

Levittown Council of PTA's
General Membership Meeting
October 23, 2014
Minutes

Call to order at 7:38pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance – quorum was established

Recording Secretary – the minutes from the September's meeting were sent to all the unit President's. Laura Brown made the motion to approve the September and May minutes as written, Donna Waitkus 2nd. Minutes will be posted on the website.

President's Report – see attached

1st VP – no report

2nd VP – no report

Corresponding Secretary – no report

Treasurer – see attached.

The books were reviewed by Patricia Genco and were found to be in order.

Reminders for all unit President's will be emailed, please share with your Treasurers.

Superintendent Report –

Kiwanis Club has an Adopt a Family event. Flyer is attached

Outside the back door of Memorial flowers from the Division Ave. High School flower sale. Everyone is enjoying them and hopefully will boost next year's event.

Abbey Lane's Art from their students is on display throughout the halls and the large board room. The winner from East Broadway's has been framed and on display.

CSEA is doing a Thanksgiving food drive. Collection is taking place till 11/7. Lisa VanDerberg is collecting items.

11/12 Board meeting there will be a presentation on GC Tech.

Student at Northside School – Grace Lim made the 101 pianist program at the Tiles Center.

Flag poles throughout the district are being replaced. They do take a long time to replace. This is able to be done through a grant through Senator Kemp Hannon. They did ask that the top of the Memorial flag pole be retained and Divisions as well and will be in the museum at Levittown Memorial.

Board was very touched by the gifts especially the one to the food pantry.

SEPTA – membership is still ongoing. Currently they have 230 members. Membership form can be found on the website. The Yankee Candle fundraiser is taking place orders can be submitted online and information can be found on the Septa website page. 10/27 is the next general membership meeting and Marlise Brant from Colby Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities and will be presenting a workshop on sex education for children with developmental disabilities. On 11/17 there will be a presentation from Parent to Parent they will be giving some assistance on how to organize special needs records both medical and personal for the future.

Standing Committees

Arts in Education – see attached

Audit – no report

Council Budget – see attached

Elementary Curriculum – see attached

Health, Safety & Environment – no report

Legislation & Advocacy – all units should have done their Resolution presentation and taken a vote. Please give all forms back to Deb Howe to bring to convention on 11/14.

Procedures – no report

Secondary Curriculum – see attached

Transportation – no report. 11/12 is the next meeting at 9:30am at the Transportation Department conference room.

Special Committee Reports

Budget – no report

Bylaws – no report

Honorary Life – no report

PTSA Senior Award – no report

Meet the Candidates – no report

Nominating – clipboard is going around, names are needed tonight. Either President/Co-President and/or Alternate sit on the committee.

Reflections – see attached

Senior Award Dinner Dance – list of deadlines went out last month. Names, bio & pictures are due by 11/19. Mary still needs a list of chairs and contact information for each unit.

Liaison Reports

LSCS – no report

Food Service – see attached

Laura Brown – Q. If a child orders a hamburger do they have to have the lettuce and tomato to have it as a full reimbursable meal?

A. No, but they have to take their vegetable and fruit that is offered with it.

Lee Road Delegate - Q. Can a parent speak on a child's behalf for a shy 6 year old that has an issue with their lunch?

A. Always encourage child to speak on their own behalf or have them tell the lunch monitor or another child that will be able to speak for them but of course you can always call the school and speak on your child's behalf.

Dawn Tiemer – Q. Are there going to be water stations put at the elementary and middle schools?

A. Eventually, all of the elementary school buildings are old, electricity and plumbing is old. It is the goal to get them in even if it's moveable stations.

Question – Food allergies – who do we speak to?

- A. Every child who has an allergy and the school has been made aware of has been put into the system and therefore should be tagged if what they are trying to buy is something they can have.

GC Tech – see attached

LEADD – the fair will take place on 10/26 from 11-1:30pm. The walk begins at 10:30am. Kiwanis will be having their annual Pancake Breakfast beforehand.

Teacher Center – no report

Wellness – have not met yet but if there are any community members that would like to be on this committee please send your letters of intent to Mr. Goss at Lee Road.

Old Business – none

New Business –

Division Ave. Sweeps is going to be on 3/6/15. Already started getting baskets and tickets can be bought at this time.

Division Ave. SADD club will be giving out pumpkins at the LEADD fair.

Donna Waitkus question for Dr. McDonald– Do you know for certain that Nassau County is trying to change the law to get more than one camera in each district for the speeding?

- A. I don't know if that is true but I have heard that rumor.

