



March 7, 2017

Salk / MacArthur PTSA General Membership Meeting

Called to Order by PTSA President Margaret Costa at 7:38pm

Pledge

Quorum established

Welcome to all attendees.

Mr. Zampaglione reported on the Principal report for Salk Middle School

- Pleasantly surprised by recent snow removal.
- Mr. Mulligan will be back Monday 03-13-17
- Noticed that by not having 7th grade honors science class; more people are going into accelerated science in 8th grade, 140 students versus previous years count of 110 students.
- Follow-up discussion on placing sporting events on the Salk calendar. There was concern voiced from Salk staff regarding sporting events on the calendar, because of the frequent change that occur to the calendar.
- One bus route had several instances of being late, 6 times; the reason was due to drivers having the flu. Transportation is aware.
- Spring Sports Meeting last week of March(boys/girls lacrosse, baseball, track, girls tennis, softball)
- Pi eating contest March 14th, News 12 may be here reporting on it.
- State Assessment Exams March 28, 29, 30th- ELA. Math Exams May 2, 3, 4th. Students in Algebra do not take the Math exam. Two hour block for exam, 1st period will start at 9:45am
- Honors info will be on the portal at the end of March. Determination comes from benchmarks and teacher input. If you think there is an error, please contact the school.
- Honor Society induction ceremony is March 23 @ 7pm
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Mr. Sheehan's Principal report for Mac Arthur High School

- Due to snow storm, had to postpone our annual 9th grade survey breakfast. Will now take place Wednesday, March 22nd.
- February 13th hosted College information night for all current 11th grade students and parents from MacArthur & Division high Schools. Keynote speaker was Veronica Keesler, an admissions counselor from Oneonta College. After her presentation, guests had a choice of attending 4 breakout sessions on: college athletics, financial aid, the college essay, and the transition into college for special education students.
- Our cheerleading team competed in UCA National tournament on Disney World. They finished the tournament as the 11th ranked team in the entire country! Congratulations to the team and Coach Nessler.
- The World language Director, Mr. Steve Costello facilitated a trip during the mid-winter break for 25 students from both MacArthur & Division during the mid-winter break to Grand Canyon and San Francisco. We received a lot of positive feedback on the trip.

- The LI High School for the Arts held its inaugural induction ceremony at the BOCES Seymour Weiner Theatre on February 15. MacArthur's Jared Stern was inducted into their first ever NHS for his excellence in dance.
- Mr. Farney and his broadcast team took 1st place in the Nassau County Drug Alternatives PSA for the 4th consecutive year! They put together a 30 second spot in raising awareness of suspected drug users. Congratulations to the team: Alanna Hallahan, Julianna Lozito, Kaitlin Politi, Alyssa Santeramo and Jenna Stillman.
- We orchestrated our Senior Superlatives ceremony on March 1st for our entire senior class after school. Awards such as most likely to succeed, biggest transformation, class cuties, just to name a few, were awarded to seniors as determined by a vote of their peers. We then convened to the cafeteria for pizza and photos and laughs.
- This past Friday we had our Junior Banquet. Approximately 250 juniors were in attendance.
- The Business Honor society helped conduct our annual blood drive. Advisor Mrs. Savage said over 90 students and faculty members donated blood.
- The second session of benchmark exams began last week. Math exams were administered March 2 & 3rd; Science benchmarks are administered today & tomorrow, English benchmarks Thursday & Friday and Social Studies on the 14th & 15th.
- The drama production of "The Breakfast Club" will showcased this Friday & Saturday beginning at 7:30pm in the auditorium
- The mandatory pre-prom workshop will take place on Tuesday March 14th, for all senior students attending the Senior Prom at Crest Hollow country club on June 9th. Prom bids will be sold on May 5th.
- Business teacher Mr. Fazzolari will be taking his Business ownership classes to Smokin' Al's restaurant in Massapequa where they were given a full tutorial on running a successful business.
- Mr. Donovan will be taking his Science guru's on March 17th to SUNY Farmingdale to compete in the LI Physics Olympics.
- The Battle of the Classes will take place on Friday March 24th in the gym. We will see if the seniors can defend their crown.

Presidents Report

- Capital reserve dollars to be spent on moving Northside cafeteria out of the basement & to move the playground. Budget items include: Turf Fields will be redone at MacArthur & Division; the auditorium at MacArthur will be renovated; Bathrooms by gym at MacArthur will be redone.
- Traffic studies are still being worked on.
- Minutes from February meeting reviewed and approved as written.
- March 14th is Virtual Lobby Day- easy way to email legislators.
- Tax Cap is 1.14%
- The conversations regarding transgender bathrooms won't affect us in terms of our bathrooms are being redone that either way we will be ready.
- Mr. Pastore will be coming to our April PTSA meeting to present the budget.

Membership Report

- No changes to report

Committees-

- Need nominating committee. Need 3 individuals from the executive board and 2 individuals from the general PTSA. Committee formed at meeting: Jeanette Stevens, Roma Nowak, Tara Carr, Maria Xenios & Leslie Cassidy. Nomination form will be posted online.

- Elementary/Secondary Curriculum- discussed moving science performance test from 4th grade to 5th grade. Camp Invention will take place in Levittown at Wisdom Lane this summer. Registration open until end of March. Open for Grades 3-5 will be 07/28/17 and 3.5 hours a day for a cost of \$250.
- Food Service – there is an App called Nutri Slice which is very good for allergies. Both MacArthur and Salk received new rubber mats for freezers. Requests for tomato soup with grilled cheese to be added to the menus. Sample day had roasted Brussel sprouts. Breakfast survey letters will be going out soon. Currently Salk serves breakfast.
- Transportation meeting is coming up.
- Honorary Life- invitations are on the back table and need to be returned back as soon as possible.
- Plant sale coming soon. Orders will need to be in by 2nd week of April and delivered by Mother's Day. Please see Margaret Costa or Barbara Reed.
- Salk Senior Award and Council Awards are available and all MacArthur seniors are encouraged to apply.
- Order forms for graduation signs will be available at the Pre-Prom workshop.
- Volunteers needed for Salk Moving Up Ceremony, Senior Signs and Plant Sale

Corresponding Secretary

- Nothing to report

Treasurer Report

- Roma Nowak presented Budget to Actual Treasurer Report for January & February 2017 and copies were available for review. Treasurers reports which will be filed for audit.
- Audit was conducted for July 1 through December 31, 2016. The books were found to be in order and changes & recommendations that were made at previous audit are in place. Audit conducted by Leslie Cassidy, Donna Hoesten and Tara Carr.

Reflections participants will be honored at April PTSA meeting at 7pm

Old Business/New Business

- Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tara Carr, Recording Secretary