

Levittown Council of PTAs –General Meeting Minutes May 16, 2013

Meeting called to order 7:35pm

Approval of Minutes: Change Dr. Lipani to Mr. Lipani. Minutes filed as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Attached

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Grossane stated that the district is presenting a same-services budget. Revenues will not meet our expenditures so we will be suing the reserve fund. Currently a \$4.5 million deficit, but 2nd half of the year we may find our expenses are less than anticipated. Taking \$8.8 million out of reserves, but we can't do that every year as it will deplete the fund in three years time. Questions were raised about absences due to field trips. Students will be permitted to make up PE classes even if they have missed more than one class that quarter. Questions about Choral Club. Students are permitted to join the club even if they don't take the class but the must audition for the club. Question asked about who coordinates the departments outside the buildings. During AP exams the grass was being mowed at MacArthur. Dr. Grossane will look into coordinating those activities so that it is quiet during exams. The district will also look into alternate locations for the AP Exams (ie. LMEC) Laurel Lane was suggested, but that building is not in useable state currently.

Instillation of Officers was performed.

Executive Committee

President's Report: Attached

1st VP Report: Attached

2nd VP Report: No Report

Corresponding Secretary: No Report

Historian: No Report

Quorum established

Motion made by Liz Kirk to support the District Budget. No discussion. Motion Carried

Motion made by Angela List for a \$500 summer budget from both General and Senior Award fund accounts. No discussion. Motion Carried.

Standing Committees:

Audit: No Report

Council Budget: No Report

Elementary Curriculum: Attached

Health, Safety, and Environment: Attached.
Legislation: No Report
Procedures: No Report
Secondary Curriculum: Attached.
SEPTA: Next Meeting May 28, 2013

Liaison Reports

Capital Reserve/Bond Watcher: No Report
Dollars for Scholars: Attached.
Food Service: Attached
GC Tech: No Report
LEADD: No Report
Teachers Center: No Report
Transportation: No Report
Wellness: No Report

Special Committees

Budget: No Report
By Laws: No Report
Honorary Life/Senior Award Dinner Dance: Attached

Q: Why do we have to raise the price of the dinner if we have so much money carried over in the account?

A: Senior Award fund has different carryover rules to sustain ability to give awards if fundraising is not as successful in future years.

Motion made by Liz Kirk to give Angela List a vote of confidence to research other options for the Honorary Life Dinner. Suggestions included a different venue, and having only a cocktail party and not a full sit-down dinner. Motion Carried.

Meet the Candidates: Couldn't find an agreeable date for all three candidates.

Reworking notifications for candidates for next year to make them more aware of this event from the beginning.

PTA Memorial Senior Award: Committee met. Will announce names of winners at September's meeting after the awards are presented to the students in June.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:12pm

Levittown Council of PTAs
Treasurer Report

APRIL 19, 2013 TO MAY 14, 2013

General Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$8,888.09**

Expenses:	
Banking Expense	2.00
Supplies	136.75
Health/Safety	25.39
PTA Workshops	38.00

Total Expenses: **\$202.14**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$8,685.95**

Senior Award Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$38,246.12**

Expenses:	
Dinner Dance Expense	22274.43
Bank Fee	2.00

Total Expenses: **\$22,276.43**

Income:	
Dinner Dance Income	787.50

Total Income: **\$787.50**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$16,757.19**

May 16th, 2013

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If you wish to address council, please step up to the microphone to assure you can be heard.*

***Switch all cellular devices to vibrate-Sign off and tune in; we have a lot to talk about.*

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
- III. Approval of Minutes- Recording Secretary
- IV. Treasurers' Report- Reconciliation
- V. Superintendent Report - Dr. Grossane
- VI. Installation
- VII. Executive Committee Reports
 - A. President Report
 - C. 2nd VP Report
 - E. Historian Report
 - B. 1st VP Report
 - D. Corresponding Secretary
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. Audit
 - C. Council Budget
 - E. Health, Safety and Environment
 - G. Procedures
 - B. Arts in Education
 - D. Elementary Curriculum
 - F. Legislation
 - H. Secondary Curriculum
- IX. SEPTA Report
- X. Liaison Reports
 - A. Capital Projects/ Bond Watcher
 - C. Food Service
 - E. LEADD
 - G. Transportation
 - B. Dollars for Scholars
 - D. GC Tech
 - F. Teacher Center
 - H. Wellness
- XI. Special Committee Reports
 - A. Budget
 - C. Honorary Life/Senior Award Dinner Dance
 - E. PTA Memorial Senior Award
 - B. Bylaws
 - D. Meet the Candidates
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business - Calendar/Directory for 2013/2014, Support for the Budget, Summer Budget
- XIV. Adjournment



