

# PTHS PTSA

## MEETING MINUTES –OCTOBER 13, 2016

### 14 in attendance

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Mary Pat DeRienzo at 9:16am

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT – MARY PAT DeRIENZO**

-Thank you for coming. We have to make an amendment to the PTSA Bylaw. Today, we’ll make the change. The change will be posted for one month. We will approve the amendment next month. Amendment is for Bylaw Article 12 Section 3 titled Annual Meeting. Currently, our annual meeting is held in September at which time we present the budget for the upcoming year and have a membership vote. To comply with the state and national PTAs, we will be amending our bylaws to read - The annual meeting shall be held in May which time the budget for the upcoming year shall be presented to the membership for a vote. This amendment will be voted on at the November PTSA meeting.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT – KATHY LaBELLARTE**

-Minutes from the September 15th, 2016 meeting was approved as submitted.  
-We received a thank you letter from Benji Brandt for the PTSA scholarship money.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – BETH QUINN**

-Budget up-to-date. Copy of updated budget available.  
-Concession going well. \$5,700 in net.  
-Memberships total 491; 252 parents; 213 students; 26 faculty. \$4,587 in donations.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK**

-Homecoming was a nice week. Game was very wet but one of the best football games. Homecoming king was Cameron Lammers and homecoming queen was Claire Stuck. Friday’s pep rally was a nice time and went well. Football players and dancers did dance together. Senior dress up day was Friday. It went really well. Raised a lot of money. Dance Saturday was a success. There were no issues. Students did amazing job decorating. Most kids stayed to the end of the dance. Between 600-700 students came to the dance. Security guard monitors students leaving out front door.

-Professional Development Day coming on October 28th in core content areas. Focus with staff is looking at data and incorporating information into classroom practices. Better prepare students, increase vigor, problem solving, etc. for questions on college exams.

-New PSAT getting rich data back on which questions students do better on and which they don’t. Helps which courses to focus on. Teachers have access to all that information. Data back in December. Compare to state and national how we did.

-Mrs. Ragland gave NMSI update. Saturday study sessions starting. You can request transportation. First study session is English on November 19th. Teachers bring back materials after sessions so students can review. There was a question on attending a different NMSI session. Mrs. Ragland said same materials used but different presentation style. There was also a question on finding alternate sites if someone can’t attend. Mrs. Ragland said it will be posted and to contact her to see if space available. Transportation not available to alternate sites.

-Mr. Lesnett spoke about ALICE. ALICE drill will be on October 21st using a one hour delay schedule. Bring coats to school. If a parent feels they do not want their child to go through drill, they can opt out. Drill consists of lockdown, evacuate, and discussion. ALICE gives decisions everyone can make anywhere you are in your day. Drills get students and teachers used to making decisions in a potential crisis. At 7:30am, announcement will be made for teachers to discuss what’s about to happen. Then a scenario is announced followed by a lockdown. Next, we inform by updating them in live time as to where intruder is in the building. Last, we evacuate to the Pleasant Valley field. Its a runaway type of evacuation. We will have personnel around building. Students will return to classrooms and have a brief discussion. Real scenario will not have an outdoor meeting point. Students will just run from scene. If real scenario is not a violent threat, not an ALICE situation, but still an evacuation situation, then Pleasant Valley is a good place for meeting point. PV is fenced in, has bathroom facilities, and police can structure controlled parent pickup. For an ALICE scenario evacuation, police take over and have plans for it. Drill timing should not interrupt PV’s schedule. Several officers will be in building to help control evacuation process.

-Mrs. Pavlik addressed concerns and issues regarding textbooks. Any student who wants a book can sign out a book. Most kids prefer online version. A parent said that the issue is the lack of communication that kids can sign out a book for whole semester or whole year. Mrs. Pavlik said she wants to be told when there is an issue. Issue can’t be addressed if she doesn’t know it’s still happening. Parents said it’s been happening from year to year. Mrs. Pavlik said she has no problem getting more books. We had to buy 65 new Biology books because our numbers are up this year. We spent close to \$4,000.

-Dracula play coming up at end of the month.

-Officer Stevik talked about social media apps and what kids are doing. Computers and cell phone cameras can be hacked. Hacker can see what you are doing. Handouts were passed out. Handout titled Shape the Sky ([www.ShapeTheSky.org](http://www.ShapeTheSky.org) see downloadable resources).

**GUIDANCE REPORT: HEATHER WAWRZENIAK**

- Caring Place yoga benefit on September 25th raised over \$300. Will host another benefit event early next fall.
- Naviance curriculum teaches career exploration and goal setting. Email sent for parents to be able to activate account. We went through goal setting with ninth graders. Classroom presentations occurred with tenth graders. Tenth graders told to look at careers and colleges. For eleventh graders, we will be mailing a letter for families to meet with counselor to have their Post Secondary Individualized Planning Meeting (PIP). Twelfth graders are requesting transcripts. We are encouraging parents and students to use Family Connection at home.
- College application time for seniors. Also college visits. Students can sign up through Family Connection and get a pass that morning to see college representative visiting PTHS. College visits on morning announcements.
- Meeting with Shelly Belcher to discuss where we are struggling with Naviance. Getting feedback on what works best and move forward.
- Khan Academy is official SAT practice prep site.
- Parent asked how beneficial is meeting with college official for acceptance? Yes, representative meeting with student could be keeping track or notes. PTSA weekly email lists college visits.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – TINA BEINHAUER**

- Reflections entry due by October 28th. Mary Lou Bulseco chairing event. Thank you Mary Lou for all that you do. Judging will take place November 16th at PTMS Cafe in the evening. Submit entry at front office.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – CINDY CHAPMAN**

- Thank you for picture retakes.
- Next Character Counts Meeting will be November 8th.
- Volunteer list is being compiled. Volunteers will be contacted.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – SERENA KING**

- Staff Appreciation still needs a chairperson. Will be held on November 10th, Parent/Teacher Conference Day. Set up at 10am. Serve at 11am. NHS can help.
- Library Volunteers update.
- Area Council Meeting on October 20th, MCM providing hospitality.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**Meeting adjourned – 11:15 AM**

**Minutes Submitted by:**

Kathy LaBellarte  
**Kathy LaBellarte, Secretary**