Clarification from Pat Genco - cameras have the ability to be turned on and turned off at any time. Cameras cannot be on at the same time. So at any given time when going down by MacArthur and see a flash you may or may not be ticketed you don't know if the camera is on and the other one off. And again, the argument with the speed cameras is bottom line it's a speed zone.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm

Minutes prepared by Tina Bodkin

General Membership Meeting Agenda

October 23, 2014

***Please remember: our meetings are being taped by the Recording Secretary. In order to be fair to all members
If you wish to address Council, please step up to the microphone to assure you can be heard.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes – Recording Secretary
4. Executive Committee Reports:
 - A. President Report
 - B. 1st VP Report
 - C. 2nd VP Report
 - D. Corresponding Secretary
 - E. Treasurer
5. Superintendent Report
6. SEPTA
7. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. Arts in Education
 - B. Audit
 - C. Council Budget
 - D. Elementary Curriculum
 - E. Health, Safety & Environment
 - F. Legislation & Advocacy
 - G. Procedures
 - H. Secondary Curriculum
 - I. Transportation
8. Special Committee Reports
 - A. Budget
 - B. By Laws
 - C. Honorary Life
 - D. PTSA Senior Award
 - E. Meet the Candidates
 - F. Nominating
 - G. Reflections
 - H. Senior Award Dinner Dance
9. Liaison Reports
 - A. LSCS
 - B. Food Service
 - C. GC Tech
 - D. LEADD
 - E. Teacher Center
 - F. Wellness
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Adjourn



Levittown Council of PTAs President's Report

Good Evening! Welcome to this evening's Levittown Council of PTAs general meeting.

Dr. McDonald, welcome. Thank you for attending tonight's meeting. Welcome to the Board of Education members also in attendance this evening.

Thank you to Lee Road for hosting this evening. Northside- you will be our host next month.

Please remember our meetings are recorded. This is for the sole purpose of making things a little easier for our Recording Secretary, Tina Bodkin. Please utilize the microphones in the room when addressing Council, they are spread out on the table, again this is to make things easier for Tina-she cannot hear the voices on the recorder, otherwise. Please remember to always be respectful of others when they are speaking, we may not always agree with each other, but we can be courteous as each of us speaks.

If you have not had your meeting yet where you presented the resolutions please do not forget to do so. Also, hold a vote and receive a vote of confidence form their unit to have your representative attending convention vote for your unit.

At last month's meeting, I stressed the importance of communication and asking questions and I am happy to see so many new presidents taking me up on my offer. This month I would like to stress the importance of transparency and how important it is as Presidents to be as transparent as possible when running your units. Be open and honest and sincere and remember, like you there many new members to your PTA units. Don't ever put anything in writing that you would not say to someone while they are standing in front of you. When I talk about transparency, I mean from everything to the way you would like your meetings to run, to the way you would like to communicate with your officers and committee chairs and how the Memberships money is being raised or spent. Remember the money doesn't belong to the Presidents, it belongs to the unit, so any decisions that are made for the unit as far as what the money will be spent on should be decided by the unit. This goes from the little things like school clothes/spirit wear, to cultural arts programs or family fun and even fundraisers. Always remember your 3 to 1 rule as far as your fundraising goes.

Fifth Grade Committee letter from State

Last night was the district Board of Education Recognition. School board members are citizens whose decisions affect our children — what they learn, who will teach them and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms.

School board members make policy; approve contracts with employees; choose curriculum; adopt budgets; and select a superintendent, treasurer and business manager to administer the district. They do all these tasks with the emphasis on what's best for the children they serve.

Being an effective school board member is no easy task, particularly in today's climate of change and challenge. School board members need to be knowledgeable about many complex educational and social issues, and carry out initiatives and directives from both federal and state governments. To face these demands of governing our public schools, they give countless hours of personal time. Thank you to all who attended, it is great to see so many community and school groups come out in support of the BOE. Levittown Council of PTAs donated \$100 in food to the Levittown Food Pantry, located at WLMS in recognition of the BOE and all that they do for the students in Levittown. They truly have all of children's interest at their forefront- and sometimes we forget to thank them for their volunteerism- So again Thank you to the BOE for all you do for our children.

This month has been a busy one. We started with Nassau Regions Resolution Workshop, the 16th was the Nassau Region PTA Fall Conference. Yesterday was the BOE recognition and planning session. This weekend, Saturday, we have the free heart screenings at LMEC for anyone ages 12-23 from 9AM-4PM and Sunday is our LEADD Walk and Fair. Tuesday, October 28th, will be the Nassau Region PTA President Rap and by the time we have our next meeting we will have attended the Nassau Region President/Principal Dinner.

