

Division Ave High School PTSA

Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

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- **Presidents Report:** The meeting was opened by Susan Massoni, she attended the superintendent president meeting; they very excited about the boys' soccer team winning the championship from the county. Students presented information about extracurricular activities at the board meeting and the importance of them. Discussion for seniors to advocate for themselves regarding scholarships. Parents appreciate the parent teacher conference and said it was very punctual. Suggestion not to book back to back for next year. Collected for adopt a family.
- **Principals Report:** Mr. Coscia asked for feedback regarding the parent teacher conference and the parents suggested more time but overall said it was great. He also thanked Mr. Pappas for being in attendance.

The principals report was given by Mr. Sparaco on Mr. Coscia's behalf. He also discussed the parent teacher conference and said it was a great night and it is another step towards building positive relationships between the staff and the community. It was also mentioned that the Verdi fundraiser at Mulcahy's raised over \$10,000 for his family. The NHS students started teaching Summit Lane students economics and the students enjoyed it very much. Also, there were college onsite visits at Division where the colleges come in and pre-approve students. Some of the schools were Hofstra, St. John's, Molloy and St. Josephs. We had our first college visit to the University of Albany and Siena College. There were 2 college mini fairs and gave the students an opportunity to collect information regarding schools. We had a very successful blood drive and we were able to collect 86 pints of blood.

Music Program – Marching Band was able to take home 5th place in the small school 2 category at the annual NYS Field Band Conference. CD socialization club have paired with the Posi-Div Club to make care bags for breast cancer patients. He also discussed the Fall Post Season Awards. Upcoming Events are winter concerts 12/10/19 for band and orchestra and 12/16 for chamber and choir. On 12/18 the chamber orchestra will be performing holiday music at the Spangle Drive Senior Center in North Babylon. We are also hosting a coat drive through 12/19/19. Business Honors Society is running a toy drive with John Theisen through 12/18/19. Class of 2021 is holding a Fundraiser at Governors for the Junior Prom on 1/12/19. Also there is an upcoming Relay for Life on 6/12/2020 and Mr. Sparaco gave a presentation on how to login and sign up. The district is extremely excited about this upcoming event. The goal is 100 participants per school in the district.

Mr. Pappas discussed how the crossing guards were recognized and honored by the district. Kiwanis Club was honored by serving the district for 70 years. He also expressed that financially the district is on track and has amazing things in store, such as smart boards and giving the students tablets. Levittown School District is well known, and people are moving to this town for its education.

- **Treasurers Report:** October 21- Nov 22, 2019 audit was conducted by Faith Dermody and Jennifer Lambert. All was found to be in order.

General Fund had an opening balance of \$13,764.19. Total expenses were \$4,432.91. Total income of \$2,036.17. Closing balance of \$11,367.45. Senior Award Fund had an opening balance of \$4,140.60. Total expenses of \$494.83. Total income of \$590. Closing balance of \$4,235.77.

- **1st VP Report:** Pies were being picked up 11/26/19. Sweeps has started, so please keep the filling and the baskets as well. If you have items that you cannot return, please give to the PTA.
- **2nd VP Report:** Linda Pereria reported that at this time, membership has 518, 211 – parent or guardian, 224 students, and faculty 83. If you have a student, please make sure your student is signed up with the PTSA.
- **3rd VP:** Ms. Giudice discussed that midterm review has begun and they are offering weekly reviews. The schedule is on the website. Regents week is 1/21-1/24 there will be extra help beginning January 2nd. Reports coming out 11/29/19. She spoke about challenge day, which brought the 10th graders. There were 105 student participants and

25 staff participants. It was a great success. It is really an anti-bully program and was very emotional. The students said they wish it were like this everyday and now there is a committee of 20 staff members and 10 students, when there will be a weekly challenge with a theme of gratitude.

- **Corresponding Secretary:** No report,
- **Recording Secretary:** Dayna Ferreiro had the minutes from the October meeting approved and filed as written.
- **Delegate Report** – no report

Standing Committees:

- Arts in Education – no report
- Audit – No report
- Budget – no report
- Communication – Ongoing please join our Instagram page.
- Legislation – no report

Special Committee Reports:

- Agenda Books – no report
- By-Laws – N/a – no report
- Honorary Life – Committee met, and the Honorary will be made public on Monday.
- Hospitality – Open for chair people
- Reflections – Deadline was earlier this month and 37 entries. On January 6th we will know if anyone advances to the next level.
- Senior Awards – Deadline to become a PTA member is 12/15/19.
- Staff Recognition – No report.

Liaison Reports:

- **Council Budgets:** No reports
- **Curriculum (Elementary / Secondary)** - The meeting was about reading and writing they discussed programs that we use in the district and how they are implemented. They are working on the next gen learning standards. That will be fully implemented in the next few years.
- **Delegates – No report**
- **Food Service:** Went to workshop how to abide the guidelines, such as temperature of the milk, etc. Only 1 visit in the month of November, there is an app called NutriSlice and it gives all the details of the food being served, such as salt, calories, allergens, etc. She did the garbage can inspection and there was not a lot thrown out. The kitchen is very clean and well maintained. The next meeting is on 12/18/19.
- **Health, Safety and Environment:** Open committee for anyone to join.
- **SEPTA** – There was a good amount of food pantry items donated, also everyone received a copy of the book from Amy McCoy. She also reported that there will be a movie fundraiser for Rise of the Skywalker on 12/21/19. Also, the 6:1:2 program attended a trip to White Post Farms where they were able to work on generalizing skills in the school setting to outside the school. Peer Pals had their Halloween dance and it was a success.
- **Student Liaisons** – Sofia Ferreiro said the Freshman Class Spirit Night theme is Willy Wonka, Sophomore Liaison is open, Junior class rep no report, Senior liaison Jackie Testamark sent a report that the food drive was a major success. Yearbook is coming together nicely, and most students have to order theirs.
- **Transportation** – Open.

New Business: Adopt a family, you can also donate the items in need.

Old Business: No old business

The meeting was called to order at 8:03