

## PTHS PTSA MEETING 9/14/17

13 in attendance

### **CALL TO ORDER/OPENING - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by President Sue Deegan 9:18am

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Deegan welcomed everyone & had the board introduce themselves. She spoke about Welcome Back Night, Open House & thanked student ambassadors, NHS & faculty. Looking for lots of parent involvement as the PTSA helps fund various programs. One big fundraiser is the football concession stand. Thanks to Cindy Chapman for chairing. Parents & students are asked to help out; students can get volunteer hours for helping. Let Cindy or anyone on the board know if you're interested in helping out. We will hopefully have online sign ups soon. Sue read a thank you note from a previous scholarship recipient. We still have a couple of open committee chairperson slots, most notable the newsletter & the Education Committee. We have had no interest from anyone regarding taking over the newsletter. All info is online anyway. Possibly cut this down to once a month if needed but if no one steps up we may let this go. Education committee - there has been concern over students using phones during exams as classrooms don't have a consistent policy. This committee could help find a solution to this.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principal Pavlik stated that it's been a smooth start to the school year. School has already had an ALICE drill & safety & security talks. Motto for the year is Future Mindset; to think about how everything impacts your future. Also goes toward the future of PT education with the creation of the new facility. The college & career area has been moved into the library. We have a number of new staff members, both teachers & counselors. All science & English courses have a new curriculum. Had the first pep rally of the year & it was one of the best we've had. PT has 7 national merit scholarship finalists. Discussion arose about student behavior at football games & Principal Pavlik assured us that all issues have been addressed already. Someone questioned the cost of the senior ads for the yearbook & why they're so expensive & where that money goes. One of our members answered that all ad money goes directly to fund the yearbook production. Principal Pavlik introduced Mrs. Steffen, the new dean of college & career readiness.

#### **GUIDANCE**

Mrs. Steffen spoke about what her office does & some upcoming programs. They will help prepare students with college & career planning & future education & careers. Counselors went into 9th grade classes to introduce students to naviance; went into 12th grade classes to talk about requesting transcripts through Naviance & the college application process. October 3rd there will be a college essay writing workshop immediately after school, sponsored by the PTHS writing lab. October 10th at Bethel Park High School several south hills schools are collaborating with a college fair - over 100 schools will be attending. October 11th will be testing for 9th, 10th, & 11th graders.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Melanie Wuchenich Hutnik

Motion to accept the minutes from the May 2017 meeting was made by Laura Spernak, second by Cindy Chapman, all in favor, minutes approved.

Motion to accept the minutes from the special voting meeting in August 2017 to accept Sue Deegan's nomination as president was made by Margaret Rauscher, second by Serena King, all in favor, minutes approved.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Tracey Melograne

Audit was completed July 14, 2017; no corrections or exceptions noted. Motion to accept the

audit report made by Kelly Trupiano, second by Margaret Rauscher, all in favor, report approved.

**1st VICE PRESIDENT - Tina Beinhauer**

Reflections chair is Mary Lou Bulseco. Deadline for entries is October 27th, there is a box for entries in the guidance office. Judging will be at PTMS on November 15th; 3 helpers are needed.

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**2nd VICE PRESIDENT - Jamie Sticha**

Thank You to Laura Supernat & Kristi DeVentura for chairing the Student Pictures committee. There is a Character Counts meeting October 3rd at noon at Pleasant Valley Elementary School.

Thanks to Library Chair - Debbie Healey Langley - for organizing volunteers. Days & times are flexible so reach out to Debbie if interested in helping out.

Meeting adjourned 11:03am

Submitted by

Melanie Wuchenich Hutnik