

Levittown Council of PTAs  
General Membership Meeting

February 12, 2012

Meeting called to order 7:32. Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken.

**President's report** ~ Report attached.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** ~ Report attached.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** ~ Please forward any changes to your executive committee in an effort to keep the directory up to date.

**Recording Secretary** ~ Minutes from the last meeting are on the website.

**Corresponding Secretary** ~ No report

**Treasurer's report** ~ Report on file. Angela explained that TD Bank is now charging \$2 for a hard copy of the checks that cleared. **Motion** made by Esta Lachow to add a line to the budget, for both accounts, to include the \$2 that TD Bank is now charging for copies of cancelled checks. Discussion followed. Motion passed with one abstention. Question about the projected membership dues and why our numbers are off? Are there any units that have not paid? The \$20 deposits from each unit have not been added to the line as income yet.

**Superintendent Report** ~ Dr. Grossane also attended the NCCSS Forum. He explained how State Aid is distributed. Long Island contributes 17 to 18 percent of the taxes; we only get a return of maybe 11 to 12 percent. He explained the 2% tax cap is not as it seems. It is actually a 2% limit on the levy. First budget presentation is this Wednesday night where this will be explained in great detail. High school parents will be receiving their child's class assignments for next year. You need to make any changes before the end of February. This will help with the budget planning for the number of teachers that will be needed in the high schools. NWEA letters went home. Q: Does the district have a cell phone policy regarding the teachers? Teachers should not be using phones in the classroom. If there is an issue that anyone knows of, please forward that information. Q: Will there be any major cuts this year? Some constrictions, but not as much as last year. There may also be an increase in some areas.

A representative from NEFCU did a presentation on their PTA Support Program.

Committee Reports:

**Arts & Ed** ~ A few schools have kicked off PARP with appropriate assemblies.

**Audit** ~ Mid year audit went well.

**Council Budget** ~ insight from anyone is appreciated.

**Elementary Curriculum** ~ No report

**Health & Safety** ~ They had their first meeting. Pre Prom workshops are set. Next meeting will be in March.

**Legislation** ~ Round table will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12 noon. \$20 per person. Leg Ed conference is March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Procedures** ~ Proposed changes presented for discussion. Motion made, voted and accepted as changed. New Communication Procedure attached.

**Secondary Curriculum** ~ report attached

**Nominating** ~ The 2012-2013 slate was presented as follows. Cindy Mulz ~ President, Patricia Genco ~ 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Dawn Nocella ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Angela List ~ Treasurer, Eileen Petruzzo ~ Recording Secretary, Mary Rickard ~ Corresponding Secy, Donna Waitkus ~ Historian. Secretary Mary Rickard cast the required sole vote to accept.

**Reflections** ~ No report

**Scholarship Dinner** ~ March 23 deadline. Flower prices will be available at the next meeting. Order your pins. Photos/Bio still needed from Wisdom and SEPTA.

**Scholarships** ~ One representative from each unit along with an alternate is needed. Cannot be a parent of a senior.

**Capital Project** ~ No report

**Dollars for Scholars** ~ mailings will be going out soon. Need reps from East Broadway, Gardiners and summit. Zumba fundraiser Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 7-9:30, tickets are \$10. Next meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**GC Tech** ~ Open house went well. Regional Skills Competition is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> at Farmingdale College.

**Senior Prom** ~ looking for volunteers to help out at this event which will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is Sock Hop.

**Food Service** ~ Report attached.

**LEAD** ~ This year's walk is Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Fair to follow.

**Teacher Center** ~ No report

**Wellness** ~ No report

**New Business** ~ None

Please note dates to remember on the back of agenda.

Meeting adjourned 8:50

Minutes prepared by Dawn Nocella

President's Report for the Council Meeting  
Monday, February 13, 2012 7:30 pm

I would like to thank Sarah and Gardiners Ave. for hosting tonight's meeting. Our next meeting will be hosted by Lee Road. I'm glad you are all here tonight and please be reminded that the next meeting is also on a Monday, March 19, 2012 same time and place.

Please be reminded that our mtg. is being recorded. I ask that when you speak you use the microphone. Once they are approved our minutes will be online. Please check the school web site for updates and keep web site current with your unit information.

Thanks again to Patty Genco for running another successful and informative Pres/Superintendent Mtg.

This past week the district held its annual AIS meeting. Thanks go to Angela List who attended both meeting on our behalf. Information about the meeting is in the back.

The Executive Board met earlier this evening to approve an amendment to one of our procedures. We would like to read this amendment to you now.

I have some important reminders for your units that I would like to go over with you again tonight.

- The Nassau Region web site is a very useful reference and tool. [www.nassaupta.org](http://www.nassaupta.org). Our AD, Susan Contino is available to help. Let me know if you need her contact information.
- It is important that your unit be represented on Committees. Elementary and Secondary Curriculum should have a representative from each school.

