

# PTHS PTSA

## MEETING MINUTES –MARCH 13, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Margaret Rauscher at 9:24 a.m.

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT – MARGARET RAUSCHER**

-Nominating Committee Chair, Suzanne Mackay, announced the slate of officers for next year– Margaret Rauscher for President, Cindy Chapman for 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Lori Gummersbach for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Mary Pat DiRienzo for 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Jodi Hannah for Treasurer and Carol Planitzer for secretary.

-Chairpersons Needed for Next Year – please sign up on the form being passed around the meeting.

-The printers we purchased for the school a few years ago are in use and have been for awhile.

### **EMILY SANDERS – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

She shared with us that the school is changing to the Google Chrome Book instead of laptops.

They are much cheaper and convenient. We already have Google in the building which makes it more practical. You get an insurance policy to replace the screens if they break. She would like us to consider donating a few to the school.

### **MR. HITCHINS – COLLEGE & CAREER SYMPOSIUM TEACHER**

Career Research is now called College and Career Symposium. He will help the students on Naviance and show them how to navigate the college application process. They will compare many colleges and the talk about the essay process. Colleges will weed out students depending on their social media presence. He will also cover financial aid. This class is good for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester sophomores and all juniors.

### **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK, INFORMATION ON SCHEDULING**

-Guidance met with small groups of kids this year. They gave them a laptop and helped them problem solve with the scheduling procedure right away. They felt the kids asked more questions and there was better communication.

-For Physical Education, 9<sup>th</sup> graders must schedule it and if they take summer gym it will only be removed after the grade is received. Other grades can move the last PE credit to another year as long as it is done by their senior year.

-Any issues with scheduling should be addressed to the guidance counselor. They can automatically fix any changes.

-Teachers have not been assigned what classes they will teach next year. After schedules are set, the Department Heads come up with the appropriate teachers after talking to their group. The amount of classes depends on the needs for the students.

-The coarse description lists the new requirements for graduation. Speech is no longer required but highly recommended. Classes 2017 and beyond must demonstrate proficiency on all state required assessments to graduate.

-PSSS data shows areas of strength and weaknesses in preparation for PSAT and SAT. School report for the 10<sup>th</sup> graders who took the PSAT this year shows scores went up from their PSSS scores from 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **GUIDANCE - Heather Wawrzeniak & Jeff Sudol**

-There is a record number of students taking the AP exams this year – 800 tests have been ordered.

### **SECRETARY’S REPORT – LINDA CARPENTER**

Minutes from the February 13, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – JODI HANNAH**

Financial Update – The updated budget was presented.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – JOANNE BATES**

- Area Council meeting March 20 at 9:15 at the administration building.
- Ambassadors – interviews for new ambassadors will be May 1. We need a chairperson for next year.
- Reflections – Awards will be presented Friday, March 14 at 8:00 a.m.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – CAROL PLANITZER**

- Character Counts meeting on April 1 at noon at Pleasant Valley.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – MINNA ALLISON**

- Transition Committee – College Planning Night – we had around 200 parents and students attend. They would like feedback.
- Education Committee had a meeting with Mrs. Pavlik to collaborate on academic integrity.

**OLD BUSINESS – Academic Enrichment (formerly Gifts to School). Please contact PTSA with ideas.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Meeting adjourned – 11:00 a.m.**

**Minutes Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Linda Carpenter, Secretary**