

## **DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES, Mon, Jan 8, 2018**

Linda Pereira called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge.

**President's Report** - Linda Pereira welcomed all attending. Updates since the last meeting in November:

At the November 16<sup>th</sup> President/Superintendent meeting, Dr. McDonald stated that a speaker will be at Wisdom Lane Middle School to discuss Opiate Addictions on December 12<sup>th</sup> and speaking with the Freshman at Division as well. MacArthur musical is performing in November. LEADD week went great. The Salk locker room is on track to be on completed by Spring. A Big Thank you was given to all who contributed to the Adopt-A-Family. Linda and Mr. Coscia attended the President/Principal Dinner at CHCC on December 15<sup>th</sup>. LIHSA gave a nice performance, awards were presented and Nick Alvino was recognized for his Dance – Reflections Submission. Division PTSA received the Fast Track Men Matter award.

**Principal's Report**— Mr. Coscia updated membership on the school's ongoing activities and few achievements within the school body:

- Sophomores Jacquelyn Devaney and Leah Draluck have recently been selected to represent Levittown Public Schools at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, to be held at Adelphi University in June of 2018
- Two students entered the St. Joseph's Hospital 2017 Photography Contest and were recently honored for their prowess in photography, Kayla Connolly received an Honorable Mention in Black and White, and Kenneth Heim received an Honorable Mention in Landscape
- Two Division Avenue students, Justin Khan and Ryan Alvarez, attended the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders conference presented by the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists.
- Students Michael Adams, Nicole Devaney, and Jillian Martinson spent 9 days attending summer conferences and seminars held at St. Johns University. The program, Envision, also offers the students an opportunity to earn college credit through George Mason University.
- On Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, DAHS competed at the Long Island Science Olympiad Invitational held at Islip High School. Under the leadership of Mr. Marzigliano, DAHS earned medals in five events.
- Two seniors were recently matched through the QuestBridge college placement program with full scholarship. Alexandra Cannava will be attending Emory University and Dylan Chase - University of Chicago.
- On Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, DRAGON Pride awards were presented to 9 students from freshman to seniors who embody the attributes of DRAGON Pride: Dignity, Respect, Accountability, Generosity, Open-Minded and Noble.
- Joy Kim, senior, selected as a semifinalist in the 2018 Coca-Cola Scholars Program, for her exceptional leadership skills and academic abilities, after application review, 250 regional finalists will continue to compete to be a Coca-Cola scholar to receive a \$20,000 scholarship
- Varsity Baseball Coach Tom Tuttle hosted a Coaches Clinic at Division Ave High School on December 10. The clinic was run by Texas Rangers Hitting coach Anthony Iapoce, owner of Iapoce Baseball.
- Division celebrated the students who will be attending few prestigious colleges and universities in the fall at the Blue and Silver luncheon.
- Guidance is in the scheduling process until February to finalize their schedules due February 16<sup>th</sup>, along with that the school is having an Electives Fair during the school day.
- Fundraiser for Jaime Macias, Senior, member of Track and Field recently diagnosed with a brain tumor to support their family in their time of need – January 25<sup>th</sup> at Mulcahy's.
- Today, Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>, school is holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Flag Football "Turkey Bowl"
- Mid-Terms schedule is up and accordingly Bus schedule for GC Tech students as well (Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>)
- Locker rooms are progressing and hoping to be done by end of February for Spring sports.

**Recording Secretary**— Approval of the Minutes from November 2017 were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report**— Maureen William presented report and budget for 2017 -2018 to membership.

*General Fund* — Opening Checkbook Balance: \$7,338.00; Expenses: \$0.00 Total Income: \$504.00.00; Closing Checkbook Balance: \$7,842.00

*Senior Award Fund*— Opening Checkbook Balance: \$4,128.95; Expenses: \$0.00; Total Income: \$738.00; Closing Checkbook Balance: \$4,866.95

Please refer to the filed budget. November books were audited by Kristen Eckberg. December books were audited by Dayna Ferreiro. Filed as written.

Mid-Year Audit to be completed in January 2018. Dayna Ferreiro, Liz Kirk and Lynn Testamark gratefully volunteered.

**1<sup>st</sup> V.P.** - Betsy Baquet requested a motion to rename the "Kona Ice" budget line to "Event Fundraiser" as fundraisers vary per year. Liz Kirk second mention. All in favor. Motion approved

Two fundraisers since the last PTSA, unfortunately they were in low attendance and didn't compensate well – that will be the "Boutique Bus" and Moe's fundraiser.

The next fundraiser is a Paint Nite in February; Registration is to be completed online prior to the fundraiser.

Sweeps is on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Table Assignments are available for reserving now; Funds raised go towards Senior Scholarship Application Prizes, Need volunteers and soliciting for more donations

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.** - Dawn Tiemer reported membership has 471 members (213 Parents, 186 Students, 72 Faculty)

*Three \$25 raffle giveaway were pulled – Stacey Roth – Faculty; Andrea Kenney – Parent; Lauren Holt - Student*

**Corresponding Secretary**—A Sympathy Card was sent to the family of past student Taranjit Parmer, who was tragically killed and to the family of Jill Meyerowitz for the passing of her mother.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Communications**—Emails continue to go out to membership. Facebook page is updated to 968 FB Members.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Honorary Life** – Chair Dayna Ferreiro, Congratulated Ms. Kim Rosenberg on this year's recipient of the DAHS PTSA HONORARY LIFE AWARD, she will be honored at the dinner on April 26 at Crest Hollow Country.

**Nominating Committee** –Sue Massoni and Diane Walsh for Nominating Committee voted last month and Alternate Marianne Brighton. Chair Dayna Ferreiro.

**Reflections** - This year's theme was "Within Reach", There were 48 Submissions in all categories and a first time submissions in "Special Artist". Winners will be recognized at the next PTSA. Regionals will be picked on Friday.

**Senior Awards** - Liz Krik volunteered to chair committee.

**Staff Recognition** - Will be held May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see Kirti Osan chairing the event, if you can assist & donate.

## **LIASON REPORTS**

**Curriculum**— Next meeting is on January 31st

**SEPTA Report**— No November meeting; next is January 30<sup>th</sup> at Memorial.

**Student Liaisons** – For 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rebecca sent in report that they met to discuss a spirit night hallway ideas.

For 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mya Ferreiro stated the class of 2020 had a food drive on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> for Spirit Night

For 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Amy Rzemienieswki had questions regarding Senior Parking lot, graduating gown colors, and varsity awards for seniors. Mr. Coscia stated that senior spots depends when the basement construction is completed, gown colors is being discussed to stay with one color in the future, and that seniors in all the various sports are recognized throughout their respective seasons, such as Nassau Awards, Senior Night, etc. So awards for seniors will be included in the other awards ceremonies.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m. Minutes prepared by Stephanie Gannon**