

PT PTA Area Council Meeting Minutes
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REPORTING

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance - Meeting called to order at 9:21 a.m. by Margaret Rauscher.

President's Report - President, Margaret Rauscher

Margaret welcomed everyone and thanked the Pleasant Valley PTA for providing the hospitality.

- Standardized Note to School - Area Council has updated the Note to School to streamline its use across all buildings. All attendance secretaries provided input. Using the same note will also be cost effective because we can order together. The new form will be added to each school's attendance page on the website.
- School Board Appreciation - School Board Appreciation is this month. Area Council has donated \$100 to each school library to purchase books to say thank you.
- Shelly Belcher is reaching out to all groups in regard to preserving our Indian Mascot which is historical in our area. She is talking to all Booster Groups and Principals to be sure they are using a proper logo and in a respectful manner. All ideas should be run by Shelly. She also has logo ideas available for use.

Reading and Approval Minutes - Secretary, Amy Pugliano

- November 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes - There are no corrections. Minutes are approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Kelly Trupiano

- November and December Financial Reports were reviewed by Kelly. Jodi Hannah made a motion to pay November and December expenses. Debbie Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

School Administration with Unit Reports

PTHS Principal Lori Pavlik, PTSA President Mary Pat Derienzo

Mrs. Pavlik thanked everyone who brought in holiday treats. It is a busy end of semester and there are many competitions going on. Five students in the region were awarded for poetry and essay contests, three were from Peters. Freshman, Juliette Langley wrote an essay on democracy and read it at the PTSA meeting. The writing lab spearheaded by students and sponsored by Mrs. Groninger is up and running periods 2-9. The students presented this successful program in Washington, D.C. Tutoring is available so check the website for opportunities. As a sophomore, students can begin taking classes at Western Area Technical Institute. On January 27, interested freshmen can attend the field trip to visit. The A cappella Group consisting of 65 students left today for a competition in San Antonio. You can see their performances on the Room 100 Facebook page. The On Air Talent Class did a talk show, titled "College Crazy" and it can be viewed under the counseling webpage. Junior, Shruthi Shivkumar, earned a 100% on both the SAT & ACT. Music & Meatballs is on 1/28. The Snowball Dance is on 2/11. Les Miserables is the Spring Musical running from 3/30 - 4/2. Scheduling season for next year is coming up soon. Three new courses will be offered in conjunction with the FBI and Pitt focusing on cyber security, a growing industry. These courses will be open to Juniors and Seniors. The French 4 and French Club are doing a service learning project on Women's Health working with an organization in Haiti. This project is allowing them to use the language in real world situations.

PTMS Principal Adam Sikorski, PTA President Laura Spernak

The Thon dance marathon will be held on January 27 from 5 PM to 11 PM. So far 180 dancers are registered and have raised 9K. This year's charity chosen by the students is Pittsburgh Children's Free Care Fund. Hot Chocolate Cafe will be held on 2/10 from 7:30 till 9:30 and feature talent from the MS & HS. This year the MS musical will be "Lion King". Performances will be on 2/23,24 & 25. The Spelling Bee was held last Tuesday. There were 60 participants in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. In regards to STEM, Black Box wants to

use the HUB for filming a program. They will be making a technology donation as a thank you. Scheduling is coming up in mid February. On 2/17 6th grade families will be receiving emails explaining details. Counselors will be visiting 6th grade McMurray students on 2/23 & 24. Counselors will also be attending the 3/2 PTA meeting to discuss scheduling. On 2/23 & 24 HS Counselors will be visiting 8th graders to begin scheduling for the High School.

