.
- Game day set up in cafeteria with Connections club on November 6.
- Turkey Bowl took place on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Climate survey before the holiday break.
- Peer tutors in the cafeteria after school. Both high school & middle school- contact Ms. Hodge for info.
- Spoke about Terrific kids and community service.

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

- Marching Band performed at Newsday Marching Band Festival at Mitchell Field
- We had a very successful Breast cancer awareness month in October. We raised over \$17,000 which was donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research. Our "Dig Pink" volleyball game was entertaining and congratulations to our students for beating the teachers. Our "Pink Out" football game was well attended with over 1,000 spectators in attendance.
- Our "Mac's Got Talent" was a huge hit again. Special thanks to our 3 brave judges: Ms. Lyons, Mrs. Nessler & Mr. Russell and our talented and entertaining MC- Mr. Causeman. Special thanks to Mrs. Levenberg and Mrs. Wellenreuther for putting the show together and congratulations to sophomore Jaiden Anthony for being crowned this year's champion.
- On October 31<sup>st</sup>, all of our Family and Consumer Science classes were treated to a wonderful guest chef from Johnson & wales University. Mr. Harris Monte spoke to our kids about preparation for college and what it's like working in the food industry and the variety of jobs available. He also gave a wonderful demonstration on how to prepare a spicy noodle stir fry.
- On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we conducted our New entrant breakfast in our small cafeteria. We had approximately 20 new students to MacArthur attend as well as our entire Guidance department and administrative team. The message we received from the new students was that the Mac teachers really care.

- This morning AP Government teacher Mrs. Mc Cue took her AP Government students to Baltimore for an overnight field trip. Their itinerary was visiting Antietam National Battlefield, a tour of the Bubba Shrimp company and tonight they will visit the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic shrine and end their trip with lunch at the Baltimore Inner Harbor.
- Mr. Sheehan and Mrs. Hammer the Guidance Chairperson met and are planning on putting together a 9<sup>th</sup> grade post-secondary planning meeting that will be available to all freshman students and their parents. Our guidance counselors will provide them with an informative presentation which will cover graduation requirements, building an impressive resume and college planning. These meetings will take place at some point next month and letters will go home to all parents as well as a connect ed call.
- Congratulations to our boys' varsity soccer team for making it all the way to County Championship game at Hofstra University. They played a very strong Garden City team and although we played extremely well, we fell short by a score of 2-0.
- Huge congratulations to senior Helen Zhang for being named a Siemens competition semi-finalist in their prestigious science competition. It is believed that Helen is the first General to ever earn this distinction.
- Avery big upcoming event is the production of our highly anticipated musical: Beauty and the Beast which will take place next Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 as well as a matinee next Saturday at 2pm. Don't miss it!
- The posts outside are for signs given to MacArthur from the County to recognize our athletes over the years. We did pull two posts out to keep them 8 feet from the curb.
- We will be posting a banner @ US News & World Report listing MacArthur as a top High School.

#### **Presidents Report (reported by Margaret Costa)**

- Minutes from October 2017 meeting reviewed and approved as written (C. Napoli made motion, H. Travers seconded).
- Please remember to keep side conversations during our meetings to a minimum.
- Social media use continues to grow, be mindful of answers provided on Facebook, etc. Ask questions at PTSA meeting or email the PTSA or call the school building and ask to be put in touch with the PTSA.
- Parent university was very successful. If anyone has feedback or suggestions, please contact Todd Winch.
- Discussed LEADD programs and possibly incorporating a 5K into the day. Want to continue to bring awareness to parents and families about programs available them for help and giving more kids support.

#### **Membership Report (Reported by Donna Hoesten)**

- We have 478 members in total and 127 registered online. This includes 87 teachers/staff.

#### **Committees (reported by Margaret Costa)**

- Please consider helping run a committee. Need help with Reflections. Reflections deadline in November 17<sup>th</sup>. Art & English teachers are working with the kids. School winners go to region. Last year no one from Salk/MacArthur made it to County/State.
- We need a chairperson for Honorary Life

**Corresponding Secretary (reported by Maria Xenios)**

- Nothing to report

**Treasurer Report (reported by Roma Nowak)**

- September and Octobers Treasurers report are available on the back tables. No questions were asked. A motion was made and seconded to file the reports for Audit, by M. Lieb and L. Cassidy.

**Secondary Curriculum (reported by Marguerite Lieb)**

- Most of the meeting was focused on Elementary curriculum, now that the meetings are combined. Revision of 2-5 grade report cards. Regents presentation posted on line, in the Board of Education link. Still working on the district website, but it is vastly improved. Want to do some plantings at the Laurel Lane location, this is where part of the Vanderbilt Parkway is located. The grandstands from the parkway are located 1-2 blocks from that site. They will be working with science classes along with a farm to work on plantings. Laurel Lane is rented out to an autistic school. They currently use about 75% of the space and the district uses the remaining for storage.

**Food Service**

- Please contact Margaret Costa or Victoria Sanchez regarding any issues.

**Transportation**

- Nothing to report

**Fundraisers**

- Amazon Smile- remember to sign up and select Salk/MacArthur PTSA as your charity
- Mixed bags ends November 17<sup>th</sup>
- BJ's campaign has ended

**Old Business/New Business**

- Discussed offering Pies & Breads for Christmas in the future. Would need help with this if we decide to do this fundraiser
- Welcome & Introduce Mr. Mike Pappas and Mr. Dillon Cain from the Levittown District Board of Education.
- No other new business to report

**Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Tara Carr, Recording Secretary*