

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Esta Lachow.  
Pledge, Quorum.

**President's Report:** Esta Lachow –Thank you to Salk/MacArthur for hospitality. Reminders and announcements: meetings are being recorded, please come to podium or use microphone when addressing the group. Last month's meeting minutes are on the District website. The following Council members are absent/excused: Pat Genco, Treasurer; Sue Pou, Past President; Ali Harrs, Corresponding Secretary; Diane McPartland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Kathleen Vaughn-Ware, Secondary Curriculum, Jill Stevens, Legislation. Kudos to Anthony Anzalone, webmaster, for a great job. Reminder that most units closed their books on June 30 that means your IRS Tax forms should have been sent in by November 16. Esta has been working with Presidents to revise Unit's Procedures – going very well – thank you for time and effort. For the first time, Esta was unable to attend NYS PTA Convention but Levittown was represented by 12 attendees. The District's 2020 committee met for its first meeting last week. The goal of the committee is to plan for the future of the district. Eight categories were identified for committee work. In-house workshops are being worked on. The first will most likely be a parliamentary workshop. Happy Thanksgiving – thank you for all that you do. Report on file.

#### **Executive Committee Reports**

1<sup>st</sup> VP – Cindy Mulz - no report

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Diane McPartland - no report

**Recording Secretary** – Sue Giuliano – **Minutes:** Approved as written

**Corresponding Secretary** – thank you from Dr. Sirois, re: BOE Recognition, Get Well cards sent.

**Treasurer's Report:** General Fund: Opening \$8,550.76, Closing \$9,583.05. Scholarship: Opening, \$6,259.37, Closing \$6,259.37. **Motion:** To accept the budget as presented. All in favor, ***motion passed.*** **Motion:** To move \$32. from Miscellaneous to Publications to cover costs. All in favor, ***motion passed.*** Report on file.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Sirois out – Ms. Rifkin – BOE approved new courses at the High Schools – Latin, Trial Law, Math Courses from NYS – doing away with Math A & B. Courses will run with minimum number of students and teachers to be found. Question: Why Latin? A: It will be an introductory class in addition to language requirement. Good for vocabulary development, SAT, etc. Study/Report of State Assessments compared Levittown to other districts – we are competitive – scores above Nassau County average. Administration does not use State Assessments as a standard as District has exceeded them. We will hopefully be following AP standards, if BOE approves. 150-200 Swine Flu cases, 10 Staff members, in district since September. Check website for information and documents.

**Procedures** – Esta Lachow – no report

#### **Standing Committees:**

**Arts in Ed** – No report.

**Audit** – Lisa Vanderburg - Books dated 10/01/09 – 10/31/09 were found to be in good order. Need 3 volunteers for Mid-Year and Final audit. Mid-year will be 1/7 at 6:30 - Mid-year audit committee volunteers: Maria Emeric, Cindy Mulz, Angela List, Marlene Mizzi Pavsic, alternate.

**Council Budget** – Esta Lachow – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was last week, most units were represented. Reps will be meeting with Principals in near future. Next meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in December, 7:30.

**Health, Safety, Environment** – Cameras at schools being replaced/repared. Pre-Prom Workshop – still committed to making it mandatory – looking to area schools for more info. Committee has decided to meet in the mornings 10:00am on following dates: 1/6, 2/3, and 3/9.

**Curriculum** – Elementary – reporting for Ali Harrs – Overview of RTI presented; Nice turn-out for Stress Workshop. Next meeting January 19, 2010

Secondary – no report

**Legislation** – Angela List reported – Overview of Convention. Report on file.

#### **Special Committees**

**Bylaws** – Kim Smith – No changes – expire 4/2010 - wording stayed the same. Any changes made were made on template by NYSPTA or Region. **Motion:** to accept bylaws as presented. All in favor, ***motion passed.***

**Nominating** – Sign up sheet going around for sign-ups. Sign ups received - Names of Nominating Committee Representatives and Alternates read. **Motion:** To accept nominating committee representatives and alternate candidates. All in favor, ***motion passed.*** Committee formed.

**Scholarship Dinner/Dance** – Debe Howe – List of Honorees presented. Use forms in packet to order pins from NYSPTA or go to NYSPTA website. Report on file.

#### **Liaisons**

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

**Dollars for Scholars** – Next meeting is 11/30.

**District Budget** – Sue Pou – Citizen's Advisory Committee has had 2 meetings. Not yet into sub-committees. Beginning to receive financials and reports requested. Next meeting scheduled for 12/3/09. Report on file.

**Food Service** – Marjorie Young – Revising checklist for audits. Food Service Committee members may not interact with children when visiting schools – Guidelines have been revised – point of contention: speaking with students. Next meeting 11/30. Question: Who writes menu? A: Chartwells. Middle School menu has Monday off – Ms. Rifkin will look into it. Comment: Student reps at Division said the food is terrible; amount of food is not the same, not a value for the money. Menu and what is being served is different. Breeding is too spicy. Tell children and unit reps – any issues children may return lunches if they are not happy and get refunds.

**Enrichment** – Joan Fusco – no report

**GC Tech** – If Council would like, Audre Iglehart would be happy to make a presentation.

**LEADD** – This year's theme is "LEADD into the future." The walk is Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 10:30 followed by the Fair in LMEC gymnasium. Tee shirts will be available beginning of January. Contests at all levels. Comment – t-shirts sales low – need to get the word out. Report on file.

**Teacher's Center** – Sue Giuliano – No report.

**Transportation** – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of school year – general description of bussing and ongoing issues. Next meeting 12/7, 10:00am at the Hunt Road facility.

#### **Presidential Appointed Liaisons**

**RTI** – Sue Pou – Subcommittee meeting to write District Policy for RTI. No current BOE policy in place for RTI.

Next subcommittee meeting 12/04/09. Next District RTI meeting 11/24/09. Report on file.

**SEPTA** – Susan McCormick & Scott Haas – Next meeting is 11/24 at 7:30. Speech therapists – strategies, speech and language therapies.

**Wellness** – Angela List – next meeting is 12/02.

#### **New Business**

*None*

Dates to remember on back of agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm by Esta Lachow  
Minutes submitted by: Susan Giuliano