

PTHS PTSA

MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Margaret Rauscher at 9:15 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARGARET RAUSCHER

- Membership mailing was completed in August. Thanks to those who volunteered to help.
- Sign up for the HS PTA email blast at <http://www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/hsPTA.aspx>
- Sign up for text – "pthsptsa to 22828"
- Upcoming PTSA meetings and their featured speakers. If there is an outside speaker, the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and present first.
- Welcome Back night was successful. We received a lot of membership forms.
- The Service Committee, run by Adam Parker, will be collecting Box Tops and then distributing them to other Peters schools and schools in need. The box is by the attendance office.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK – "It's a New Year"

- Very smooth beginning of the school year.
- She is looking for feedback for the early Open House.
- They are trying to send a message about the dress code. It is being enforced and they have had many violations.
- The testing schedule for this year includes the PSAT given on a weekday, Wednesday, October 16 here in the building. The District is paying for all sophomores to take it. Juniors can elect to take the test. It will be about 3 hours. They may do a delayed start that day for students not taking it.
- The Keystone Exam letter has gone out to families with results. There will be classes for students who have failed it.
- PSSS for 9th graders this year. This test is a retired PSAT. Tests will be during the day in late February or March.
- October 1 is the first day students meet with their mentor for the Graduation Project.
- Homecoming week is the first week in October. The dance is October 5.

SUPERINTENDENT DR. FRENCH

- School Perfection Profile is a profile to set benchmarks and compare to other schools. Our goal is to get our children to also persist in college.
- Central office has been reorganized. Positions realigned to cover all duties efficiently. They have added an assistant superintendent.
- Act 82 is a new educator evaluation. They are now required to evaluate teachers on their performance.
- Class size data shows it doesn't make an impact on the students.
- PVAAS is a state website that gives evaluations of schools in PA and it will be updated on September 17. This information can be accessed by anyone.

GUIDANCE - Jeff Sudol/Heather Wawrzeniak

- They have started a new program called Naviance. It is a new program they will be using for communication with the students and their counselors. They have an app that is good for Seniors to assist them with the college application process. Naviance will also track the student through college. The collected data will assist all the students who are looking for colleges in the future. Students have to activate their account in order to process the Common Application. This year is an input-pilot year. Some Seniors have been added to start using it to test the process. They also plan to connect Naviance with Powerschool.
- Juniors can sign up to take the PSAT on October 16 with the sophomores for a fee of \$20.

- Juniors will be able to meet with their counselors after December to get information on the college process and they will be using Naviance.
- Peters Township High School is hosting a College Fair on Tuesday, October 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 125 colleges will be present.
- Guidance is now creating a monthly newsletter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – LINDA CARPENTER

Minutes from the May 9, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JODI HANNAH

- Audit was done this summer. Motion to approve the audit by Carol Aurin and Joann Bates.
- Jodi submitted an unbalanced budget for this year due to the extra money we have from concessions last year. Motion to approve the budget by Sarah Lindsay and Carol Aurin.
- Membership – Marti Ann Fairbanks has completed all the forms submitted so far - 481 members. Only 11 of those are teachers. Jodi will send another letter to them. We are also \$1,000 behind last year's donations.

1st VICE PRESIDENT – JOANNE BATES

- There are 97 Student Ambassadors – new students were paired with an Ambassador.
- The Welcome Committee, Joanne Bates and Minna Allison, delivered baskets to new families in the district.
- The football concession stand is our biggest money maker. We are still in need of two volunteer coordinators for the October 18 and October 25 games.
- Area Council meeting September 19 at 9:15 in the Administration Building.
- Reflections – “ Believe, Dream, Inspire” – Deadline is October 28 - see papta.org for more info. Mary Lou Bulseco is the volunteer for Reflections if there are any questions.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – CAROL PLANITZER

- Character Counts – Noon on October 1 at PT Municipal Bldg. Character Counts is holding a 15th Anniversary District Committee Celebration at 7:00 p.m. at the High School on September 17th. A reception for Dr. French will be held after the celebration.
- Thank you to Maureen Bruegger for taking care of the cookies for Open House.
- Today is picture day.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT – MINNA ALLISON

- Brunch with the principal is December 12 in the library.
- The Education Committee is a new committee created to be an advocate for education issues in the district.

OLD BUSINESS – no old business

NEW BUSINESS

- Pat Mckinney informed us that “Drive to Stay Alive” has been moved to April 15. They are looking for finances to keep it going.
- Minna Allison let us know that the Global Studies class for freshmen and sophomores does not have enough text books for all the students. Lisa Briegel made a motion and Jodi Hannah seconded the motion for Minna Allison to present this information to the school board at their next meeting.

Meeting adjourned – 11:47 a.m.