Some Reminders:

- Membership Money is due to NYS PTA by October 31st
 - Monday, November 3rd, is our president/superintendent meeting. Please forward any issues or concerns that you would like addressed.
 - Tuesday November 4th, is Election Day. Don't forget to "Get out and vote".
- Also school will be closed for superintendent's conference day.
- We are still looking for a Chair for Wellness.
 - November 12th is the Board of Education Meeting. This is a regular meeting and if you would like to address the BOE you can sign up for "Public be

Heard” before 7:30PM

- November 15th is Tax Day. Don't jeopardize your 501C3 status. Submit those taxes.
- NYS Convention is November 14, 15, and 16th. Presidents remember to sign credential cards for your voting representatives.
- Nassau Region PTA President/Principals dinner will be held on Monday November 24th. Presidents please remember to invite your principals'.

Please support the WLMS Food Pantry.

- Our Next Council meeting in November 20

Thank you all for “All you do for the children of Levittown”.

Please keep the lines of communication open.

Levittown Council of PTAs
Treasurer Report
September 30-October 23, 2014

General Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$7,406.03**

Expenses:

BOE Recognition \$103.63

Convention \$590.00

Office Supplies \$26.88

Bank Fee \$2.00

Total Expenses: **\$722.51**

Income:

Membership Dues \$1,500.00

Total Income: **\$1,500.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$8,183.52**

Senior Award Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$8,748.70**

Expenses:

Total Expenses: **\$0.00**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$8,748.70**

CD Account

Opening Balance: **\$4,000.00**

Expenses:

Total Expenses: **\$0.00**

Income:

CD Interest \$2.76

Total Income: **\$2.76**

Closing Balance: **\$4,002.76**

Levittown Council of PTAs Budget 2014-2015				
General Fund:	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Actual-YTD
	2013/2014	2013/2014	2014/2015	2014/2015
Starting Balance	\$8,482.13	\$8,482.13	\$7,770.35	\$7,770.35
INCOME				
Membership Dues	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Other	\$0.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,982.13	\$9,982.13	\$9,270.35	\$9,270.35
EXPENSES				
Administrative Functions	\$250.00	\$303.23	\$250.00	\$6.71
AIDS Awareness	\$6.10	\$0.00	\$6.10	
Banking Supplies	\$30.00	\$18.00	\$30.00	\$16.55
BOE Recognition	\$100.00	\$99.94	\$100.00	\$103.63
Carry Over	\$5,346.03	\$0.00	\$4,334.25	
Convention	\$1,400.00	\$535.02	\$1,450.00	\$590.00
Get a Voice	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Health & Safety	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Historian/Correspondence	\$100.00	\$16.95	\$50.00	
Hospitality	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	12.06
In House Training	\$550.00	\$240.00	\$550.00	
Installation	\$50.00	\$46.95	\$50.00	
LEADD	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Office Supplies	\$250.00	\$109.26	\$250.00	26.88
Pres/Prin Dinner	\$300.00	\$268.00	\$300.00	
Publications	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Workshops/Conferences	\$500.00	\$574.43	\$800.00	\$331.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,982.13	\$2,211.78	\$9,270.35	\$1,086.83
Available Balance		\$7,770.35		\$8,183.52
SR AWARD FUND:				
Starting Balance	\$12,730.33	\$12,730.33	\$13,257.70	\$13,257.70
INCOME				
Dinner Dance Income	\$25,000.00	\$30,024.00	\$25,000.00	
Other Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,730.33	\$42,754.33	\$38,257.70	\$13,257.70
EXPENSES				
Carry Over	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,056.70	
CD	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Banking Supplies	\$175.00	\$10.00	\$175.00	\$9.00
Dinner Dance Expenses	\$24,980.33	\$25,452.99	\$26,000.00	\$500.00
PTA Senior Awards	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Senior Award Supplies	\$75.00	\$33.64	\$50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$37,730.33	\$29,496.63	\$38,281.70	\$4,509.00
Available Balance		\$13,257.70		\$8,748.70
CD ACCOUNT:				
Starting Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
INCOME				
CD Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$2.76
TOTAL INCOME				
EXPENSES				
TOTAL EXPENSES				
Balance				\$4,002.76

Council Report—Oct 23, 2014

Arts in Ed

Summit—Hollyrock Brain Challenge Game Show with an antibullying theme on Monday to kick off LEADD week. Tuesday, a dance choreographer gave two workshops getting kids to get up and be active with dancing. On October 29th, PTA is sponsoring a Halloween laser show as part of their first “Spooktacular” nighttime event.

