

PTHS PTSA MEETING 3/8/18

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by President Sue Deegan 7:03pm

Principal's Report

Mrs. Pavlik reported that it's been a busy month. The KhanQuest competition wrapped up. Over 300 students participated. Mrs. Baker's class won. SAT testing take place Saturday. Our scores have improved. We jumped from 47th in the state to 24th. A pep rally is being held Friday. The theme is Olympics, and the students and teachers have been participating in events all week. Winter sports will be recognized, and the spring sports will be introduced. Tech day is Friday as well. Students are excited and have set up demonstrations in the hallway. Colleges will also be here. The school musical, Bye Bye Birdie, is set for March 15-18. March 14 is National Walk Out Day. Only the middle school and high school will be participating. Participation is optional. Depending on the weather, the walk out will take place inside or outside. No time is announced (for student safety), and extra security will be provided.

Guidance Report

Ms. Steffen reported course selections are taking place. A PowerPoint presentation is available on the website for students and parents. Students are encouraged to try at least one AP course in high school. If a teacher recommends an honors course, the student should take it. March 16th is the final day for course selections. This school year, 550 students will take 1320 AP exams. Students should plan to take SAT and/or ACT test during the spring of their junior year. April 14th is the ACT test.

Guest Speakers-Safety and Security Panel; Jeannine French, Lori Pavlik, Christian Lesnett, Shelly Belcher, and Douglas Grimes

The panel discussed the layered approach implemented by the district. There is no one answer as to how to keep the students and staff safe. Many factors are involved. The practical application of implementing those changes, both financially and in staffing demands, is challenging. Chief Grimes discussed some of the hurdles. For example, if we add metal detectors, then we need staff to monitor. Arming teachers would require additional training, initially and ongoing. It will also require someone to oversee it. Police officers visit our schools daily for walk throughs and at school bus arrival. Mrs. Pavlik discussed particulars concerning the HS. The cameras at the HS are live. Police, principals, and Officer Stevik can all monitor. Every report is investigated. Students and parents need to continue to report things. The online form has been updated. Please be specific and as detailed as possible when using the form. Dr. French stressed that the safety of the students is not just limited to physical health but must include mental health. To prevent shootings, we must prevent shooters. When mental health issues are addressed, the academics will resolve. Mrs. Belcher discussed how information is reported to parents and students when an incident is being investigated. It is often not safe or helpful to give details while an incident is being investigated. The district will decide when and what information will be shared. Parents are strongly discouraged from discussing safety concerns on social media. Please contact someone at the district if you have questions and concerns.

President's Report

President Deegan thanked the panel for taking the time to address district families.

A vote to update the PTSA bylaws will take place at next month's meeting. The draft bylaws will be available on the PTSA webpage, with the newsletter providing a link. Going forward, we propose 2 vice presidents instead of 3. This is due to a lack of volunteers/interest in board positions. We are looking to reduce the quorum from 10 members to 5. Again, this is due to lack of participation at meetings.

Finally, our last major change affects the “assistant treasurer” position. The title will be changed to “assistant to the treasurer.” President Deegan also announced the PTSA slate of officers for 2018-2019:
For the Office of President – Mary Pat DeRienzo
For the Office of 1st Vice President – Suzy Stauffer
For the Office of 2nd Vice President – Jamie Sticha
For the Office of Treasurer – Tracey Melograne
For the Office of Assistant to the Treasurer – Doreen Bartczak
For the Office of Secretary – Tina Beinhauer
She then thanked Lori McRoberts, Doreen Bartczak, and Tina Beinhauer for serving on the nominating committee. The 2018-2019 slate of officers, with nominations from the floor accepted, will be voted on at the May membership meeting.

Secretary’s Report-Jamie Sticha

Minutes from February meeting were approved

Treasurers Report- Tracey Melograne

No report

1st Vice President-Tina Beinhauer

No report

2nd Vice president- Jamie Sticha

The March Character Counts meeting was held on March 6th from 12-1 at the high school. Thank you to those who provided food and helped to set up, Mr. Lesnett, Michele Szewczyk, Margaret Rauscher, and Suzanne Mackay. Prom ticket sales will be April 30th-May 4th. Volunteers will be needed for shifts each day. The shifts are 9:30-11:15 and 11:15-1:00. If interested, look for the sign up genius coming soon. The Prom is May 25th at the Wyndham. The cost is \$110/person and it will be \$22 to valet a car. Parking may be an issue as other events will be held at the hotel as well. It may be a good idea for students to start thinking about transportation options.

Meeting adjourned 8:18pm

Minutes submitted by Jamie Sticha