

**LEVITTOWN COUNCIL PTA's
General Membership Meeting
November 19,2015
Minutes**

Call to order at 7:40 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance – Quorum was established

Minutes from last meeting were emailed to the co-presidents. Extras are available on the table, please review them. Seeing no corrections, minutes will be filed as written.

Presidents Report - Angela greets and welcomes everyone. Thank you to Gardiners Avenue for hosting tonight's meeting. Lee Road you are hosting next month. Reminders about Nassau Region and State PTA emails. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving & a Happy Holiday season. Upcoming date reminders. See attached report.

1st VP – Mary discussed convention, resolutions & common core. Thanked Council for letting her represent Levittown Council of PTAS. See attached report

2nd VP –No Report

Corresponding Secretary – No Report

Treasurer's Report – Tina went over the treasurer report for October 1st to November 9th. The books were audited by Kristine Ekberg and found to be in order. Seeing no changes the report will be filed for audit.

Superintendent's Report – We will probably not eliminate 7th grade honors, still in discussion. Transportation study for the district. Looking into ways to take some land from Memorial for Abbey. Thinking of new ways for the busses to come into MacArthur. Will probably start after the Holiday break.

Question- Abbey Lane had a discussion at their PTA meeting with a Board member regarding their bus issues. The board member said taking over land from LMEC is not possible, its too much money.

Superintendent- They are looking into taking over the land. It has to happen, LMEC has the land. Taking over the track and closing it to the public during school hours is also being looked into. This way Abbey could use the track. The main cost is in paving, its very expensive. This study is for every school. They will keep an open mind as to maybe even completely changing the bus & car drop offs and pick ups.

Question – Progress on the quest Wi-Fi password?

Superintendent – There is a quest password. It does change so when your event is coming up email Todd for password. Will look into getting the PTAs a general password for all the buildings.

SEPTA – Flyer on the table for S.A.F.E – Special Action For Escape. Monday, November 30th @ 7:30 in the Large Board Room at Levittown Memorial.

Committee Reports

Arts in Ed – Please email Tina @ naps713@gmail.com with any information on assemblies your school is having. Wisdom had Prismatic Laser Light show on November 16th. For all grades.

Lee Road will kick off LEADD week with Prismatic Laser Light Show.

East Broadway had Box out Bullying. See attached Report

Council Budget – Still need a Council Chair, No report

Health & Safety – Abbey Lane will like to have a meeting, regarding transportation. Eighth precinct has been more present as East Broadway.

Procedures – No Report

Audit – 2 members are still needed.

Elementary Curriculum – Meeting is tomorrow. Sorry for the confusion in the dates.

Secondary Curriculum –committee met on Oct. 29th. Parent workshops went well, not as well as last year, but maybe the world series had something to do with it as well as the fact that parents took the workshops last year. College essay writing workshop, Summer reading, Regents, Algebra 11 were also discussed.

See attached report.

Transportation – November 3rd meeting. Discussed safety regarding parking, drop off, etc. Wisdom bus has overcrowding . Transfer point for Parochial schools will be discussed. Still need a council rep.

Special Committee Reports

Budget – No Report

By Laws - Mary makes a motions to adopt the By Laws as they were presented with no changes. Kristine Ekberg seconds. No discussion, all in favor so motion passes. The By Laws will be submitted with no changes to New York State.

Honorary Life – No Report

PTSA Senior Award - No Report, but we need chairs for DAHS and MacArthur that do not have seniors.

Superintendent – Attended the Blue & Sliver luncheon for Division, What a great group of children, just outstanding. Can not wait to attend MacArthurs. Hats off to the G.C Tech students. They did a wonderful job with the Thanksgiving feast.

Meet the Candidates - May

Nominating – No Report.

Reflections – No report

Senior Award Dinner Dance – April 21,2016 Crest Hallow. Bios are due November 23rd. Invites will be out by December 7th. The recipient does not write their own bio. Table seating due by March 21st. Email to Linda at lkpereira@aol.com

Liaison Reports

LSCS – No report

Food Service - 2 meetings to report on. Meet and greet with all members. Quality control check lists reviewed.

Vending machines go for bid next January. See attached report.

Question – The Division Avenue small drink fridge is in a bad spot. The door open up into the line.

GC Tech –2 new programs next year. See attached report

LEADD - No Report.

Teacher Center – No Report.

Wellness – No Report

LCC – No Report

Old Business

New York JETS – The game was good, weather was perfect.

New business

Can we limit the number of connect ed calls? The calls all come in at once on numerous devices. You can set the priority number.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Margaret Costa

Levittown Council of PTAs
Treasurer Report
October 1 - October 31st

General Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$6,008.73**

Expenses:

Convention

Workshops/Conferences

Banking Supplies

Total Expenses: **\$0.00**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$6,008.73**

Senior Award Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$9,565.72**

Expenses:

Banking Supplies

Total Expenses: **\$0.00**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$9,565.72**

CD Account

Opening Balance: **\$4,026.80**

Expenses:

Total Expenses: **\$0.00**

Income:

CD Interest

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Balance: **\$4,026.80**

Levittown Council of PTAs Budget 2015-2016

			Proposed	Actual-YTD	Proposed	Actual-YTD
General Fund:			2014/2015	2014/2015	2015/2016	2015/2016
Starting Balance			\$7,770.35	\$7,770.35	\$6,760.24	\$6,760.24
INCOME						
Membership Dues			\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Jets Game					\$100.00	
Other			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME			\$9,270.35	\$9,270.35	\$8,260.24	\$6,760.24
EXPENSES						
Administrative Functions			\$250.00	\$6.71	\$200.00	
AIDS Awareness			\$6.10	\$0.00	\$6.10	
Banking Supplies			\$30.00	\$28.55	\$50.00	\$6.00
BOE Recognition			\$100.00	\$103.63	\$100.00	
Carry Over			\$4,334.25	\$0.00	\$3,904.14	
Convention			\$1,450.00	\$590.00	\$1,700.00	\$544.18
Get a Voice			\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Health & Safety			\$500.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Historian/Correspondence			\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Hospitality			\$100.00	\$12.06	\$100.00	\$77.82
In House Training			\$550.00	\$108.38	\$300.00	
Installation			\$50.00	\$91.49	\$50.00	
Jets Game					\$100.00	
LEADD			\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Office Supplies			\$250.00	\$170.29	\$200.00	
Pres/Prin Dinner			\$300.00	\$268.00	\$300.00	
Publications			\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Workshops/Conferences			\$800.00	\$1,131.00	\$800.00	\$123.51
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$9,270.35	\$2,510.11	\$8,260.24	\$751.51
Available Balance				\$6,760.24		\$6,008.73
SR AWARD FUND:						
Starting Balance			\$13,257.70	\$13,257.70	\$9,569.72	\$9,569.72
INCOME						
Dinner Dance Income			\$25,000.00	\$25,186.00	\$25,000.00	
Other Fundraising			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME			\$38,257.70	\$38,443.70	\$34,569.72	\$0.00
EXPENSES						
Carry Over			\$4,056.70	\$0.00	\$4,419.72	
CD			\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
Banking Supplies			\$175.00	\$39.00	\$100.00	\$4.00
Dinner Dance Expenses			\$26,000.00	\$20,834.98	\$26,000.00	
PTA Senior Awards			\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Senior Award Supplies			\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES			\$38,281.70	\$28,873.98	\$34,569.72	\$4.00
Available Balance				\$9,569.72		\$9,565.72
CD ACCOUNT:						
Starting Balance			\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,020.73	\$4,020.73
INCOME						
CD Interest			\$24.00	\$20.73	\$20.00	\$6.07
TOTAL INCOME						
EXPENSES					\$0.00	0
TOTAL EXPENSES						
Balance				\$4,020.73	\$4,040.73	\$4,026.80

Levittown Council of PTAs
Treasurer Report
October 1 - November 9, 2015

General Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$6,008.73**

Expenses:

Administrative Functions	89.80
BOE Recognition	\$120.02
Convention	\$1,245.34
Historian/Correspondence	\$15.20
Jets Family Day	\$4,119.00
Pres/Principal Dinner	\$272.00
Workshops/Conferences	\$15.00
Banking Supplies	\$2.00

