

**PT PTA Area Council Meeting Minutes**  
**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTING**

**Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance** - Meeting called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Margaret Rauscher.

**President's Report** - President, Margaret Rauscher

Margaret welcomed everyone for attending the first meeting of the 2016-17 school year. Thank you to all who helped with the Rally for America on September 11. Area Council handed out flag pins at the Rally to promote patriotism.

- Bylaws Annual Meeting Revision - Carol Aurin reported that all units must change their bylaws to conduct their respective Annual meeting in May, not September. Also, at the May meeting, the budget must be approved. These are state changes and each unit must vote on it. Motion made to change Area Council bylaws to change the Annual Meeting to May from September by Jodi Hannah. Cindy Chapman seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Standing Rules Revision - There is one change to the Standing Rules for Area Council. If the Directory cost is not covered by Ad income, each unit PTA will be charged a portion of the balance based on enrollment. Motion made by Jodi Hannah. Debbie Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Reading and Approval Minutes** - Secretary, Amy Pugliano

- May 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes - There are no corrections. Minutes are approved as written.
- May 31, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes - There are no corrections. Minutes are approved as written.
- June 16, 2016 Special Meeting Minute - There are no corrections. Minutes are approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer, Kelly Trupiano

- 2015-2016 Audit was conducted on July 13, 2016 by Jodi Hannah, Cathy Vargo and Carol Aurin. Motion to approve the Audit was made by Minna Allison. Shelly Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed
- 2016-2017 Proposed Budget was presented by Kelly. She reviewed each line item. A motion to approve the budget was made by Minna Allison. Jodi Hannah seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- July and August Financial Reports were reviewed by Kelly. Jodi Hannah made a motion to pay July expenses. Cindy Chapman seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Kelly reported the 2015-2016 Audits must be post marked by 10/15, dues must be in by 10/15 and Form 990N due by 11/15.

**Superintendent's Reports** – Dr. Jeannine L. French

Dr. French is pleased with the start of the new school year. There were just a couple of bus issues. The Rolling Hills Country Club condemnation has been filed and is not being fought which saves money. District currently has title but not possession while just compensation is being determined. She expects this to be complete by early November. A demographer is being hired to review 10 year growth to get better estimates for planning. Last year enrollment was 4,136. This year's enrollment is 4130. The Charter kids lost last year, have returned. Only slightly over 1% of district students enrolled in private school or are home schooled. Dr. French took questions from the floor. The administration is focusing on academics, RHCC and the budget. There is an emphasis on more writing in Social Studies. The High School is focusing on counseling while the Middle School is starting the preparation for college. They are really looking at successful teachers and working to get their best practices to peers.

## **Administrative Reports**

### **Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment - Mr. Michael Fisher**

Mr. Fisher reported the District off to a great start to the school year. It began with productive inservice days for the teachers. Grades K-6 worked on schedules to bring consistency by providing planning time with partner and content area colleagues. Teachers have core time, intervention time and specialist time. Grades K-3 adopted Wonders Reading Program which incorporates more writing. McMurray is working on consistency in planning time, schedule and curriculum. Intervention time is being used to work on reading. Staff has been retrained. A literacy team has been implemented and meet bi-monthly. 90% of elementary kids reading benchmark. The remaining 10% are working with teacher during intervention time. All parents will be receiving Dibbles results.

### **Communication Coordinator - Mrs. Shelly Belcher**

AP results are in for the Pennsylvania. Peters ranked 4th in Math, 6th in Science and 5th in English statewide. The district had 180 AP Scholars and 16 National AP Scholars. There will be an article coming out in IN PETERs on the scholars. InfoSnap is the new program to electronically capture emergency card information. This year it is optional but next year all emergency info will be entered electronically. Alice Training for Parents will be held on 10/4 at McMurray in the LGI at 10 a.m.

### **Report of School Board Representative - Minna Allison, Lisa Anderson**

Minna reported that Grades 7-12 Science is coming up for review. McMurray testing scores have improved. The administration looked at all aspects of the learning environment to make changes in areas that included scheduling and curriculum. On 10/3 there will be a public meeting on the acquisition of RHCC. The three focuses of the Board are to improve college and career goal setting, long term facility needs and long term financial stability. Currently in the gathering stage for a feasibility study. All building and grounds are being reviewed. It is looking at renovations versus building. They are meeting with students, teachers, booster groups, outside groups that may use facilities, etc. They are looking at all data to be sure facilities are academically suitable and meet all needs.

Lisa reported the PV baseball field is being laser leveled. Also there is a savings on McMurray remodel.

## **School Reports**

### **PTHS – Mary Pat DeRienzo, PTSA President**

Mary Pat reported the HS theme this year is "Think Possible". Open House had great attendance. Picture day will be on 9/26. The College Fair hosted by Bethel Park will take place on 10/4. Homecoming is the week of October 3 with the P-Rade on 10/5, Homecoming 10/7 and dance on 10/8. If you would like to volunteer to work the concession stand, PTSA's fundraiser, let Mary Pat know.

### **PTMS – Laura Spernak, PTA President**

Laura reported that the Kickoff Breakfast for the students was on 9/19. Open House is on 9/29 and picture day is 10/3.

### **McMurray Elementary – Cathy O'Neil, PTA President**

Cathy reported that the 4th Grade Social was a big success. McMurray Kickoff this year will be separated by grade to encourage team. Picture day is 10/3. Open House will be on 10/10 and 10/13. After school classes will begin in October.

### **Bower Hill – Karen Lingis, PTA President**

Karen reported that picture day went well. Readathon has been kicked off and Reflections has begun. Book fair will also be starting soon. Bower Hill will be starting a Community Service Committee this year to give back.

**Pleasant Valley** - Jackie Beck, PTA President

Jackie reported the PV PTA has 240 members. They have updated their Standing Rules. Their after school dance program will begin in October. They will begin to use ViaDale.

**Committee Reports**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** - Carol Planitzer

- Character Counts - Next meeting 10/4 at McMurray
- Directory - Need committee volunteers for next year. The advertising is done. Completing school updates.
- Welcoming - Not every unit has a committee. Ria Kartsonas has resigned as chair. This committee needs to be revisited and come up with a standard for all units.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** – Suzy Stauffer

- Membership - All initial dues must be sent by 10/15.
- Ways & Means - Used Book Sale coming back in the Spring.
- Reflections - The theme is "What's your story?". Entries are due 10/28 and judging night is 11/16.

**Calendar**

October 20, 2016 @ 9:15 - Next Area Council Meeting in the District Administration Office Board Room.  
Hospitality begins at 9:00 a.m. provided by McMurray PTA.

**Adjournment** - Margaret adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Date Submitted: October 20, 2016

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Amy Pugliano , Secretary