- Council will be again helping out with supplying snack for the Get a Voice assembly on March 15. The event will take place at Wisdom Lane.
- All presidents should have received an invitation to Attend this year's Community Recognition Dinner on March 22, 2012 @ LMEC in the Panther Room. If anyone is interested and would like to attend with Council please let me know.
- Please continue to support the food pantry throughout the year.

We look forward to continue to work with and support our Board of Education. Our goals are the same, to do what is best for our schools and most importantly our children.

Thank you again to everyone for all that you do for our children. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Please keep the lines of communication open. I know together we can accomplish whatever we set out to do for our children.

And...please feel free to contact me with your concerns and hopefully no worries.

Levittown Council of PTAs  
1<sup>st</sup> VP Report for February  
Submitted by: Patricia Genco on 2/13/12

On Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 I attended the Nassau County Council of School Superintendents Financial Forum.

The meeting was held Leon Campo Center in East Meadow. Representatives from all over Nassau County were present.

The sentiment of the meeting was "One Island One Voice". We need to come together and ask our Legislators and Governor for Long Islands fair share of the state aid. Pat Asordato from Levittown represented Nassau Region PTA and gave an emotional and factual charged speech, bringing to light Governor Cuomo recent speech regarding no group that actual advocacy or represents the children. PTA has been in existence for that purpose since 1897, she also discussed Virtual Lobby Day on March 20<sup>th</sup>. And reminded us all to attend Legislation Brunch on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The rest of the meeting discussed the 2% tax cap and its possible unconstitutional status.  
Budgeting for 2013/2014

I hope that our financial personal and Dr. Grossina can do a lot of creative budgeting this year to save our programs, our teachers our neighbors and continue to educate our future, The Children

Levittown Council of PTAs  
Proposed Budget  
2011 - 2012

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>Proposed 2010/2011</b>	<b>Actual 2010/2011</b>	<b>Proposed 2011/2012</b>	<b>Actual 2011/2012</b>
Starting Balance	\$8,748.00	\$8,748.00	\$8,898.66	\$8,898.66
<b>INCOME</b>				
Membership Dues	\$1,500.00	\$1,498.40	\$1,300.00	
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,248.00</b>	<b>\$10,246.40</b>	<b>\$10,198.66</b>	<b>\$8,898.66</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Administrative Functions	\$250.00	\$129.95	\$250.00	
AIDS Awareness	\$200.00	\$193.90	\$6.10	
BOE Recognition	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Carry Over	\$6,348.00	\$0.00	\$6,142.56	\$0.00
Convention	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Get a Voice	\$150.00	\$127.46	\$200.00	
Health & Safety	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Historian	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
In House Training	\$600.00	\$99.50	\$600.00	
Installation	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$40.00	\$200.00	
Office Supplies	\$150.00	\$86.93	\$150.00	
Pres/Prin Dinner	\$300.00	\$240.00	\$300.00	
Publications	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Workshops/Conferences	\$500.00	\$330.00	\$500.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$10,248.00</b>	<b>\$1,347.74</b>	<b>\$10,198.66</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIP FUND:</b>				
Starting Balance	\$7,212.72	\$7,212.72	\$9,224.77	\$9,224.77
<b>INCOME</b>				
Dinner Dance Income	\$25,000.00	\$26,266.50	\$25,000.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$32,212.72</b>	<b>\$33,479.22</b>	<b>\$34,224.77</b>	<b>\$9,224.77</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Carry Over	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	
Dinner Dance Expenses	\$21,000.00	\$20,254.45	\$22,224.77	
PTSA Scholarship Awards	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$24,254.45</b>	<b>\$34,224.77</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## **Council Communication**

Levittown Council of PTAs recognizes the importance of communication within its council membership, as well as with the Levittown School District and our community.

Council communication exists in various forms; verbally (in person or on the phone), through traditional mailings, emails, Facebook, Twitter and other on line sites. It is imperative that any communication in any form reflect the policies, procedures, practices and opinions of this unit, Nassau Region, NYS or National PTA. This includes any of its subdivisions (Executive Committee, Executive Board, Committee and its membership, as determined by a decision or vote of that group. Individual opinions have no place in these communications unless they are specifically asked for.

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Food Service Report

The notice for bidders on the hallway vending machines has gone out and was posted in Newsday on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The due date for bids is February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Plans for the new cafeteria have been moving along and as of now, there should be a new cafeteria by September of 2012. *As a side note, the parents & students at Division are thrilled by this*

At a Childhood Obesity workshop I attended at Nassau Region Winter Conference, we are ahead of many other districts because we are posting the nutritional breakdown on the district website and in the secondary school cafeterias. ~~100~~

Submitted by,

Lisa Curran