Lee Road—CyberBusters show and Safety Sam show

East Broadway—Prismatic Magic anti-bullying show

Northside—The Pledge Program

Abbey Lane—American Indian Program was presented. Upcoming events include a Bug Workshop and a program entitled: Alexander and the Terrible Horrible Bad Day.

Oct. Council Reports 2014

Council Budget:

Waiting on names of all the representatives from all the schools and SEPTA. I will be going thru our report from last year to see what has been addressed in the past year and what might need to be revisited. Please meet with your administrators soon to develop the building needs and concerns so we can get this committee in motion.

GC Tech

Pasta Dinner is going on right now. The national technical honor society inducted 39 new members last week. Cosmetology students painted nails pink this week to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness. At LEADD they will have students from Cosmetology - braids and Halloween nails, Key Club - Anti-bullying activities NTHS - Halloween bookmarks and reading books. Unfortunately for LEADD there will be no Culinary Arts sales of bread, cookies or pies as they were too busy this week baking for the BOE Recognition last night and with the Pasta Dinner tonight. They will be allowing the PTA units to order the holiday cookies trays for us to give to our buildings in December, like we did last year. I will have the forms in about a week and will email them out. They would like them back ASAP so they can keep up with their classwork and fulfill the orders.

Elementary Curriculum Meeting 10-20-14

The issue of music lesson times not being rotated was discussed last month. All schools have been informed that students must not be pulled at the same day/time every week. All schools have made the necessary adjustments. If there is still a problem, please let me know.

We discussed the district Code of Conduct and Internet Usage Policy forms. These forms are not kid friendly and parents were concerned about having their children sign something that they were unable to understand. The district will be working to revamp the Internet form for next year and have already rewritten the Code of Conduct form for Elementary students. Once finalized, it will be distributed in all elementary schools.

The district will be holding a parent workshop in January on Common Core Math for grades K-8 and a College Planning Workshop in the High School.

Next Meeting is November 17th.

Submitted by:
Mary Rickard

Secondary Curriculum Meeting
October 16, 2014

Debbie started the meeting speaking about the Physical Education paper – she stated that this paper is not returned to students nor is it graded. She does not believe a paper should be given without feedback, no way of knowing if anyone is even reading it. She will be meeting with the Phys Ed department to determine what should be done. This paper is for 12th grade students only. A discussion took place to see if this paper can be given out earlier in the year rather than the last six weeks of school. The topics of the paper will be discussed with Phys Ed as well.

Debbie Rifkin presented the 2nd part of the presentation that she made to the Board of Education regarding regent's scores. The power point is on the district website for review.

We discussed Yick Yack – an app that can be downloaded onto your phones, nothing good can come from this app please monitor your children's phones.

Our next meeting is on November 13th at 9:30 in the small board room

Submitted by Tina Bodkin

Oct. 23, 2014 - Council Report Reflections

Drop Off is Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6-8³⁰pm
and Wednesday, Dec. 3, 6-8³⁰pm
right here at Memorial.

These are the only two dates to
submit entries to the region

~~Each~~ Each unit may submit
two entries per arts category
for each grade division.

Order reflections buttons, pins,
and certificates by December 1ST

prepared by Dawn Tiemer

Food Service Report
Submitted by Patricia Genco 10/23/14

We met on October 15, 2014. Discussion regarding out of order equipment; Northside- Dell field has been moved and repaired; working well., Wisdom's walk- in has been repaired, MacArthur convection oven has been ordered as well as a conveyor belt pizza maker(impinge). Wisdom Lane has requested a pizza warmer. [When Chart wells left they took their equipment out of the kitchen]

There was a computer crash on Wednesday due to system update. This was corrected.

The senior district manager from Aramark along with their design team in conjunction with the district will be evaluating the kitchens, the equipment as well as the serving lines to best determine any changes/updates that need to be made to ensure the kitchens run efficiently.

Extra meat is being served at the High/Middle Schools for a \$1 charge.

The district has looked into and priced doing our own food service. Right now we receive approximately 172 thousand dollars in commodities and 640 thousand in federal and state aid.

Those monies would go away. Just to cover those losses lunch would have to increase an additional dollar without upgrades to the food products. Then the district has to address the free an reduced lunches. The only advantage this has at this time is that we would not have to follow USDA guidelines. One question asked was, if we were to leave the NSLP (National School Lunch Program), how would we go about getting back on it? Follow up at our next meeting.

