

PTHS PTSA

MEETING MINUTES –FEBRUARY 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Margaret Rauscher at 9:17 a.m.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – MARGARET RAUSCHER

-Nominating Committee – Sarah Lindsay, Suzanna McKay and Sandy Levin volunteered for find replacements for the PTSA Board next year. Jodi Hannah made a motion to accept their offer and Cindi Chapman seconded the motion.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK

-They have been admitting students who are late due to the bad weather conditions this year.
-There will be school on June 6 and graduation is still scheduled for that day.
-Scheduling will be starting February 24. Portal will close as of March 17.
-The 9th and 10th grade classes are the first classes that have to be proficient in the Keystone Exam to graduate. If they don't pass, they have to do a project based assessment for each exam.
-Snowball Dance Issues – Most kids are generally well behaved. Teenagers make mistakes. The students don't believe their dancing is inappropriate. A few students showed up intoxicated. She addressed the students about the dancing and the students were chanting profanities at her. Some kids who were out of control were allowed to leave. The rest of the night was fine for those who chose to stay. Because of the situation potentially becoming dangerous, she let the group who was unhappy with the dance to leave. She has been discussing ways to improve the behavior at dances with the executive council. She has talked to other principals about how they handle their dances. She is considering doing what Mt. Lebanon does and that is let a student leave who is unhappy and doesn't want to stay and follow the rules. They will not be permitted to return. Parents really need to talk to their kids about drinking and appropriate dancing.
-Bill Merrill, a school board member, who was at the dance, said the conduct violated the student code. He completely supported Mrs. Pavlick with the way she handled it. He didn't believe the chaperones were doing a very good job. Things can easily get out of control when there is alcohol involved.

MRS. KENDRICK & MRS. BERGER – NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

-The application process and information can be found on the website.
-The letters to invite eligible students went out in the mail today. They use GPA data after the 2nd 9 weeks. They do a weighted scale of 3.8. Next year it will be 4.0.
-Students must fill out the application completely and excel in the areas to be able to become a member. Each district determines their parameters. Currently we have 244 students invited to apply. They also invite a few sophomores. The applications are due March 13 in the main office. They will get a receipt when they turn it in.
-The faculty council goes through the completed applications and they decide who has enough points from the rubric to join.
-Being in NHS does not make or break your college application.
-Services hours are required once they are in. The students have to do approved hours through the school.
-Some PTSA activities are approved volunteer hours.
-Students who have 30 or more hours will get special recognition at graduation.

GUIDANCE - Heather Wawrzeniak

- ASFAB has been rescheduled to March 19.
- February 20 is college night at the school.
- They will be doing presentations to the classes for course selections for next year.
- There is a presentation on March 10 regarding scheduling which is mostly for 8th grade parents
- March 13 is the PTSA meeting where the department heads talk about the scheduling process.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – LINDA CARPENTER

Minutes from the January 9, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JODI HANNAH

Financial Update – January was a fairly quiet month.

1st VICE PRESIDENT – JOANNE BATES

- Area Council meeting February 20 at 9:15 at the administration building.
- Ambassadors – We will be using about 20 of them for college night. We will also be conducting interviews for new Ambassadors on May 1. We are also in need of a new chairperson for next year.
- Welcome Committee – we are still getting new students and we have delivered a welcome basket to them.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – CAROL PLANITZER

- Character Counts meeting on March 4 at noon.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT – MINNA ALLISON

- Transition Committee – College Planning Night, February 20 at 6:30. We still need a few volunteers to help with serving dinner to the presenters.

OLD BUSINESS – Academic Enrichment (formerly Gifts to School), we are looking for ideas to purchase for the school.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned – 11:17 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by: _____
Linda Carpenter, Secretary