

# PETERS TOWNSHIP AREA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - MAY 23, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 9:25 AM by Carol Aurin**

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

Minutes from April 19, 2012 meeting were Approved as submitted.

**FOOD SERVICE – Lisa Runco**

\*Changes to menus being required – 50% of all grains must be whole grain then 100% by 2013–2014 school year. Will require students to take fruits and vegetables. New law requires taking a fruit and a vegetable. Might be able to collect uneaten fruits and vegetables for compost bin. There will be a price increase for lunches (15 cent increase for paid meals, which was approved).

**PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

**Bower Hill: Mrs. Kelly Gustafson** – Not present because of kindergarten orientation.

**Pleasant Valley: Mr. Michael Fisher** – School performances are being held. Earned a promising practice for leadership teams. Pennies for Patients raised \$4,000 for leukemia society. 673 items collected for troops. Principal for the Day raffled off to raise money for Relay for Life. Next year recess will be before lunch and kids will be brought into lunch in a staggered fashion so that hopefully they can have more time to eat lunch. Will be using SchoolKids to provide school supplies to kids with some profits being paid back to the school. Thank you to Mary Pat and Peggy for all your service.

**McMurray: Mr. Blair Stoehr** – Derby Days, State Fair and Spanning the Globe are happening now. Thank you for your support. Thank you for teacher/staff appreciation week. Raised money for Caring Place that offers counseling to kids who have lost a loved one (\$1,600). That money was matched by Highmark. Magazine sale funds will be used to create a rock climbing cave. Reaching Higher awards were given to kids. 6th grade awards on June 6 to celebrate academic achievements. Promising Practice Award was received for leadership teams. Received runner up award for a Highmark wellness grant.

**PTMS: Mr. Heneghan** – PTA luncheon for staff appreciation was wonderful. 8th grade awards on Friday, June 1 @ 9:30 AM. Kindness challenge held in our building and celebration held. Food drive held by gifted class and will distribute food this weekend. Artist in Residence program is installed at Middle School. Wellness Committee held intramural "sports" where home rooms competed against each other. Tomorrow will be championship finals. Raised over \$10,000 for Relay for Life. Today will unveil the "touchstone" for our school which will be displayed at entrance to the school.

**PTHS: Mr. Lesnett** – Coordinating student council and class officers to create an executive council to handle issues in school to utilize their leadership. Now finishing up their constitution. Officer elections will be held next week. Recent Walk for Autism raised approximately \$5,000. Spring play held. AP testing is done. When entering HS, look at ceiling and view handprints and signatures of senior class. Holding interviews for Student Ambassadors tomorrow. They will assist with Move Up Day on June 6.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: Sue Smith**

\*Thank you to Area Council for book sale efforts.

\*Monday's meeting approved job descriptions, 90 day extension of Buildings and Grounds director, recommended several textbooks for next year's curriculum (available to public to be viewed if interested – until next month's meeting. Education committee meeting Wed., May 30th with tentative agenda as follows: Teachers to make presentations, HS counseling survey results, assessment committee conclusions, HS will discuss updates to graduation project.

Finance Committee meeting will be June 11. Final passage of budget will probably be June 25.

Number of policy provisions being reviewed. Teachers transferred and hired extended sub for Social Studies in HS. Dan Soloman's retirement accepted. Hired extra duty personnel. Thank you for donations to school.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Carol Aurin**

\*PTA Convention recap.

\*Local PTA Training – May 30 @ 9:15 AM in PT Public Library multi-purpose room next to Children's Library.

\*State PTA Summer Training – Mars PA in early August.

\*Send in new officers' names to State PTA and order PTA kits.

