

# **PETERS TOWNSHIP PTA AREA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 20, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** By Lisa Briegel at 9:20 AM

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Lisa Briegel**

\*Welcome and Introduction of Presidents and Area Council Board

\*October Area Council ("AC") meeting has been changed to October 25 due to conflict with a school event and McMurray will do October hospitality.

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

The minutes of the May 23, 2012 meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

\*Approval of Budget - Changes from last year's budget - (1) there will be no Edupalooza, (2) added Constant Contact because AC will pay \$50 to high school in order to use their Constant Contact (3) Added a bowling line item with possibility of getting money generated by bowling league. Motion made to approve budget by Jodi Hannah. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.

\*AC has a sale tax exempt form so if you are purchasing anything for AC, please get a form and you won't have to pay sales tax.

\*If you need reimbursement, see Tracey for form.

\*Audit Report submitted. There were no findings. Motion made to approve audit by Minna Allison. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Nina Zetty**

\*Transportation of students went smoothly. Rebecca Meyers Madison is working with Director who is working from home due to injury.

\*Made presentation that was given to staff at beginning of the year, including new staff members, Dr. Linaberger will be in charge of staff development, assessments, and grant writing. Patricia Kelly is the new Special Education Director and was previously working as Director of Special Education in prior school districts.

\*Curriculum Writing - 87 courses in arts were rewritten over summer. Focus was (1) common core standards adopted by PA to align curriculum and common assessments (2) STEM (3) STEM, arts & Media (4) financial literacy will be infused. Personal finance hopefully will be a required course in future at the high school.

\*PSSAs made AYP in all areas. PSSA results will be coming home soon.

\*Advertising in athletics - raised \$5,600 to date.

\*Next inservice we will be partnering with CalU on character education.

\*If a teacher gets a negative evaluation, they are given an improvement plan. They are then reobserved and if they get a second unsatisfactory review then they will be dismissed.

\*PT will be administering the PSSS (standardized test) to 9th grade.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Assistant Superintendent, Curr., Instruct. and Assessm't: Dr. Patricia Kardambikis**

\*Curriculum writing done this summer - Art K-12, Music K-12, Geometry, Algebra III/Trig, Organic Chemistry, Agile Robotics II, Science 4-6, Counseling, Middle School Tech Ed.

\*This year's curriculum writing, Social Studies K-12, 7th and 8th grade Lang. Arts, Health K-12, Science K-3, STEM/technology, engineering (Agile Robotics II), Marketing, Financial Literacy, Theater Arts 9-12, Math (Algebra II, Linear Algebra, continue to look at 6th and 7th grade math so that all 8th grade students will be in Algebra I next year).

\*Curriculum in Research Groups - Math K-12, World Lang. tweaking of 7th and 8th grade and AP Spanish, Marketing, STEM/Technology (9-12 Library Media).

\*School Board Education Committee Meeting - Nov. 5 6:30 PM at Administration Building

\*Discussed School Nurse training.

**Director of Staff Development: Mrs. Mara Linaberger**

\*Came from IU 1 for 4.5 years doing work with professional development, arts education, technology integration, school improvement. Prior to that teacher for Pittsburgh School District working (K-5) with arts integration. Here will work with professional development in District, Director of Assessment, Title I and Title II programs. She has a Doctorate in Instructional Technology.

**Communications Director: Mrs. Shelly Belcher**

\*Changes with email blasts - two new choices, now you must opt-in to athletic and special education emails.

\*Attendance calls for High School and Middle School with Global Connect - will start soon.

\*Will be looking at revising the Emergency Card.

\*Thank you for getting the Education Foundation forms into first day folders.

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

\*Buildings and Grounds Meeting Oct 8 @ 6:30 PM.

\*Thank you to Creative Learning Collaborative.

**UNIT REPORTS**

**Bower Hill: Ria Kartsonas** - Worked with Mattress Factory to bring an interactive art installation to the school. Link on BH Library Wiki-page to see photos. Read A Thon starts on Monday. Read for the Record will be Oct. 4.

**Pleasant Valley: Mary Pat DeRienzo, Suzy Stauffer** - Picture day went smoothly, room parents and coordinators were selected, dance sign up Sept 26 5:30-7 PM, Oct. 1 5:30 - 7PM will be after school class sign up. Open House soon. Giving Day project for Sept. will collect food bags and canned food collection. Oct. giving day will be pies for Meals and Wheels.

**McMurray: Melanie Hutnik, Suzanne MacKay** - Kickoff was successful. After school class and dance registration was held. Membership around 750. There was an increase in teacher memberships. Open House and book fair was held. Chief of Police discussed issues with student walkers after school at the PTA meeting. McMurray will send a letter home to parents about the issue. Will do a brunch and a dessert with the principal in order to accommodate working and non-working parents. Red Ribbon Week coming up.

**PTMS: Gina Wells** - Membership and donations are already higher than last year. Tomorrow is the Welcome Back Dance 7:00 - 9:00. Oct. 4 is Open House. Take Your Parent to School Day is Oct. 8.

**PTHS: Minna Allison** - Picture Day is today. Tomorrow is student blood drive. Membership mailing done over summer - have about 500-550 members with just 22 teachers. Student Ambassador program is going great. New students are assigned to an ambassador. Welcome Committee made baskets for new families to District and were

delivered to them. Open House Sept. 27. High School Concession stand for football is our only income.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **2nd VP - Carol Aurin**

**School Pictures: Carol Aurin** Should be done today and retake days will be scheduled  
**Ways and Means: Lisa Briegel** \*Bowling league starting. AC will get \$50 back for every person who completes the league. Oct. 5 is free bowling party.

**School-Wide Directory:** Directory Proof tabs are done, proof for whole book will be done in about a week and a half. Still need McMurray's directory section.

### **1st VP - Margaret Rauscher**

**Reflections: Janet Dee** - Theme is Magic of the Moment - note that there is a "Special Entry" category.

**Character Counts: Margaret Rauscher** Next meeting is Tues. Oct. 2 at noon at PT Municipal Building. Character Counts fall recognition awards are under way to nominate and are due Oct. 1. Drug Take Back Day Sept. 29 from 10 AM to 2 at Firehouse Subs, Walgreens, Kmart and Dairy Bar. There is always a collection box in police station.

**Membership: Jodi Hannah** - New cards being used this year for membership and it will be a national card. Now at least a partial dues payment must be made by Oct. 15 in order to be in good standing.

### **Bylaws: Lisa Anderson**

\*Automatic Bylaw Amendments - first dues must be sent by Oct. 15

\*Send signed copy of audit report after approval by membership to: PA PTA, 4804 Derry St., Harrisburg, PA 17111-3440

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Next month's meeting will be held on October 25, 2012 and will be attended by all building principals. Hospitality for that meeting will be provided by McMurray PTA

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Submitted and approved: Oct. 25, 2012**

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**Lisa S Anderson, Secretary**