All of the representatives reported on lunches at their schools; there were complaints on chicken nuggets, pizza as well as the bread for grill cheese sandwiches being hard or tasting stale. As per Jen from Aramark the bread is a whole grain and may have a different taste or texture.

A recommendation was made to have a breakfast/lunch survey available for students to submit perhaps by utilizing the survey monkey that the district has and setting up a kiosk in the cafeterias during lunch periods. The committee will investigate this further.

Another recommendation was made to have cups available for students who do not wish to pay the .45 cents for a water bottle. Aramark will look into cups and make them available at counters upon request.

Salk reports very long wait times on the serving lines. (The design team will be looking closely at Salk)

The hamburger taste testing day was a success. (Waiting to see the counts on the sales to see if we should bring this product back).

Hamburgers and chicken patties will be on the menus at the Middle/High Schools starting next month. Q- Can we bring hot dogs back at the secondary level? Aramark- Will look into it for next month.

Ms. Rifkin sent notices out to the schools regarding student representation on the food service committee.

We still need representation for Gardiners Ave, Salk and MacArthur.

The checklists are still being revised and should be ready for use after the November meeting.

We met again on 11/19/14.

Please let students know that if they have any concerns regarding their lunch, they should speak to the head cook in their cafeteria. (The committee asked that a sign be posted in each cafeteria with the name of the Head Cook for the day so the children would know who to direct their questions to)

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints you can contact Jennifer Bayer at 516-434-7377 or Pat Genco at 516 735-0136 or kpngen@aol.com .

Dear PTA/PTSA Presidents, Officers and Membership:

With the holiday season quickly approaching, we have once again initiated the Holiday Adopt-a-Family Program for the children (and in some cases additional family members) of the Levittown School District. Last year, we were able to "adopt" approximately 200 individuals in need of gifts, clothing and food during the holiday season.

There are different ways that you can participate. Last year some PTA units adopted as a group...either through general membership, Executive Committees or as individuals. You can adopt 1 or more individuals.

If you are interested in participating in our program; please call or email me with your name, phone number and email address. Beginning the middle of November and through December, we will begin emailing "Adopters" with information on the student or family they wish to adopt. All gifts must be delivered to the District Clerks' office at Levittown Memorial by 12 noon on December 12th. Items should be in a gift bag or gift box. Each bag or box **MUST** be clearly labeled with an ID # that is found on the informational form you will receive. The Adopt-a-Family form should also be attached. Please remember the names of the "ADOPTER" as well as the "ADOPTTEE" are kept anonymous. If you wish to include a holiday card, please sign it "a friend". If you are including a gift card, please put that in an envelope or box too. You may wrap the gifts if you would like to.

If you would like to get involved in this program and cannot adopt a student/family; you can purchase gift cards for any amount from any local store, such as: Target, Kohls, Walmart, Ulta, Stop & Shop, etc. No amount is too small!!!!

We appreciate your help and wish you all the best for this holiday season.

*****We ask that you only contact Esta this year! Thanks**

Esta Lachow

Gina Interdonato

520-1546

E13RAL@optonline.net



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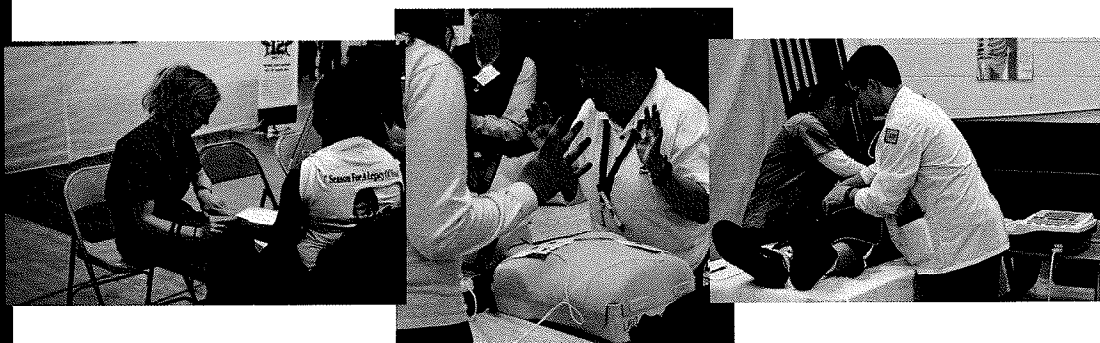
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