**OLD BUSINESS**

\*Elections held for 2012–2013 year. President – Lisa Briegel, 1st VP – Margaret Rauscher, 2nd VP – Carol Aurin, Secretary – Lisa Anderson, Tracey Melograne – Treasurer. No further nominations from the floor were made. Elected unanimously by voice vote.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Cathy Vargo, Treasurer**

\*No questions on budget v. actual. Audit Committee selected. It consists of following people: Jan Trombitas, Mary Pat DeRienzo, and Debbie Smith.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*Standing Rules presented. Changes are: when there is a conflict with a meeting date and school calendar; if amount of donation over \$200, membership must approve a solicitation; "significant life event" added for recognition and membership will decide, not president; bank account statement will be sent to secretary, rather than treasurer; only president can sign contracts; added one district directory per family for parents of district. Motion made and seconded to approve standing rules. Unanimously approved via voice vote.

#### **UNIT REPORTS**

**Bower Hill: Jan Trombitas** – Teacher appreciation held. Preparing for BH day. Yearbooks were delivered.

**Pleasant Valley: Mary Pat DeRienzo, Peggy Daniels** – Teacher appreciation held. Tons of Fun coming up. There is a bone marrow blood drive in connection with younger child in District at PV at Bible Chapel May 30.

**McMurray: Rochelle Saxon** – 6th grade celebration and McMurray Day coming up. Teacher appreciation held. Thank you to Nichelle Moran. Talent show was great and will be on local TV channel. Book fair held. Yearbooks are in. Will be passed out on McMurray Day.

**PTMS: Gina Wells** – President – Gina Wells, 1st VP – Nancy Glicksman, 2nd VP – Margaret Rauscher, Secretary – Barb Calfo, Treasurer – Jodi Hannah. Teacher appreciation lunch held. Next week will give mini-breakfast to bus drivers. 7th grade celebration held. Attendance was low. Awards and picnics coming up. Next year will have 7th grade celebration at end of day.

**PTHS: Minna Allison** – Last PTA meeting June 10 with Police Chief as special speaker. Prom last Friday. No problems. Mr. Sudol did brief presentation of new GPA calculation. There will be an information session tonight for parents on GPA calculation at HS Library at 7:00 PM. Everyone's GPA should go up. Student Ambassador applications have been received. Interviews will be tomorrow and training will be next week. Senior breakfast will be Tuesday of the last week of school. Donated \$725 as additional gift to school for an Ipad. Thank you to volunteers for teacher appreciation.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1st VP – Lisa Briegel**

**Reflections: Janet Dee** – no update.

**School-Wide Directory:** Plans for next year. Need a chair for next year. Mailing has been eliminated to save \$1,400. Deadline to update info for Directory soon. Advertising is at \$10,500. Will not be charging for directory. Thank you to Carol Planitzer.

**Scholarships:** Recipient was chosen.

**Ways and Means Committee: Lisa Briegel**

Collected 288 boxtops at Library collection site. Edupalooza will be worked on this summer. Used book sale update. Considering a bowling league. \$10 a week for \$14 weeks 2 games and bowling shoes. \$50 comes back to the PTA. Maybe looking at a Friday during day.

**2nd VP – Margaret Rauscher**

**School Pictures: Michele Bittel**

Next year picture dates: BH–Aug. 30, PV–Aug. 31, MCM–Sept. 6, MS–Sept. 12, HS–Sept. 20. Senior Pictures with Interstate were approved. Will offer them one day in June, July and August. Formal headshots only. AC will get \$5 back person person.

**Character Counts:** Operation Troop Appreciation collection – 2,300 items were donated. Next meeting is June 5 at noon at District Admin. Building.

**Membership: Jodi Hannah** – No report.

**Bylaws: Lisa Anderson** Make sure you charge right amount for dues. Check bylaws Article VII Sections 5, 6 and 7. Next year first due date for dues to be sent to State PTA will be Oct. 15.

**Health and Wellness: Marcy Judy** – Discussed school lunch issues. We should work to try to improve our food. Discussed getting copies of current Aramark contact and student wellness policy.

**ADJOURNMENT at 11:35 AM.**

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary