

# PETERS TOWNSHIP PTA AREA COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 29, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Lisa Briegel at 9:20 AM

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Lisa Briegel**

Thank you to MS PTA for hospitality. Jan meeting will be in the reading room at the PT Library.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Lisa Anderson, Secretary**

Minutes for Oct. 25, 2012 meeting were accepted with no changes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - Tracey Melograne, Treasurer**

990 was filed and sent to State PTA.

1099s are due by end of January if any unit has to file.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Joseph C. Dimperio**

Requested PTA unit Presidents to email him something they are proud of in the District and something we need to work on.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Assistant to Superintendent, Curr., Instruct. and Assessm't: Dr. Patricia Kardambikis**

Busy writing curriculum. Course proposals will be presented at next Education Committee meeting, the date of which will be set at the December regular school board meeting.

Working on Comprehensive Planning Committee to look at our future. 52 people will be at the meeting. Even though we only have an interim Superintendent, it is due next November so we must get started now.

School Nurses are working on updating all letters that go out to parents and working on concussion protocols.

**Director of Staff Development: Dr. Mara Linaberger**

All schools made AYP in PSSAs. AP participation increased. Powerpoint is on website re: all standardized testing data. District Testing calendar is online at [www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/downloads/testingcalendar2012-132.pdf](http://www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/downloads/testingcalendar2012-132.pdf).

We have had 3 inservice dates. The day before Thanksgiving buildings gave presentations on Character Initiatives.

Our technology is aging and need plan to refresh things more quickly.

Thank you for putting iPads into the District. Teachers are using them.

**Communications Coordinator: Mrs. Shelly Belcher**

Emergency Form changes reviewed on an inservice day, discussed on how to improve. Working on draft of a new card and hopefully will make it electronic. There is a company that will work with Powerschool that has the ability to add certain emergency information there.

Education Foundation - opened up grants to staff. Will be due in early Jan and grant end of Jan. Still selling cookbooks. Now selling leg warmer type items with \$5 going to Foundation.

Lockdown at High School yesterday resulting from bomb threat. Things went as planned. Now looking at how we can do differently if there is a next time. At end, all teachers, administration and emergency personnel met about what was done right and wrong. Lockdown levels - (1) full no movement inside or out (2) partial lock down - no one goes outside building. Yesterday's was hybrid. No movement in building but instruction continued. At beginning there was lockdown then they decided to evacuate.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: Sue Smith**

Accepted contract of Dr. Dimperio as Interim Superintendent. Last meeting acknowledged Girls Soccer Team and Girls Tennis Team for their accomplishments. Some people came to support the current football coach to encourage re-hiring. 2 paraprofessionals hired. Reviewed booster group bylaws and some groups are still working on them. Will post all PSBA updates on School Board Committee Page of the website. Approved some winter and spring extra-duty positions. Approved fund-raising events.

Received 5 request for proposals for superintendent. Decided not to pursue three. Wanted parents to know that you can restrict your child's spending on snacks through the Nutrikids account.

## UNIT REPORTS

**Bower Hill: Ria Kartsonas** - Mock Election on election day. Veterans Day celebrations with lunch with the veterans. Video on BH website about relatives in military. Letters from students were delivered to VA. Pajama Drive going on. Will be celebrating Polar Express Day on Dec. 20. Last PTA meeting created an Issue Box which generated conversation.

**Pleasant Valley: Mary Pat DeRienzo, Suzy Stauffer** - Had Mock Election. Leadership teams met. Market Day Pie drive - delivered 85 pies to Meals on Wheels. Fire Safety House held and donated \$1,117 to Peters Township Volunteer Dept. PTA membership at 401 members.

**McMurray: Melanie Hutnik, Suzanne MacKay** - Halloween Parties held and held Mock Election. Character Counts brunch held. Congrats to Jen Lopus who won a Character Award. Anti-bullying presentation was given to parents at PTA meeting. Music teachers to be at next PTA meeting to demonstrate how they are using the iPads. McMurray test scores lower - will go to next Education Committee meeting to give a presentation about why that might be the case.

**PTMS: Gina Wells** - Apple Crunch was successful. Thank you to Simmons Farm for donation of apples. Getting ready for Spelling Bee. They will give test this week to students. The student/faculty volleyball game was cancelled because of lack of interest. Box Top Drive going on.

**PTHS: Minna Allison** - Last PTSA meeting had a presentation by Student Executive Leadership Council headed by Mr. Lessnett. Vote for the LipDub video. Brunch with Principals Thursday Dec. 6 9:30-11:30 AM. Dec. 7 - Career Fair at High School. Jan. meeting will have speaker talking about test anxiety and stress. Meeting time will be moved to 10:30 AM.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1st VP - Margaret Rauscher

**Reflections: Janet Dee** - AC Judging held Nov. 3 (350 total entries). Dec. 5 will go to Regional Chairperson to be judged regionally. Jan. 5 will be judged on State level.

**Character Counts: Margaret Rauscher** - Next meeting is at HS on Jan 15 at noon.

### **Bylaws: Lisa Anderson**

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### 2nd VP - Carol Aurin

### **Ways and Means: Lisa Briegel**

Used Book Sale - looking into possible date to have at HS. Bowling Subs still needed.

**School-Wide Directory:** Directories were delivered last week. Suggested in future to deliver at MS and HS after Thanksgiving. Will work next year to get better info. from kindergarden parents.

## OLD BUSINESS

High School Building - Had meeting with Mrs. Pavlik about gathering information about the current condition of the HS. Would like to start a campaign to ask school board to properly renovating the HS. Will put together an information packet about the HS to see why there is a need that can be distributed to parents. Gym capacity for a little over 1,045 people. We are over-capacity. Auditorium only holds 700 people and they cannot rent out because of size and condition. Cafeteria lunches begin at 9:50 AM. Discussed security issues about having access to students without having two sets of doors.

## NEW BUSINESS

Hot Topics - Is there a policy on phone usages? At McMurray kids are using them.

Next meeting will be held on January 24, 2013 and will be attended by all building principals.

Hospitality for that meeting will be provided by PV.

## ADJOURNMENT by Lisa Briegel.

Submitted January 24, 2013,