

## **DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES, March 11, 2019**

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:

Much Gratitude and many Thank You's to all who donated and volunteered their time and help and put in hard work to run Sweeps last week and it went off great. Next month will have a report out on the total of funds that came from that night and the bake sale to benefit the Senior Scholarship Awards.

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

- On February 14<sup>th</sup>, the Levittown Public Library hosted the Division Art Show to display students' artwork and received acknowledgment from local politicians and school leadership
- On February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Class held their Emmy Night with student directed videos and raised money for student council
- Spirit Week was a huge success, and ended with a Junior Win – Great Display of School Spirit
- GC Tech held their Competition on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Memorial, Winners will move on to Regionals
- DAHS DECA team earned 6 medals at State Competition in Rochester.
- DAHS challengers held their homecoming game on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 29 students on the team and was a great event
- Victoria Liu won a Senior Scholarship from the Art Supervisors Association. Her artwork was prominently displayed at the 15th Annual Nassau All-county Art Exhibition at Farmingdale State College.
- Brandon Smith, a senior at Division Avenue High School, was recognized as a finalist in the 2019-2020 Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholarship Program.
- Seniors Sean Wolf and Michael Adams from Division Avenue High School have been selected as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for the Class of 2019.
- Winter Sports Season has wrapped up:  
Girls Basketball made the playoffs; and it is Coach Steve Kissane last year that spanned 39 years at Division  
Girls Bowling finished 1<sup>st</sup> in Conference, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the County  
District Boys Swim team finished 6<sup>th</sup> place in County Championships, 29<sup>th</sup> Place in NYS, 33<sup>rd</sup> in Federal

Principal Coscia open discussion to discuss the past events that took place in the past week, in regards to an anti-Semitic post that involved a division student and the online bomb threat made to the school. Further questions and concerns can be addressed directly with school leadership and district leadership as well, as they handle the events accordingly to policy and laws in place, as it is a police matter as well.

### **Treasurer's Report**— Proposed budget for 2018 -2019 presented to membership. Please refer to the filed budget. February 2019 Books were audited by Susan Massoni. Filed as written.

*General Fund* — Opening Checkbook Balance: \$8,067.21; Expenses: \$0.00; Total Income: \$0.00;  
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$8,067.21

*Senior Award Fund*— Opening Checkbook Balance: \$1,449.69; Expenses: \$38.29; Total Income: \$0.00;  
Closing Checkbook Balance: \$1,411.40

### **Recording Secretary** – Approval of the Minutes from February 2019 were approved as written.

**1<sup>st</sup> V.P.** - Lynn Testamark thanked the committee and everyone who assisted in ensuring the Sweeps event went well

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.** – 380 Total Membership: 147 Students; 58 Staff; 176 Family Members

**3<sup>rd</sup> V.P.** – No report.

**Corresponding Secretary** – No Report

**Council Delegates** – Julia Ramirez reported out: MacArthur Cheer came 3<sup>rd</sup> at Disney Competition; Wisdom, Salk and Division Science Olympiad teams made States; PTA mid-year audits are due; District budget planning sessions are ongoing; PTA Council Nominations are due; Next Council Meeting will be on March 21<sup>st</sup>; Council Audit will meet on 3/26; SEPTA having a Spring Fair on April 7<sup>th</sup>;

Curriculum Report – Discussion on moving elementary teacher-parent conference to Thanksgiving week; GC Tech are building Lending Libraries for the District ; Athletes helping Athletes program at Division; Flexible Furniture being implemented at the High School level; Transportation cuts of the few late HS buses equals \$13,000 a month in savings for the district; PTSA Senior Awards Applications are available at the High Schools – Deadline May 1<sup>st</sup>; Meet The Candidates Night is on May 6<sup>th</sup>; Food Service meeting is on March 20<sup>th</sup> – slowly doing away with straws at the high school level and looking into recycling food through FoodRescue.net organization.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Communications—Emails continue to go out to membership.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Agenda Books –Susan Massoni reported orders will be placed by the end of April; Forms will go out to Wisdom as well

By-Laws – By Laws were reviewed and submitted to New York State PTA

Nominating – Nominating letters have been received for PTSA positions; The proposed slated will be posted on the website for voting by the next meeting; Anyone else interested, must run from the floor and give 5 days' advance notice prior to the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Honorary Life – JoAnn Medina selected to receive Honorary Life; Celebration will be held at the Crest Hollow Country Club on May 2<sup>nd</sup> ; Invitations available at the office

Reflections – Theme “Heroes around Me” – Reception held to recognize all participants and those who made regionals.

Senior Awards – Applications are due May 3<sup>rd</sup> for Senior Scholarship for Division Ave High School Seniors.

## **LIASON REPORTS**

Council Budget – Linda went over the Schools' requests for council budget with Mr. Coscia — Asking for continuing funding for renovating classrooms; updates to audio systems for the auditorium; telephone system to be updated; funding for more teachers for HW centers; security manpower; outdoor PA systems

Food Service - Jill Meyerowitz states kitchen report was good; TV monitor isn't working for menu displays

Curriculum – Sue Massoni report – Secondary curriculum: Incoming Freshman will be received a Surface Go; Climate Survey is up on the website and emails going out to all; encouraging Parent Communication

SEPTA – March 10<sup>th</sup> was SEPTA Fundraiser at Governor's Comedy Shop, about 30 attendees; Next Meeting 3/14

Student Liaisons: No New Reports

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fundraiser to be held on Mulchay's for Alex Woodruff (Student at Division)