

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Esta Lachow.
Pledge, Quorum. Welcome Board members Mike Pappas & Kevin Regan.

President's Report: Esta Lachow –Reminders and announcements: meetings are being recorded, please come to podium or use microphone when addressing the group. In the future, only approved minutes will be on District website. Drafts of minutes will be forwarded, please note corrections or changes and bring to next meeting. Procedures will also be available on the website as well as Council Expense and Remittance forms. Esta reviewed emergency evacuation/fire safety procedures. October 26, at 7:30pm presentation: Protecting our Kids, at Bethpage High School. Focus: Heroin epidemic that is facing Long Island. Being presented in partnership with Levittown, Bethpage, Farmingdale, Island Trees, Massapequa Plainedge and Wantagh School Districts. Clarification of Building Use forms – this is not new, forms must be used anytime a PTA event is scheduled, be sure to include copy of insurance certificate. Reminder that IRS Tax forms need to be submitted by November 15. Board of Education will be honored in observance of School Board Recognition Week, on October 28, please make every effort to attend. The attendance at Board of Education meetings was stressed – gives first hand knowledge of what is occurring within school district and gives the opportunity to express thoughts publicly. Council Liaison for Transportation E & A Meetings will be Marie Pustorino. No one has volunteered to chair Council Budget committee – Esta will take on the role – looking for someone to work with, in the hopes of training them to take over next year. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Emma Burkett and Kathleen Vaughn-Ware, condolences to Pat Brady on the recent loss of her mother. Finally, Halloween falls on a Saturday. Be aware, be careful. Contact Security or the 8th Precinct if you see or hear anything on school property. Please notify Esta as well so that she can follow up. Report on file.

Executive Committee Reports

1st VP – Cindy Mulz- Committee folders have been handed out.

Welcome to Peter Porazzo – School Board member.

2nd VP – absent today.

Recording Secretary – Sue Giuliano – **Minutes:** Approved with corrections

Corresponding Secretary – no report

Treasurer's Report: Pat Genco - General Fund: Opening \$9,122.68, Closing \$8,550.76 Scholarship: Opening, \$6,459.37, Closing \$6,259.37. **Motion:** To accept the budget as presented. All in favor, ***motion passed.***

Pat attended the Fall Conference Treasurer's Workshop. Has copies for each unit. Taxes due 11/15 if your books closed 6/30. IRS website very helpful. Dues for Membership due 11/19. Check membership numbers from last year.

Executive Board voted earlier this evening to fill Historian position, Kimberly Smith was elected.

Past President – Sue Pou – First meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee will be held on 10/21. Sue Pou will be representing Council. It is important to attend BOE meetings, let BOE know your concerns. Beneficial to all residents to be a part of the decision making process. Parents of younger children need to know how cuts will affect children as they move up through the grades.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Sirois – Thank you for basket donations to Dollars for Scholars. Money raised is unknown but Dr. Sirois thinks they came close to last year. There has been a case of the Swine Flu reported at Northside. The family doctor indicated that it was swine flu but it has not been confirmed. Parents in that classroom were notified. The BOE has published Board of Education Goals. There are 10, they are far reaching and provide for the future. Two stand out – Future project – Levittown 2020. There are about 48 people on the committee. The hope is that each school is represented. It is community-wide and has many sub-committees. The other is Curriculum/Instruction. Nassau County was our standard but we have surpassed Nassau County average. 80% of our students took at least 1 AP class, 93% Regents diploma and 70% Advanced Regents diploma. November 13, David Berliner will be addressing the teachers about Standards. Halloween is on a Saturday, there will be extra security and the 8th precinct will have extra patrols. Question: Can we get more college credit classes in lieu of AP courses? Currently we have 28 AP classes. In order to have college credit courses, curriculum changes need to be made to align standards/content. Not all colleges take 3 on AP exam.

Question: Is there is District ban on home made snacks? District does not have a policy that bans homemade snacks. Principal and Shared Decision Making committee suggested healthier snacks and store-bought goods. East Broadway Principal has authority to make that policy – parents appealing decision to Dr. Sirois. Comments and discussion regarding store bought versus home made.

