

Division Avenue High School PTSA
General Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2015

At 7:36, Mr. Pastore from District Administration gave a presentation on the upcoming budget.

At 8:14, Mr. Boyle from Kaplan gave a presentation on the new SAT Test Prep.

President Laura Brown called meeting to order at 8:45 pm. Pledge, quorum.

Recording Secretary – Minutes were approved as presented. Report Attached.

Treasurer's report – Pat Genco reported. The general fund had a starting balance on 4/13/15 of \$3,185.43 with income of \$4,382.87 and expenses of \$382.16 with a closing balance on 5/4/15 of \$7,186.14. The senior awards fund had a starting balance on 4/13/15 of \$19,930.72 with expenses of \$42.00 with a closing balance on 5/4/15 of \$19,888.72. Report Attached.

*MOTION by Pat Huber that we put a summer budget of \$1500 in place for the general fund and \$500 in place for the senior award fund. Second, all in favor, Motion carried.

President's report – A sign-up sheet is going around for next year's committee chairs. We are also looking for 7 Council Delegates. The Executive Committee will discuss and appoint the chairs during the summer. Report Attached.

Principal's report – Mrs. Lorelli reports that Joey Nepravishta came in 1st Place in the Model Bridge Contest. He placed 13 out of 56 in the International Division. James Lunetta competed in the International DECA Competition and earned two medals. The select chorus performed at Carnegie Hall. Report Attached.

Executive Committee Reports

2nd VP – Dani Jeffer reports that we have 433 members: 116 staff, 185 parents and 132 students

3rd VP – Open position

Committee Reports –

Standing Committees:

Communications – Emails have been well received by the membership. Face Book has 309 followers. Report attached.

Procedures – The Executive Committee is reviewing the Procedure for the Senior Award Committee. Report Attached.

SEPTA – Liz Kirk reports the meeting was held on 4/27/15. Edward Nitkewicz, an education attorney, spoke on "How to effectively work with your school district to obtain special education services for your child". On May 3, there was an Autism Awareness gathering at the Mets game. Everyone sat together on the Pepsi Porch. The last meeting will be held on June 1. Report Attached.

Special Committees:

Plant Sale – The plants will be delivered on Thursday. We need volunteers to help that day and also Friday and Saturday. Pat Genco purchased a tent for \$65.00. Report attached.

Sr. Award – Linda reports that we received 27 applications. *MOTION by Pat Genco to move the BJ's fundraiser from the Sr. Awards fund to the General fund. Second, all in favor, Motion carried.

Staff Appreciation – The event takes place on May 13.

Liaison Reports:

Elementary Curriculum – Dawn Tiemer reports that the District is looking into a program called "eSparks". Each student receives their own iPad to work on during Literacy Center Time. For the remainder of the school year, two 4th grade teachers from Abbey Lane School will be piloting this program in their classrooms. Approximately half of our students have opted out of state testing. If a

teacher has less than 16 student scores (8 ELA and and 8 Math), the teachers do not get the score counted towards their APPR. Instead, a Student Learning Objective created by the District gets used towards their APPR. Report Attached.

Secondary Curriculum – Mary Rickard reports, the meeting was held on April 23. A Summer Reading Program will be introduced to all students who will be in middle school next year. They will be reading, “Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library”. The State is still developing Next Generation Science Standards. This is hoping to be completed within the next two years. There is new Social Studies framework built around the Common Core English Standards. The next meeting is May 18. Report Attached.

Unfinished Business - The discussion on membership payment surcharge / pay pal is tabled until next month.

New Business – The Kona Ice Truck will be at varsity games when the seniors say goodbye. Northside will be holding a blood drive.

Meeting adjourned 9:13 pm

Submitted by Lynn Petrofsky, Recording Secretary