

**Division Ave High School PTSA
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm
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- **Presidents Report:** The meeting was opened by Susan Massoni, she thanked Lin Testamark for organizing the fall plant sale fundraiser. She also discussed that homecoming was great and the food truck made \$140. This October 28th, 2019 PTA Fall Conference and if anyone is interested in them to inquire with Susan. This week is LEAD week and the students have been attending assemblies. Adopt a family started for anyone who wanted to participate. Senior portrait retakes are the 10/29 and 10/30.
- **Principals Report:** The principals report was given by Mr. Sparaco on Mr. Coscia's behalf. He spoke about Pep-Rally and the Seniors took the most points. He also announced that homecoming was a success Brandon Martinez was crowned as Homecoming King, Erin Cacciuttolo as Queen, Michael Sullivan as Prince and Emily Fuchs as Princess. Mr. McElroy was the Grand Marshall of the parade. He mentioned that Division Ave was the winner for the most spirit for 1st week on News 12. He mentioned that DECA has a record high number of members. He mentioned that Emely Saenz was selected as the winner of a NY Mets Latino Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship will cover her tuition for her LIU Post High School Scholars Course College Introduction to Business. There is also a mentoring program for emotional and academic support. Marching Band: Performed in the 57th annual Newsday Festival at Mitchel Field. National Coming Out Day: This is a day in which we come out for safer schools for all students and staff, but especially for those of those who identify as LGBT. Students and staff wore ribbons and stickers show their support. The National Honor Society has generated a Peer Tutoring Schedule. He also spoke about Dig Pink - The Lady Dragons raised money for Breast Cancer in their Dig Pink volleyball games vs MacArthur. Field trip to Citified for sports marketing classes and intro to business classes 11/22. Challenge Day 10/29 and 10/30. Parent Teacher Conferences are 11/20, and relay for Life is June 12th
- **Treasurers Report:** Opening Checkbook balance was \$9,639.99 total expenses \$3,670.00 income of \$7,794.24 and closing check balance \$13,764.19 for the general fund. For the Senior Award opening checkbook balance was \$4,140.60 and total expenses of \$494.03 and income was \$590. Closing checkbook balance was \$4,235.77. Audit was done by Faith Dermody and Dayna Ferreiro.
- **1st VP Report:** We had the fall plant sale and it was a success and they raised \$380. We are still selling tickets for Robert Hansen. We are also doing our Holiday Pie Sale, picked up on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.
- **Council Meeting:**

There will be a 5 year strategic course of action lead by Todd Winch and Debbie Rifkin and will be working with education theorists, they will be looking for parent volunteers. Abby Lane students were featured on Vios regarding the Schwartz Ville project writing to cancer patients for encouragement. Levittown Community Coalition included Massapequa, Island Trees, Farmingdale and Plainedge and Levittown won a PAX grant for preventing substance abuse for students ages 9-20, it will be SEL program. The vaping issues, Dr. McDonald said the detectors don't work. Privacy of student data admin and staff email. Our protocol is at the cutting edge of other schools in our region. Division parking lot issues by the tennis courts, the tennis courts will be refurbished next year and they will be looking at alternate ways to get in and out. LEAD week the week of 10/21. SEPTA has family fun night. Amy McCoy had a book about special needs children. Donate to the Levittown Food Pantry. We should be posting our activities so that everyone gets it. Transportation is looking to put camera on buses. Posting for Reflections, Senior award dinner dance they are looking for chair people and volunteers.

- **2nd VP Report:** Linda Pereria reported that at this time, membership has 451, 192 – parent or guardian, 195 students, and faculty 64. If you have a student, please make sure your student is signed up with the PTSA.
- **3rd VP:** Senior Retakes will be in flex lab, if they were absent, they will be receiving appointment cards. For retakes you have to go on website, senioretakeday.com. Underclassmen their picture day is November 8th. Parent teacher conference

is 11/20. Teacherreacher.com, letter was sent home you have to create an account. 11/9 fundraiser for Mr. Verdi at Mulcahy's in Wantagh.

- **Corresponding Secretary:** Kriti Osan said a sympathy card was sent to Mr. Verdi's family. PTSA bake sale in the gym lobby on October 22, 2019.
- **Recording Secretary:** Dayna Ferreiro had the minutes from the June meeting approved and filed as written.
- **Delegate Report** – no report

Standing Committees:

- Arts in Education – no report
- Audit – No report
- Budget – no report
- Communication – We do have an Instagram. Need more student followers.
- Legislation – no report

Special Committee Reports:

- Agenda Books – no report
- By-Laws – N/a – no report
- Honorary Life – need chair people
- Hospitality – Open for chair people
- Reflections – PTA reflections program is in full swing; this years theme is look within. Flyers posted in the school on Instagram and on the Facebook page.
- Senior Awards – The senior award application has been updated and is posted in the guidance office. Volunteers needed to review applications.
- Staff Recognition – Date is set for 5/19/2020

Liaison Reports:

- **Council Budgets:** No reports
- **Curriculum (Elementary / Secondary)** – changing the essential math programs in the high schools to help support students better prepare for the math regents that they may have failed. They discussed summer program review.
- **Delegates** – we do not have any delegates at this time, we need 5 delegates. PAX program has been funded and is a drug prevention program and is starting in 2nd grade. Personal finance course at the high school level.
- **Food Service:** Their first meeting was October 23rd.
- **Health, Safety and Environment:** Open committee. Mr. McElroy spoke about the first meeting and they round tabled different ideas about safety provisions. Lockdowns and fire drills. The next meeting will be in late December or January.
- **SEPTA** – ToniAnne Macaluso couldn't be there her report read that the food pantry was low she introduced herself the SEPTA members as well as her executive board.
- **Student Liaisons;** Freshman report from Sofia Ferreiro discussed that they class of 2023 sold brownies at homecoming and it was a great success, spirit night theme may be Willy Wonka, Zombies or 80s. Sophomore open, Rhythm Osan said that the Juniors won for the first time for their banner. Planning a food drive. Senior report is Jacqueline Testamark said the seniors are filling out their FAFSA forms, applications, their theme for spirit night will be pirates.

New Business: No new business

Old Business: No old business

The meeting was called to order at 7:47