

**LEVITTOWN COUNCIL PTA's  
General Membership Meeting  
April 7, 2016  
Minutes**

Call to order at 7:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance – Quorum was **not** established

**Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Pastore spoke about the budget. He will be giving this presentation to all the PTAs during their meetings. Visit the Levittown Schools Web site for a full detailed report. Three propositions. Proposition 1 = General Fund Budget, Proposition 2 = Capital Projects and Proposition 3 = Library Budget. Dennis Dunn helped us get a Nassau County Legislative grant. This grant includes bleaches for Division and MacArthur. Walkways for Division, MacArthur and Gardiners.

**Question** – What will we be doing with the old bleachers? Most likely they will be unsafe to reconstruct in another area. We will look into selling or scraping them.

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. Welcome Bill Pastore. Thank you to SEPTA for hosting tonight's meeting. Summit you are hosting next month. Thank you to Laura Brown for chairing Council Budget and the committee reps. To all outgoing presidents, please start preparing all paperwork for your incoming presidents. PTA board elections are in progress, please read your bylaws and working procedures. See Report.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** – NR

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** –NR

**Corresponding Secretary** – A Congratulations card was sent to Dr. McDonald for winning the Trail Blazer Award.

**Treasurer** – One report to review. No March Statements as of now, they were received this morning. Seeing no changes to the report, it will be filed for audit.

**SEPTA** – Upcoming meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. 3 Speakers on ADHD. See Report.

**Committee Reports**

**Arts in Ed** – East Broadway – Sweetbriar Nature Center world of birds.

Wisdom – Theater Three presenting, Voices from the Fire Holocaust.

**Audit** – NR

**Council Budget** – NR

**Elementary Curriculum** – March 15<sup>th</sup>, Review of the Summer reading program and last month's meeting. 4<sup>th</sup> grade STEAM night on May 16<sup>th</sup> at LMEC. See Report.

**Health & Safety** – NR

**Legislation & Advocacy** – National Convention is on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Nassau Region is going to present at National, their E Cigarette resolution.

**Procedures** – NR

**Secondary Curriculum** – NR

**Transportation** – NR

**Special Committee Reports**

**Budget** – NR

**By Laws** - NR

**Honorary Life** – NR

**PTSA Senior Award** - Applications were sent to DAHS and MacArthur. Applications due back on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Presenting the winners at both Senior Award night in June.

**Meet the Candidates** - May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Nominating** – NR

**Reflections** – NR

**Senior Award Dinner Dance** - Two Weeks from tonight, the 21<sup>st</sup>. If you still have your pins, please send them in. Cash Bar please remind staff.

**LSCS** – No report

**Food Service** – Ron Mays visited all schools, waiting for his report. Suggestions for getting the menu out to the kids/parents were made. See Report

**GC Tech** – March 22<sup>nd</sup> Suffolk Community College. Students competed against other students from the region. GC Tech came home with 16 winning medals. Students will be attending the NY State Skills USA Competition at the end of April. Wisdom Lane March 31<sup>st</sup> and Salk April 18<sup>th</sup> expo for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. GC Tech Students from each program will provide the 8<sup>th</sup> graders with hand on activities and answer any questions. Field trip and program consultants continue to share their experience and expertise in the program.

**LEADD** - NR

**Teacher Center** – NR

**Wellness** – NR

**LCC** – April 18<sup>th</sup> first meeting

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** – Laura Brown had a question regarding architects.

Bill Pastore -This week, Architects come in to present their input on the Northside cafeteria & MacArthur Auditorium. The acceptances to colleges are coming. Many are from Ivy league schools. We are very proud of our students.

Angela- I was asked if the elementary school PTAs are going to buy the ice cream this year. Last year it was bought for the class with the highest percentage of students who voted. All elementary PTAs agreed to buy ice cream again.

Angela- Should Council sponsor another JETS game next year? We can vote on it at Mays meeting.

Patty – We don't have a quorum, so we can't vote on supporting or not supporting the school budget. Every unit should vote to support or not to support the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Margaret Costa

Elementary Curriculum Meeting March 15, 2016

Attending: Elaine DeBono, Northside

Susan Silberberger, Council

Beth Heller, East Broadway

Ms. Rifkin, District

Michelle Kelly, District

Most of the meeting was a review of the previous month.

Ms. Kelly shared the details of the Summer Reading program. Students entering Fifth grade will read *The Kid Who Ran for President* by Dan Gutman. The program will be launched in each elementary school in the spring. The Levittown Library will offer a program on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-7:30. Registration is required. The teachers will tie the book into the Presidential Election in the fall. A possible author visit or Skype visit is being worked out.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade STEAM Night will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 at LMEC. Students will choose two workshops. One parent and no siblings may accompany the student. It will be run by teachers and a Skype visit with a space shuttle astronaut is planned.

State exams in ELA & Math are coming up.

Budget planning is moving along well. Not many curriculum changes as the students and staff need a year or so to grow into all of the recent curriculum changes.

## **GC TECH REPORT**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Competition at Suffolk Community College – students competed against other students from the region. GC Tech came home with 16 winning medals.

Students will be attending the New York State SkillsUSA competition at the end of April.

Wisdom Lane (March 31<sup>st</sup>) and Salk Middle School ([April 18<sup>th</sup>](#)) Expo for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. GC Tech students from each program provide the 8<sup>th</sup> graders with hands on activities and are available to answer questions they may have about any of the programs at GC Tech.

Field trips and program consultants continue to share their expertise in our programs.

Submitted by

Eileen Petrullo

## **Food Service Report**

March 23,2016, LMEC in the large board room

Ron Mayes our food consultant visited all the schools. We are waiting for his written report, with his suggestions. He did speak with all the kitchen staff. Their main concern was the lack of prep space in the kitchens.

Wisdom – Registers are giving them problems. This issue was found out during a PTA meeting. They have had one line for almost two weeks. Abbey - The old refurbished oven still cooks uneven.

### **Quality Control:**

Northside – No veggies on Monday, Deliveries are on Tuesday.

Wisdom – Portion control of food is off.

Gardiners – They have two small slider refrigerators, one with juice and the other with fruit. The fruit is bailey taken. Suggestion to put half juice and half fruit in each refrigerator was made.

East Broadway - Counts are off now that the menus are not sent home. Suggestion of posting the menu in the classroom and sending out with PTA info was made. Speaking to the Principal was also suggested.

### **Student Reps:**

No major concerns, but still suggestion sample days would help