

PTHS PTSA

MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Minna at 9:18 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MINNA ALLISON

-She has been talking to Mrs. Kendrick about hours for National Honor Society students. Mrs. Kendrick will now advertise opportunities to collect hours on Edmodo. Chairpeople will communicate to Mrs. Kendrick if there is a need for PTSA volunteers. If the student is a PTSA member, they will have first priority.

- Brunch with the Principal – Lori Cuervo and Lori Gummersbach volunteered to chair it.

CAROLINE MCGUIRE – LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

"Maintaining A Relationship With Your Teenager".

-The brain is not fully developed until the early 20's. Teens are impulsive and lack control.

-Qualities of a Good Relationship – Separate Boundaries. We have a tough time when we see our teens doing things on their own. It's hard to let go. We have to remain calm and let the children experience mistakes to understand how life works. Ask your child questions like "Do you want me there or need me?" when you're not sure. Equality – You are the authority but treat the child like a separate human being. Allow children to make non-threatening decisions. Severe restriction can make a child go wild when they head off to college. Open Communication – Discuss issues and build trust with them. Give them chances to have responsibility. Parental Anxiety – Make sure to have rules in the house. Parents need to find someone to talk to to ease anxiety. You are not alone. She recommends a good book called "Parenting Teens: The Relationship Approach."

Mrs. Alexander – Career Fair

-Career Fair will be December 7th at the High School. There will be numerous panels going on. She has asked the PTSA to get some volunteers.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK

-They had mentor meetings for the graduation project. Sophomores are doing action planning. The Seniors had an assembly with college speakers.

-Keystone Exams will be in January- biology, algebra and literature. Because it is a new exam, they are trying to find the least disruptive way to administer it. The State has changed their mind. The kids who took the pilot will have to retake it.

-Homecoming Week, October 15-19. Pink Day on Monday, Twin Day on Tuesday, Classy Day on Wednesday, College Apparel Day on Thursday and Red & White Spirit Day on Friday. The P-Rade is Wednesday night along with the Senior Auction. The dance is Saturday, October 20th.

-She introduced Garrett Warmbein, Senior Class President. He is part of the Executive Council, which is made up of the all the class officers and Student Council students. They meet in a round table format with all equal voting power. Together they are trying to change and improve the school.

-BYOD will be school wide as of November 1st. Most kids are using smart phones.

-She received a phone call from a parent that heard that kids were having seizures at the school. She mentioned this because she would like to be informed as soon as possible if there are rumors going around the school so she can take care of them before they get out of hand. If there is a problem, she will notify everyone.

CONCUSSIONS – MR. LESNETT

The community has reassessed how to deal with concussions in school. Some Drs. have given the school recommendations for helping kids with concussions. The principals will decide how to best work their schedule depending on the symptoms and severity. If the child will be out for an extended time, they will receive a pass/fail grade so it will not affect their GPA.

GUIDANCE - Heather Wawrzeniak

- October 20th – PSAT, register in the guidance office.
- PSSA notices went out for those who will have to retake it to pass.
- ASVAB – December 4, free exam for those interested in the military.
- October 29 – Post-secondary Individual Planning meeting (PIP) for juniors. Parents can call the guidance office for a time to meet with their child's counselor from November 29 – December 6.
- Our turn to host the career fair next year. They are thinking about some ideas on how to change it to get more kids to attend.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – LINDA CARPENTER

Minutes from the September 13, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – KAREN BOVALINA

- Treasury Report – need to pay bills for September. A motion to pay bills by Jodi Hannah & Debbie Smith.
- Membership – No change yet, will update by next month.

1st VICE PRESIDENT – NANCY GLICKSMAN

- Ambassadors – we are looking for a parent with a younger student to get involved for next year.
- Income so far for football concession stand is almost \$8000.00. We will need volunteers for October 26. There are two schools playing that night who will be using our stadium.
- Area Council meeting, October 25. Jodi Hannah updated us on some issues – Dr. Zetty gave a review of where we are in the district so far. We have a new Director of Special Education, new curriculum changes and Shelly Belcher talked about the automated call system for attendance.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – MARGARET RAUSCHER

- November 21st, an in-service day, Character Counts will meet with staff at California University.
- There will be a schedule sent out for those who have signed up to be a library volunteer.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT – MAUREEN WATSON

- PTSA has donated \$100.00 to Student Council for Homecoming expenses.
- Students can buy Homecoming Dance tickets until October 15th.

OLD BUSINESS – no old business

NEW BUSINESS

- Carol Aurin and Lisa Anderson have asked to update the system they use for email communication. They would like to use "My Library Plus", which will cost \$5.00 more a month. Jodi Hannah made a motion to approve to pay for using the new program and Sarah Lindsay seconded the motion.
- There has been a request from the science department asking us to purchase organic chemistry kits for the class. They need 30 kits and they will be able to reuse them each year. The request was postponed until the next meeting after we gather further information.
- Lisa Anderson is the chairperson for the Transition Committee. She has asked the members for feedback about having a night set aside for parents to attend panels about information new parents would like to know more about – college process, PSAT, SAT, ACT, financial aid, etc.

Meeting adjourned – 11:33 a.m.