Total Expenses: **\$5,878.36**

Income:

Council Dues	\$1,500.00
Jets Family Day	\$4,085.00

Total Income: **\$5,585.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$5,715.37**

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Elementary Curriculum Meeting

October 13, 2015

Social Studies director Steve Costello discussed how schools are starting to teach students to analyze social studies documents, even at the elementary level. Social studies primary sources are used on the ELA, so this will help students. There is also a social studies website that the teachers in our district analyzed and recategorized into folders on the district intranet by grade-level, making it a much easier and more efficient way to get materials for their classes.

Science director Kevin McDermott discussed how the district is starting to focus more on engineering. STEM kits are being used in classrooms. Several teachers are piloting new programs this year. District will evaluate the success of these programs at the end of the year. State has modified existing science standards to develop the NYS Science Learning Standards for grades K-8. Each grade must cover certain topics each year to prevent gaps and overlaps. There will be a long transition period before it is fully implemented. Principals are also looking at STEM clubs that we can provide.

Tour of Outdoor Environmental Learning Center was given. Classes are beginning to use the center for field trips. Eventually district hopes to have all classes in all grades coming on a rotating basis.

Possibility of implementing a summer reading assignment for fourth and fifth grade is being discussed.

Math workshop on October 27 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. RSVP by October 16.

Next meeting is in the process of being rescheduled. When the date is decided, I will send it out.

Submitted by:
Mary Rickard

Food Service

October 28, 2015

Introductions were made.

Chartwells Rep: Maria Dietz explained that Brown Box Commodities consists of Meats and fresh fruits. All money was placed in processors last year. There is no money this year so all fruit is being paid out of pocket. Pizza warmers are in at Division and MacArthur but no electric to plug them into at this time. The numbers have dropped in the elementary schools breakfast program.

Questions: Why are we not using cardboard trays?

They are 3x the expense.

Why isn't Big Daddy pizza every Friday?

Big Daddy pizza is more expensive.

What happened with the Whole wheat exemption?

It was filed and now we are able to have the pizza and pasta in white.

Why are the children saying the burgers taste fake?

Not sure because we use 100% Beef burgers.

Kim went over the guidelines and handed out thermometers. Quality Control checklists were handed out and reviewed.

Next meeting on November 19th @ 9:30 a.m.

Food Service

November 19, 2015

Next January, 2017 the vending machines go up for bids. This year we are using My Healthy Thing. Samples of the variety of goods they offer in the machines were on hand. Lots of different drinks are available. Many different chips but most seem to be different kinds of popcorn.

After school fundraisers some times will unplug or place an out of order sign on the machines. Please refrain from unplugging. They are often left unplugged once the event is over. This causes items to go bad and an alarm to go off. Out of order signs are often forgot about, sometimes for a week. This causes money loss and prevents children from buying water or drinks they need for sports.

A quick review of the wellness policy lead into a discussion. We are now looking into having a joint meeting.

Some schools are going to be evaluated for either renovations or a layout redesign of the kitchen areas.

Breakfast menu will be the same every month. Breakfast is only being served at the secondary level. Numbers were to low in the elementary levels.

Looking into either an app or web link for nutritional values. Large binders with this information is with each kitchen.

Elementary schools have a new utensil package. It contains a spork, straw and napkin. Most children are having a hard time opening the packages and the lunch aides are having to help them.

A new procedure is being looked into regarding the maintenance and repairs of the kitchen equipment. Discussion about having Summit come in 2 weeks prior to the start of school to start up all equipment.

Thank you to all PTA units, we have full representation of all schools.

Next meeting December 16th @ 9:30 a.m.

Senior Award

Report for council.

All honorary chairs should have met by now and pick the winners. Bios with pictures are due back to me via email by November 23. You should receive invitations on or about December 7 where in turn you will send them out to your membership and faculty. You are responsible for making seating arrangements for your school that is to be done by March 1st, and sent back to cancel by March 21st.

Thanks

Linda Pereira