

## **DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES, Mon, Feb 5, 2018**

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

**President's Report** - Linda Pereira welcomed all attending and provided updates since the last meeting.

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, Lynn Testamark attended the President/Superintendent meeting: Dr. McDonald stated that a student in the district is being considered for the Presidential Scholarship; participation in the Principal Project Advisory Commission for principal training and preparedness; the Levittown for Levittown Fundraiser, raised over \$15,000 for Levittown, Puerto Rico to help three schools in P.R., donating a generator and uniforms. Track field at MacArthur got a new vendor; new pallets on the turf fields that reflect sunlight are going to be cooler to be done in the spring. Division's turf going to be redone over the summer. Budget presentation is being presented, starting with facilities and still draft form. Big Items planned for district wide are camera upgrades, fire systems and alarms, ceilings at Division library, windows at Division, bathroom renovations at Division during the summer, Baseball field at Wisdom Lane MS; electrical service upgrades will be continued; Transportation will be updating their GPS system and purchasing one large bus. Council Budget submitted requests to the School Board. Invitations will be going out soon for the Senior Award Dinner Dance.

Superintendent was asking for more kindness from Levittown residents on social media towards their district employees and each other. Residents can contact the district or school directly if there are any concerns.

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

- Past month, busy with taking mid-term exams and regents
- Proud of the Division's Science Olympiads, going to states for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, earning medals in 15 of 22 events
- Mr. McElroy is spearheading one of the schools efforts to implement a Positive Behavior Intervention Supports Framework- meant to supplement our safety and discipline from a positive proactive view regarding behavior, involving a committee of teachers and different staff members and define expected behaviors around the core social values of the community when participating in daily events at schools. Based on early intervention research in promoting positive behaviors in different methods to encourage such behavior or working with individual students that are having difficulty.
- Guidance Department organized an elective fair for students in grades 9 – 11, teachers from eight departments (including GC Tech) set up displays outside of cafeterias east and west, providing information to students regarding electives in their respective areas.  
Feedback from students was great, and requested that more of the electives that are offered in school to be there, as well having a list prior to the show and possible expand to two days for those without a lunch period
- Fundraiser was held on January 25<sup>th</sup> for Jaime Macias, senior and also member for Track&Field, raising money for him and his family who are going through extensive treatment for a malignant brain tumor. Thankful to John Theissen Children's Foundation for organizing the event.
- Division has started "Division Donation Days" for each month to support different causes, students are able to wear certain apparel and donate on those particular days for that assigned month. December was Toys for Tots, January was for Wounded Warriors and February was for Jaime Macias.
- Challenger games have begun, first game is on February 5<sup>th</sup> at Wisdom, February 27<sup>th</sup> at Division and Challenger Homecoming on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Locker Room update – Date is pushed for completion, hoping for end of March – Senior Parking is still not available as well, as the baseball fields will start construction for the dug outs and bullpens to be built
- Gym lobby bathrooms will be started in the summer; Turf fields and Track work will begin in June  
Question was made by parents that the Softball fields keep getting looked over as it might be a girl sport
- Sports Update: Boys Wrestling progressing well with new athletes coming abroad, Girls Basketball have made the playoff for 23<sup>rd</sup> year; Kickline competed at Nassau Community College; Cheerleading did well at Nationals in Disney, Swim Team doing great as well, two swimmers looking to qualify for state tournament, Winter Track had 9 girls and boys beat personal records, one being in contention for the Country Qualifiers
- Upcoming Events: Emmy Nights; Spirit Week and Night; Jr Prom and Pre-Prom workshops for seniors and their parents.

**Recording Secretary** – Approval of the Minutes from January 2018 were approved as written.

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

*General Fund* — Opening Checkbook Balance: \$7,842.00; Expenses: \$298.99 Total Income: \$108.33;  
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$7,651.34

*Senior Award Fund*— Opening Checkbook Balance: \$4,866.95; Expenses: \$541.69; Total Income: \$2,024.00;  
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$6,349.26

Please refer to the filed budget. January books were audited by Lynn Testamark. 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.** - The next fundraiser is a Paint Nite in February at Division. Another fundraiser is going to be held at Moe's in March – Flyer distributed.

Sweeps is on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Few Table Assignments are available for reserving; Funds raised go towards Senior Scholarship Application Prizes, Need volunteers and soliciting for more donations

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.** - Membership has 474 members (214 Parents, 188 Students, 72 Faculty)

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Communications**—Emails continue to go out to membership.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Honorary Life** –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. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

**Nominating Committee** –Chair Dayna Ferreiro. – Nominating letters will be sent out to the feeder schools for anyone interested in executive positions.

**Reflections** – Thank you to Arlene who chaired the committee. This year's theme was "Within Reach", There were 48 Submissions in all categories and a first time submissions in "Special Artist". Participants and Regional winners were recognized with their artwork and performances at the meeting.

**Senior Awards** - Chair Liz Krik. Scholarship applications currently online on the district webpage for Seniors.

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

## **LIASON REPORTS**

**Council Budget** – Request submitted to school board.

**Curriculum**— Hall of Fame applications are online; discussion on survey to parents regarding elementary report cards; discussed possible survey to Levittown families and graduates on their experience

**Food Service** – Chartwells stated that yogurt machines will be in high schools by March; raising the price on water bottles – possibly by 15cents

**SEPTA Report**— SEPTA was on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Memorial. Two district social works Samantha Romano and Meghan Ruane spoke on what parents need to know about social emotional learning. Next Meeting is on 2/27/18.

**Student Liaisons** – For 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rebecca Williams - Working on spirit night hallway ideas and Freshman will be selling roses for Class of 2021.

For 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Kayla Gannon – Juniors preparing for Jr Prom and for Spirit Night.

For 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Amy Rzemienieswki – Seniors preparing for Emmy Night and Spirit Night and fundraising for Prom