Procedures – Esta Lachow – New procedural changes online for Audit, Treasurer, Nominating and Communication.

Standing Committees:

Arts in Ed – Pat Genco – Arts in Education Showcase, Monday, April 12, 2010 at LICM. Please check rep sheet for accurate contact information. Please share events with Council so that other Units can gather information. Report on file.

Audit – Lisa Vanderburg - Books dated 09/01/09 – 09/30/09 were found to be in order.

Council Budget – Esta Lachow – Presidents please send representative names.

Curriculum – Elementary – Ali Harris – no report

Secondary – reporting for Kathleen Vaughn-Ware – New courses were listed, review of 11th grade English regents course, revision of secondary curriculum discussed, out of district students are not reflected on Levittown NYS tests, new Acting Director of Pupil Services, Todd Winch. Report of file.

Health, Safety, Environment – First meeting is 10/21 in Pupil Services, 7:00pm

Legislation – Jill Stevens – Thank you Esta for e-mailing Legislation Briefs. 11/13-11/5 NYSPTA Convention – tally sheets to Jill at Division Ave. by Monday before Convention. **Motion:** to allow Jill Stevens to vote at the NYSPTA Convention on behalf of PTA Council. All in favor, ***motion passed.***

Special Committees

Bylaws – Kim Smith – received template – by-laws being left as written. Current by-laws online. They are valid until April. Voting will take place at the next meeting.

Reflections – Cindy Mulz – rules have changes this year. Follow all rules carefully. Marjorie Young will send a one page document with all the rules to Esta.

Scholarship Dinner/Dance – Debe Howe – Dinner is on March 4, 2010 at Crest Hollow Country Club. All units have been given a copy of the deadlines. Next deadline is November 20 – nominee must be selected, bio, photo and pin order must be in. Report on file.

Liaisons

Bond Watcher/Capital Improvements – Jill Rovenger – Report on file.

Dollars for Scholars – Golf Outing went well. Next meeting is 11/30. Letters for mailing will go out beginning of year.

Enrichment – Joan Fusco – no report

Food Service – Marjorie Young – 1st bid was illegal, 2nd bid accepted from Nutri-Kids. Old POS system being used with old pin number. Most balances were transferred. Jen at Chartwells is handling the disputes. Anyone wanting to monitor food service must first be trained by Mr. Avena.

GC Tech – No report

Teacher's Center – Sue Giuliano – Teacher Center is a federally funded program. \$124K grant covers salaries and supplies – no taxpayer money is used. Teacher's courses are now free because it is federally funded. It is open M-Th, 11-5.

Presidential Appointed Liaisons

RTI – Sue Pou – First meeting was 9/25/09 – RTI implemented as mandated by State for 2012. Levittown in far ahead of schedule with implementation as compared to neighboring districts. RTI being administered in grades K-2, forecast implementation of grades 3-5 in September 2010. Report on file.

Professional Development – Sue Pou – committee is comprised of 51% teachers, as mandated by NYS, 49% parent members and administration. Review of last year's work to bring forth a successful Superintendent's Conference Day. Teachers will be giving workshops, in addition to guest speaker, David Berliner, author of The Manufactured Crises, Myths, Frauds and the attack on America's Public Schools. Report on file.

SEPTA – Susan McCormick & Scott Haas – Next meeting is 10/27 at 7:30. "How to Protect Your Children," guests include an attorney and financial advisor.

Wellness – Angela List – meeting is 10/20 at 9:30

New Business

Flyers for Wisdom Lane food pantry – anything is appreciated. Big request for paper items, soap, detergents, etc.

Comments/Concerns: Saturday Dance Program not on the website. Phone directory at Memorial not working properly – there is not way to get a person – it is very frustrating. Dr. Sirois will look into it.

Dates to remember on back of agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm by Esta Lachow
Minutes submitted by: Susan Giuliano