McMurray Elementary Principal Blair Stoehr, PTA President Cathy O'Neill

Mr. Stoehr thanked PTA for Reflections Awards, Spelling Bee, Spirit Days, Winter After School Classes and Holiday Parties. Michael Brookie has been promoted to Co-Principal at McMurray. Hero Day was held yesterday. The 6th grade worked on a lesson for 4th grade on how to make good decisions. Character Counts Week will begin on 2/13 and will include many anti bullying activities. February 21st will be More Formal than Normal Day and a collection will be made for the local food bank. Mrs. Welleck received 1K from First Energy to build wind turbines. The first 6th Grade STEM Day was held, replacing Spanning the Globe. McMurray was recognized as a Title 1 Distinguished School finishing in the top 5% of all Title 1 schools. Cathy reported that the American Heart Association Jump Ropeathon is coming back. PTA will help. The Zoo assembly will be held on 1/20. They are looking for an Assembly Co Chair for next year. The Talent Show will be one night only this year. HS students have been asked to help with the show. The first STEM Day was very well received.

Bower Hill Principal Robert Garvey, PTA President Karen Lingis

557 pieces of winter clothing were collected for Warm Hands and Heart Drive. \$315 was raised for the City Mission by collecting spare change. The PTA Gratitude Committee presented Thank You Baskets to EMS, Fire Dept., Police Dept., and Bower Hill support staff. This year, Mr. Killen, is going to tie a can food drive to Pittsburgh Day. 1/23 is the kick off for Jump Rope for Heart. Family Game Night is 1/27 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. PTA after school classes are beginning. 308 heroes, students who have done something that helped someone else, have been recognized this year. So far 1,183,000 questions have been answered correctly in the First in Math Competition. The school goal is 2 million.

Pleasant Valley Principal Greg Marquis, PTA President Jackie Beck, Camille Bodnar Asst to President Dibbles and Benchmark testing will be beginning. Mr. Marquis thanked the PTA for standing stations (elevated desks for students who need to stand to do work). PV also received a 20 station iPad cart. In order to begin to expose younger students to fractions, a bulletin featuring a Fraction of the Week has been created. The Readathon began on Tuesday and will last 2 weeks. The theme is "Reading is Magic". A magician performed at the kick off assembly. Jump Rope for Heart will be 2/6 to 3/3. March 10 is the date for PV's Got Talent. Kids of Steel sign ups are beginning. The After School Run Club will begin in April. February 3 is Family Fun Night. PV also received Title 1 recognition.

Report of School Board Representative - Lisa Anderson

Sue Smith resigned on Monday. The School Board is looking for interested candidates to complete Sue's term. If interested, you need to express this by 1/30. Interviews will be held 2/6 at a public meeting. If you are interested in running for School Board, you can get information beginning 1/23 from the Elections office in Washington. Terms are for 4 years. The primary is in May and there are 4 positions whose terms are up. Building and Grounds has signed a contract to assess all buildings in the District to see what significant expenses we could be facing in the next 10 years. Looking at developing an exit road with new housing plan near PV. Education meeting is online to view and see the reviews of all testing info. Summer gym may be brought in house instead of contracting out to CCAC. Job Descriptions have been approved for Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director. District will begin looking to hire an Assistant Athletic Director. Lisa gave a hand out from the audit. We are in good financial shape comparative to other districts. The board approved resolution not to raise taxes above index. School calendar not yet approved for next year.

Upcoming meetings: 1/23 - Building & Grounds, 1/30 - Joint Workshop with the Township. 2/6 - Special meeting to interview new board member, 2/13 - Policies Meeting.

Committee Reports

1st VP - Carol Planitzer

- Character Counts - Spring Awards will be on 4/25. The next meeting will be held on 2/7 at the High School.
- Directory - A chairperson is needed to take over the Directory so that it can be continued. We have extra copies if anyone needs a directory.

2nd VP – Kathleen Chaudhari

- Ways & Means - Used Book Sale changed to 3/24 & 25 at the Middle School.
- School Pictures - We have met with the company rep and have made changes for next year. Be sure your school has scheduled a date.
- Reflections - Region 4 judging is complete and entries are moving on to states.

Calendar

February 16, 2017 @ 9:15 - Next Area Council Meeting in the District Administration Office Board Room.
Hospitality begins at 9:00 a.m. provided by Bower Hill PTA.

Adjournment - Margaret adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Date Submitted: February 16, 2017

Amy Pugliano , Secretary