

PTHS PTSA

MEETING MINUTES – March 14, 2013

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – By Minna at 9:21 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MINNA ALLISON

-The High School Renovation Project Committee has sent out a flyer to all Peters residents regarding the overcrowding in the schools. They would like people to sign a petition for the School Board to start acting now on this issue.

-College Planning Night is April 24 from 7-9 pm. There will be different forums which you will be able to attend 3 different sessions. Students are encouraged to attend.

MARTY MURRAY AND OFFICER DAVE STANTON

Officer Dave spoke about K2 or spice, synthetic marijuana. This drug is very dangerous and readily available. It makes people crazy and very violent, not laid back like the real marijuana. A lot of it has been coming from Bethel Park. It is smoked and sometimes labeled in a store as incense. Sometimes it is mixed with other drugs.

Marty Murray has been an addictions counselor for 33 years. She explained that teenagers do not have a completely developed pre-frontal cortex in their brain which leads to making bad decisions. So much of the information about drugs and alcohol can be found on the internet for kids. It will even tell them how to make their own drugs and alcohol. How do you help your kids? You can sign up for weekly emails that update you on the latest drugs. Always know where your kids are. What and who do they talk to on the phone and internet. Think about what kind of message you are sending to your kids when you tend to drink too much. People who are addicted to prescription drugs will usually switch to heroin because it is cheaper. "Pharm Parties" are when the kids have a party and you aren't allowed in unless you bring a prescription drug to add to a big bowl and kids just grab what's in the bowl and take any of the drugs along with alcohol. One of the biggest problems these days is the addiction to prescription drugs. Heroin overdoses are on the rise because it's a cheap, available drug and very addictive. Kids who have a pre-existing condition like ADHD, allergies, asthma, bad grades, death in the family, etc., usually turn to drugs and alcohol to deal with the pain.

6 ways to help you reduce the chance that your teenage child will drink, use drugs or engage in other risky behavior. 1. Build a warm and supportive relationship with your child. 2. Be a good role model when it comes to drinking, taking medicine and handling stress. 3. Know your child's risk level. 4. Know your child's friends. 5. Monitor, supervise and set boundaries. 6. Having ongoing conversations and provide information about drugs and alcohol.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK

-Keystone scores are out today and given to the students.

-Last mentor meeting is next week for the graduation project. Juniors can practice their presentations with a guidance counselor. The presentations are on April 3 and each child has an assigned time. There are samples of presentations on the website.

-Twitter is now closed on the BYOD network because there has been too much harassment and bullying. What is posted by someone can follow them forever because others can put it on websites for everyone to see.

-Monitors were installed in the hallways and cafeteria. They were purchased by the student council. The monitors will be used as a communication tool. When they are up and running, they will post announcements and information.

MR. LESNETT

-The Leadership Conference on February 28 was a great success. The goal was to promote communication with other schools to share ideas. One thing that came out of it was an idea to do a large event with competitions with all the schools. They elected a Senate. Two from each school are on it to keep this going.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – LINDA CARPENTER

Minutes from the February 14, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – KAREN BOVALINA

-Treasury Report – need to pay bills for February. There was a motion to pay bills by Jodi Hannah and Mary Pat DeRienzo.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT – NANCY GLICKSMAN

-Area Council Meeting on March 21 at 9:15.
-Student Ambassadors – Pat McKinney and Joann Bates will run this program now.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – MARGARET RAUSCHER

-Character Counts on April 9 at Pleasant Valley at noon. They will be having a logo contest in early April.
-Teacher Breakfast – Thank you to Theanne Gagianis.
-Staff Appreciation on Thursday, April 25.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT – MAUREEN WATSON

-PTSA Scholarship applications are due April 26. One is \$2,500 (merit and need based) and one for PTSA service to the school and the district for \$500.00.

OLD BUSINESS – Gift to School

There has been a request for 4 IPADS at \$200 each - total \$800, 4 Apple TV's at \$100 each - total \$400, 4 cords at \$60 each - total \$240. The Art Department wants 2 laptops and would like us to donate \$400 to help them purchase them. The Chemistry Department would like white boards – 37 of them at \$10 each - total \$370. Jodi Hannah made a motion to purchase these items from the PTSA and Mary Pat DeRienzo seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

The following individuals have been nominated for the PTSA Board for the 2013-2014 school year: Margaret Rauscher - President, Joanne Bates - 1st Vice President, Carol Planitzer - 2nd Vice President, Minna Allison - 3rd Vice President, Jodi Hannah - Treasurer and Linda Carpenter - Secretary.

Meeting adjourned – 10:52 a.m.

Minutes Approved: _____