Levittown Council of PTAs
Proposed Budget
2012 - 2013

General Fund:	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Actual to Date
	2011/2012	2011/2012	2012/2013	2012/2013
Starting Balance	\$8,898.66	\$8,898.66	\$8,949.23	\$8,949.23
INCOME				
Membership Dues	\$1,300.00	\$1,377.60	\$1,200.00	\$1,039.60
Other	\$0.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,198.66	\$10,276.26	\$10,149.23	\$9,988.83
EXPENSES				
Administrative Functions	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$28.94
AIDS Awareness	\$6.10	\$0.00	\$6.10	
Banking Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$12.00
BOE Recognition	\$100.00	\$99.91	\$100.00	\$99.92
Carry Over	\$6,142.56	\$0.00	\$5,713.13	
Convention	\$1,000.00	\$693.45	\$1,400.00	\$497.41
Get a Voice	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Health & Safety	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$25.39
Historian	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
In House Training	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	
Installation	\$50.00	\$37.80	\$50.00	
Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$58.00	\$200.00	
Office Supplies	\$150.00	\$67.87	\$150.00	\$231.22
Pres/Prin Dinner	\$300.00	\$240.00	\$300.00	\$240.00
Publications	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Workshops/Conferences	\$500.00	\$130.00	\$500.00	\$168.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,198.66	\$1,327.03	\$10,149.23	\$1,302.88
SR AWARD FUND:				
Starting Balance	\$9,224.77	\$9,224.77	\$11,961.62	\$11,961.62
INCOME				
Dinner Dance Income	\$25,000.00	\$30,770.00	\$25,000.00	\$27,076.00
Other Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$34,224.77	\$39,994.77	\$36,961.62	\$39,737.62
EXPENSES				
Carry Over	\$8,000.00		\$8,500.00	
Banking Supplies	\$100.00	\$48.50	\$100.00	\$6.00
Dinner Dance Expenses	\$24,024.77	\$23,968.05	\$24,311.62	\$22,974.43
PTA Senior Awards	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Senior Award Supplies	\$50.00	\$16.60	\$50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$36,174.77	\$28,033.15	\$36,961.62	\$22,980.43
**9/20/12-Scholarship Changed to Senior Award				

Dollars for Scholars

met Monday 5/13/13

- We are proceeding as a 501 3 c unit -

We are contacting an accountant to get all the paper work moving. It will take about 7 months.

Dollars for scholars has been notified that we are separating from the unit.

They are forming a committee to form a new board. They need a President, Treasurer and a Secretary.

5 scholarship are being awarded to each High School this year

And they have not decided on a new name but are looking for ideas.

next meeting Monday June 17

Submitted
by Mauricia Sawula

May PTA Council Meeting

Elementary Curriculum –

The Committee met on Friday May 10th. We spoke about the on-line tutor program offered thru the Levittown Library. www.tutor.com/nassau. Get help with Essays, Book Reports, Research Papers, Scholarship Essays, Math: elementary, algebra, geometry, trig, calc and statistics. Science: Elem Science, Earth Science, Bio, Chem, Physics. English: Vocab, Grammar, Writing and Literature, as well as Social Studies.

The School Board formally adopted the Journeys ELA Program to begin Sept. 2013.

Last Spring a committee reviewed several companies.

Each school had 1 grade pilot the program

Central Office met with teachers through out the year

Had teachers fill out a formal eval form

Based on feedback from teachers, principals and D. Rifkin-decision was made to move forward.

The program we are purchasing has already been updated based on the common core changes. With the purchase the District has on-line access for 7 years and can update the program from on-line.

Already got the teacher materials for next year.

Training:

June 24th the Journeys people will be here to do staff development-by grade level

June 25th our pilot teachers will be meeting by grade level

Sept 1st Journeys sending their professionals to go to each school to answer questions that the teachers may have.

Sept – Additional training day for the remedial teachers

Mid-Oct-1/2 day per grade level with Journeys people

Mid November – district will meet with Journeys people to see if there are any problems.

Grades 3-5 Journeys publishes a magazine to go along with the stories in the classroom book.

Salk 8th grade – opt out did not meet the 95%, it was high enough to bring the whole school below 95%. Gardiners also

Next meeting – Tuesday June 4th

Food Service -

The Food Service Committee met on May 15th. There have been some issues at Salk with a refrigerator, a new one has been ordered and will hopefully be in my September.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the vending machines. The current vendor is still not living up to their expectations, although the district was assured once they knew there was a possibility of going back out to bid for September, that the level of service would increase and

they would go above and beyond. The district is consulting with their attorney regarding the best way to get a different vendor in for the 2013-14 school year.

Wellness committee discussed at their last meeting the recommendation from the food service committee to offer coffee/tea to the students at the HS level. The Wellness Committee voted against this.

Discussion took place regarding the wait times in some of the buildings, as well as the number of registers in each school. Bob Howard, Kim Volpe and Frank Ward would be visiting some of the schools in the near future to time the line waits. Mr. Flower suggested that he would speak to the company that is working on the serving line layout for the new cafeterias in the high schools and see if they would be able to come into the other schools and give suggestions on how to expedite the serving lines without doing any major construction.

Alan from Chartwells stated that in September he was serving about 400 lunches less than last year at this point, depending on the day he is serving about 100-200 less. He feels the only way to increase these numbers would be to serve the kids their most liked items everyday (Pizza, nuggets and brunch for lunch) although this is not possible and will continue to be harder and harder as the new/different regulations continue to come down from the government.

It was suggested that Chartwells do tastings of some of the menu items. Alan noted that in his experience this did not go over well. He feels that it would be more successful with PTA help in each building.

DHS cafeteria project has begun. They are working on the electrical in the building now. It has been discovered that the electric in the building is already over-loaded, there will be a change order coming thru to upgrade the electrical panel to accommodate the electric in the building. The price for the construction was lower than anticipated, so even with the change order the project will still be under budget.

Last meeting is June 12th.

Honorary Life Dinner Dance

The Dinner was held on April 25th. Can not begin to thank all of the committee chairs for their help at the building level and everyone here who helped, especially Mary, her daughter Shelby, Debe Howe and Patty for setting up and Laura for help with the half you/half me.

Had over 440 people in attendance and made over \$4000, it was about 2000 less than last year, but we had about 55 less people attend the dinner.

Depending on the # of people in attendance we make between \$8-\$10 per person. The rest of the \$60 is used to cover all of the expenses of the dinner. Last year it was \$40 per person with no bar fee and 15% service charge. This year it was still 40 per person, but a \$175 bar fee and 20% service charge. Next year they are proposing the same costs as this year. We need to decide if we want to keep the price at \$60 or consider raising it a few dollars.

