



January 8, 2018

Salk / MacArthur PTSA General Membership Meeting

Called to Order by PTSA President Margaret Costa at 7:40pm

Pledge

Establish Quorum

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

- Tuesday December 19th, donated Toys to Columbia Hospital in NYC and John Thiessens Children's Fund in honor of Lorenzo Fernandez. Thank you for all the donations.
- Wednesday December 21st the String Ensemble performed at Mac Arthur Airport under the direction of Mrs. Sposato
- On December 22nd, we recognized over 30 students who received RISE awards
- Grade level Assemblies, before the break, important to review the code of conduct.
- On December 12th we had a Rec Night which included a paint night and a showing of the Polar Express
- December 15th, we built Gingerbread houses in the evening as part of the Connections Club. We had over 60 students participate.
- Tuesday January 16th, we will be offering Boys Volleyball and Girls Basketball. In addition, we will be offering wrestling and bowling as part of Winter II.
- As a result of the construction, wrestling will take place at MacArthur High School
- Challenger Homecoming will take place February 8th.
- Washington DC trip meeting will take place for students, tomorrow morning. Handouts are at the back of the room.
- Salk Circle has two new security guards. There was an issue with a former student (new driver) picking up her brother and experiencing car trouble. People who were driving in the circle at the time, unfortunately were not very nice or sympathetic to her situation.
- Remember if students have issues with the combinations for their locks, please see a teacher or faculty member. Often after break, students may forget their combinations.
- Please remind the children to visit the Lost & Found

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

- We showcased four incredible performances of the musical, Beauty & the Beast. Kudos to our fabulous director Mrs. Levenberg, our musical producer Mrs. Wellenreuther, our Pit Orchestra director Mrs. Winter, our choreographer Mr. Nolan and of course our incredible student actor and actresses who put their heart and soul into each performance.
- In early December we administered our Cap & Gown sales as we begin to prepare our Senior class for graduation.
- Mr. Leahy and Mr. Fazzolari took their sports marketing students into Brooklyn for a tour of the Barclays center.

- On December 14th Mrs. Fritch accompanied her students in her NYC course, an elective in Social Studies, on a walking tour in New York City. This course gives students a firsthand look at the transportation system, its history, different neighborhoods, and major sites while taking in the culture of this great metropolis. On this trip the walking tour began with a tour of Morningside Heights, a visit to the main campus of Columbia University, a virtual tour of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine where students climbed 175 steps into the interior and roof of the cathedral and concluded with a visit to Ulysses Grant's tomb.
- On December 18th, we had our Winter concert. Our chorus under the direction of Mrs. Levenberg and our string orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Winter played and sang the sounds of the holiday season. In addition, on December 19th, the winter wind ensemble under the direction of Mr. Romano, performed at the Broadway mall in Hicksville to the delight of the holiday shoppers.
- On December 8th, several members of our Art Honor Society, under the guidance of Ms. Spinnato and Mrs. Gomes-Vance, conducted our annual Gingerbread House workshop for elementary students in the district. It was a huge success and we hosted approximately 55 youngsters for three hours. Each parent could not have been more appreciative!
- Tomorrow morning, we will be hosting our annual General breakfast recognizing an astounding 66 Seniors that achieved a cumulative GPA of at least 95 over the course of their academic career at MacArthur.
- In order to prepare for the upcoming midterm exams, we have added additional extra help sessions for students that began January 2nd, please see schedule that has been handed out and is available at the back of the room also.
- Also, the other handout is the complete schedule of all block time exams which will take place Monday January 22nd through Thursday January 25th. Please keep in mind that Friday January 26th is a regular day of school. On the reverse side of the handout, the list of all course final exams is listed as well.
- It gives me great pleasure to mention that NYS Public High School Athletic Association designated Mac Arthur High School with their coveted "Award of Excellence" for exemplary display of Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity. Congratulations to our Athletic Director Mr. Snyder and all our coaches and of course our amazing athletes.
- Junior Banquet is scheduled for March 2nd and tickets are \$40.

Presidents Report (reported by Margaret Costa)

- Minutes from November 2017 meeting reviewed and approved as written (M. Lieb made motion, D.Marmo seconded).
- Nothing to report as a result of our meeting occurring right after the Holiday break

Membership Report (Reported by Margaret Costa)

- We have 489 members in total. We also received the Early Bird Award.

Committees (reported by Jeanette Stevens)

- Please consider helping run a committee. Need help with Honorary Life, Nominating and Graduation. Requested volunteers at the meeting For Nominating- volunteers from the Board are: T.Carr; M.Lieb and J. Stevens and from General membership: L. Cassidy. Need one more person from membership to join.

Corresponding Secretary

- Nothing to report

Treasurer Report (reported by Roma Nowak)

- November & December 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 L. Cassidy & D. Marmo.

Secondary Curriculum (reported by Marguerite Lieb)

- Was mostly about the elementary school report cards.

Food Service (Reported by Margaret Costa & Vickie Sanchez)

- Had taste test for Kale at Salk. Tested roasted kale and mandarin oranges. At MacArthur the hot food is not really hot. This comes from feedback from the kids and this matter is being researched.

Transportation

- There was an issue with a bus at an elementary school but it has been resolved.

Reflections

- Reflections gathering will occur at our March PTSA meeting

Fundraisers

- Amazon Smile- remember to sign up and select Salk/MacArthur PTSA as your charity
- Mixed bags all items should have been picked up
- BJ's campaign has ended. We are expecting a check for \$120, which is less than last year's check.
- Panera bread fundraiser will take place 01/25/18 from 4-8pm in East Meadow on Hempstead Tpke.
- Pies & breads fundraiser raised around \$200. Should we look at doing this as a fundraiser next December as well as at Thanksgiving? Questions about when the pies would need to be picked up in relation to the Holidays and when the school is open were raised. Need to look at the school calendar when it is officially released.
- Spirit wear- everything was delivered before the Holiday break. New apparel will be offered in the near future, including sport tank tops, capris and shorts

Old Business/New Business

- No other new business to report

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tara Carr, Recording Secretary