

# PTHS PTSA

## MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Minna at 9:23 a.m.

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT – MINNA ALLISON**

- Goal this year is to improve on communication.
- Membership mailing was a big job. Thanks to those who volunteered to help.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade move-up day was very successful.
- We will have speakers at most of the PTSA Meetings.
- Showed the Welcome Video that Laura Smore did with her daughter, Courtney, for new students.
- Laura Smore and Nancy Glicksman made “Welcome” baskets for new students and families.

### **LISA RUNCO – FOOD SERVICES**

National School Lunch Program is for low income families. Government reimburses us for serving foods that are under their guidelines. This year the changes are mostly regarding portion control. Reduce calories – 700-800/day. Must have at least one fruit or one vegetable. Now only allow 2 servings for bread & grains (one hamburger or hot dog bun is two servings). Can’t serve more than 2 oz. of meat. Now serving beans and eggs to count as a protein. Also, they want to drop sodium levels. They want to have it cut in half by 2022. We have to offer different vegetables of different colors and types.

### **SHELLY BELCHER – COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR OF THE DISTRICT**

Shelly informed everyone that she and Mr. Lesnett have created, through Global Connect, a system that will call one of the emergency contacts on your list if your child has been marked absent from the class. This is more for a safety check in case your child has not made it to school. There is flexibility as to which number it will call. Contact the Attendance Office if you have a change of telephone numbers. The teachers take attendance and only certain codes in Powerschool will generate a phone call (unexcused absence). They will start using this in the middle and high school as soon as it’s ready. She will communicate this new system to everyone before it is started.

### **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK – “It’s a New Year”**

- Very smooth beginning of the school year.
- Mr. Lesnett is the principal for grades 9 & 10, Ms. Sanders is the principal for grades 11& 12.
- Check website to see which principal to call regarding certain issues. Each principal oversees certain departments.
- 2 new clerical positions, 6 new teachers and 4 teachers filling in for maternity leave.
- Officer Stevick is a full-time police officer at the high school.
- Technology infrastructure was updated. We now have “BYOD” (bring your own device).
- Classrooms were renumbered this summer.
- 3 new courses offered – Honors Organic Chemistry, Agile Robotics II, Distance Learning Class-Honors Linear Algebra.
- SAT Prep Course is now using the Kaplan Advantage Program.
- Communication Tools – Global Connect, E-mail blasts, “Current News” on the website, @PTPrincipal for Twitter and Powerschool.
- Student Leadership, creation of the Executive Council. Organization of the officers from all of the grades and Student Council. They have written a constitution, created committees, started Senior Lunch, where the Seniors can eat outside on designated days. They are working on school spirit and are in charge of the pep rallies. They are also reaching out to other school districts to get ideas to make the school better.

### New for 2012-2013

- New graduation requirements – there are more electives, reduced the amount of PE required. Driver's Theory will not be required to graduate as of Class of 2016. Beginning with the Class of 2015, .5 credit must be an online course.
- New GPA calculation to be used this year.
- New Graduation Honors System, based on weighted GPA. Cum Laude – 4.0-4.39, Magna Cum Laude – 4.4-4.79, Summa Cum Laude – 4.8 & higher, PT Scholar – 5.0 or higher.
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). Devices now allowed to be used in class but not mandatory. There will be a Technology Playground Event at Open House on September 27 from 7-9 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks – Pilot with 16 teachers. Second nine weeks – Building wide roll-out. Students cannot record anything without permission. They can only access the Internet. The purpose is to also teach the students proper usage of technology.
- New cycle days for Science Lab & Study Halls – Days A, B, C, D, E rotation.
- New assessments – Keystone Exams and PSSS. PSSA test has been replaced with the Keystone Exams. No date for testing has been set. All of 11<sup>th</sup> grade will take Algebra I, Literature and Biology. All students in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> enrolled in these subjects will take the Keystone Exam in that subject. If they are proficient, they won't have to take it in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who took the "pilot" test and passed won't have to re-take it. As of 2017, it will be a graduation requirement to pass it. Because it is a state mandated test, it will not affect the GPA. PSSS will be administered to all 9<sup>th</sup> graders. This exam is just for information in our district. No date set for PSSS.
- PTHS Band Festival – September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Open House – September 27 from 7-9:00 p.m.
- First Mentor Day – October 1 for graduation project

### **GUIDANCE** - Jeff Sudol/Heather Wawrzeniak (not available so Mrs. Pavlik presented)

- They have met with 9<sup>th</sup> grade about Career Cruising and the Graduation Project. They have also met with Seniors in small groups regarding transcripts and other college information.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> – PSAT
- October 6 – SAT (must have ID and admission ticket to enter)
- October 29 – Post-secondary Individual Planning meeting (PIP) for Juniors
- September scholarship bulletins on Counseling Services webpage.

### **MRS. ALEXANDER – Career Fair**

Mrs. Alexander explained that this year she was thinking about doing Career Fairs on a few different days instead of all in one day. She would do a different profession each time with break-out sessions where students could meet and speak with the professionals. No dates set so far.

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

Minutes from the May 10, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – KAREN BOVALINA**

- Audit was done this summer by Karen, Sarah Lindsay and Jodi Hannah.
- The budget has been set for this year. Motion to approve the budget by Jodi Hannah & Sarah Lindsay.
- Treasury Report – need to pay bills for July & August. Motion to pay bills by Jodi Hannah & Betty Kradel.
- Membership – Marti Ann Fairbanks has completed all the forms submitted so far. 561 members-293 parents, 22 teachers and 246 students. \$1,000 behind last year's donations.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – NANCY GLICKSMAN**

- Ambassadors – new students were paired with an Ambassador. We received lots of positive feedback. We open it up for new Ambassadors to apply in the spring.
- Thank you to Laura & Courtney Smore for the beautiful baskets and video they made for all the new families in the district.
- Football concessions is our biggest money maker. Sarah Lindsay has stepped up to run it along with many volunteers. There are two more home games that we need volunteers for.
- Area Council meeting, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Administration Building.
- Adam Parker is the head of the Service Committee. He develops projects for the students to participate in to get NHS credit.
- Reflections – “ The Magic of the Moment” Deadline Oct 24 - see papta.org for more info. Mary Lou Bulseco has volunteered to help with Reflections.
- Student Participation – Pat McKinney spoke about the need for student volunteers to write for the PTSA newsletter and to interview the speakers.
- Drive to Stay Alive 2012 is October 27<sup>th</sup> at the CONSOL Entergy Park in Washington, PA. This is free to all students. It is funded by donations. She is looking for student and parent volunteers.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – MARGARET RAUSCHER**

- Character Counts – Noon on October 2 at PT Municipal Bldg. Character Counts Fall Recognition on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Peters Township Police are holding another “Drug Take Back Day” on September 29 from 10:00-2:00 p.m. Drugs and medications can be dropped off on that day at Firehouse Subs, Walgreens, K-Mart and the Dairy Bar.
- Open House – September 27, 7-9 p.m. – Go through your student’s schedule

### **3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – MAUREEN WATSON**

- Student of the Quarter is done by the teachers who nominate a student electronically.
- Picture Day – September 20, order online at [www.inter-state.com](http://www.inter-state.com) and use the school code 123263.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Concession stand freezer is in.

### **NEW BUSINESS – no new business**

**Meeting adjourned – 11:57 a.m.**