

PETERS TOWNSHIP AREA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 24, 2013

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - By Lisa Briegel at 9:21 AM at the PT Library.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - **Lisa Anderson, Secretary**

Minutes from the November 29, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT - **Tracey Melograne, Treasurer**

\$7,273 was deposited from School Photos. Directories are paid for.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - **Lisa Briegel**

- Used Book Sale - Location and storage - looking for a date to hold the Used Book Sale.
- Board Appreciation Month - books were donated to libraries at each school in District by Area Council as a "thank you".
- PTHS Building Update - Discussed possible informational brochure being created to discuss renovations needed at High School. Looking for online petition to go along with brochure as well as survey. Point is to give information to community to present to School Board. There might be a possible tour for elementary school parents. Motion made to go forward with brochure. Approved via voice vote.
- Thank you to PV for hospitality.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: Sue Smith

- Thank you for Board Appreciation gifts.
- Upcoming Meeting Dates are: Bldg & Grounds - Feb 4; Regular Mtg - Feb 19, Education - Feb 25, Finance - March 4.
- Approved new courses at high school - Financial Literacy, Linear Algebra, AP Econ, Intro Psychology, Philosophy, STEM classes, Theater classes.
- A First Reading of a policy re: administering medication was held. Policy is available at Admin Bldg for review.
- Approved leave of absences. Will now list those by employee number, rather than names on school board agenda. Buildings will ensure that the parents of affected students will be informed about the leave.
- There was a long term sub hired as counselor for HS.
- Extra duty coaches for 2013/2014 year were hired.
- New calendar was approved.

UNIT REPORTS

Bower Hill: Mr. Shute - 3rd grade is focusing on Roberto Clemente and his humanitarian acts. Food drive collection being held for Peters Township food pantry through Feb. 1. Tomorrow is Family Game Night. Kids voted for games that they wanted to play. Thank you for everything since I will be leaving for North Allegheny.

Ria Kartsonas - Thank you very much Mr. Shute and we are sad to see him leave.

Pleasant Valley: Mr. Michael Fisher - PV has a new Spanish teacher for 8 weeks to cover a leave of absence (Mr. Young). A teacher is returning from a leave for PM Kindergarten. Had an assembly with Nutcracker performed by Pgh Youth Ballet. PV Sing-a-Long held prior to Holiday break. Assembly held about Jackie Robinson that promoted discussion about bullying. Promoting "Wear Blue Day" to promote anti-bullying behavior. Pgh Marathon working with school to promote exercise and healthy eating habits. At the end of the program (the Saturday before the Marathon) kids can run their last mile in downtown Pittsburgh. Leadership Teams - growing basil in hydroponic garden, worm composting done with 3rd grade; Giving Day team - finished pajama drive, next is Pennies for Patients (for leukemia); PV Players - putting together a bullying skit. Feb. 15 is winter carnival. Safety Update - lockdown drill held on Dec. 7 (Officer Stevick from PT Police Dept. and Shelly Belcher attended).

Mary Pat DeRienzo - Collected 90 pairs of pajamas and 90 books.

McMurray: Mr. Blair Stoehr - Box Tops has raised \$3,800 so far this year. Participating in Kids of Steel - goal is to have kids sample different foods and to complete run of 26.2 miles over a period of time. Student Council having service project for Animal Friends. Poetry contest will be held with prize of indoor recess games. Feb. 8 will be Career Day - local professionals will speak to students about their careers and how they got there. Feb PTA will be an evening meeting, Feb 6 at 7 PM with guest speakers from High School Executive Leadership Council to discuss ways to monitor children on social media.

PTMS: Dr. Robert Freado Testing Dates - PSSAs reading, science math and writing in 8th grade. May 21 Alg. I Keystone at MS, May 16 Bio Keystone at HS. MS will schedule online this year. HS counselors coming Feb 5 to MS. Feb. 7 PTA meeting - both HS and MS counselors will discuss scheduling. End Feb - early Mar MS counselors will go to McMurray. 6th grade parent night at MS will be March 7. Family Night Feb 5 - promoted by Parks and Rec. MS Community Chat held with students to discuss changes desired in MS. Few ideas discussed - dress code, more access to library, want more access to computers, opportunities for activities, including service projects. Hot chocolate cafe coming up Feb 1. Feb 28 and March 1 and 2 is school Musical. Spelling Bee held and about 60 students participated.

PTHS: Minna Allison - Keystone Exams held - over 800 students tested. Student leaders planning Leadership Symposium in Feb. with other school districts. HS won Lip Dub. Feb. 9 is snowball dance. Scheduling will start in Feb and go through March. Feb. 14 Department Facilitators will give video presentation about course offerings and requirements. There will be a night in Feb. to have evening info. session for 8th graders. Musical is March 21. Dodgeball is tonight as fundraiser for Make A Wish Foundation. High School Wrestling Team and HS Dance Team hosted Match for a Marine and raise \$15,000 for injured Marine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1st VP - Margaret Rauscher

Character Counts: Margaret Rauscher - Next meeting Feb. 5 at BH at noon. PT Family Night- Feb. 5. Rec Center looking for volunteers if you need service hours.

Bylaws: Lisa Anderson - Revisions Required: BH, McMurray, AC (all other units 2015) - First reading must be at least 30 days prior to your last meeting. Nominating Committees - election in February: BH, PV & MCM - 5; MS & HS - 3

2nd VP - Carol Aurin

School Pictures: Carol Aurin There is a new sales rep. Mr. Quast

Ways and Means: Lisa Briegel Current session ends Feb 15. Project about \$1,000 profit from bowling

NEW BUSINESS Reminder deadline for filing 1099s is Jan. 31. Next month's meeting will be held on February 21, 2013 and will be attended by District Administration. Hospitality for that meeting will be provided by Bower Hill PTA

ADJOURNMENT 10:53PM

Submitted: February 20, 2013

Lisa S. Anderson, Secretary