

PT PTA Area Council Meeting Minutes SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REPORTING

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting was called to order at 9:23 a.m. by President, Margaret Rauscher with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 31 people in attendance the DAO Board Room (sign-in sheets attached).

President's Report: President, Margaret Rauscher thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked Area Council Board Members for providing hospitality. The PT PTA Area Council Board for the 2016-17 School Year was unanimously elected and includes the following officers:

Margaret Rauscher, President
Carol Planitzer, 1st VP
Kathleen Chaudhari, 2nd VP
Amy Pugliano, Secretary
Kelly Trupiano, Treasurer

The 2016 Area Council Audit Committee includes the following:

Carol Aurin
Jodi Hannah
Cathy Vargo

Laura Spernak moved to approve the audit committee, Jodi Hannah seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Reading and Approval Minutes: The minutes from the April 21, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed by Kelly Trupiano, Secretary (signed copy attached).

Treasurer's Report - Beth Matthews-Ruth, Treasurer, there was a \$16 deposit for membership, a \$9.80 check and a \$31.69 check for an ending balance of \$17,183.48. Jodi Hannah moved to pay the bills, Laura Spernak seconded the motion. The motion passed.

School Administration with Unit Reports

PTHS Principal, Lori Pavlik thanked the HS PTSA for their support of all programs and generous donation for the support of classrooms. The high school is finishing up AP testing with nearly 1,100 tests given. Students can register for NMSI AP incentives through tomorrow for English, Science and Math. Only need to sign up one time for all tests. Keystones begin next week. Spring play starts tonight, "Daddy's Girl" through Saturday night. Seniors at the high school on Saturday for makeup day required by the state. On Saturday, graduation indoor practice in the gym, outdoor practice will be 2 days before graduation. Partnered with local businesses to do presentations. Kids split into 4 groups and will rotate through 4 morning sessions. Citizens Bank presenting, What Every Graduate Needs to Know, Avoiding Financial Pitfalls. Range Resources discussing Career Paths & Opportunities as a presentation and then talk show format and also providing breakfast. University of Pittsburgh presenting Staying Safe on Campus, What Every Student Should Consider. A lawyer will talk about legal considerations titled, Your Choices Having Lasting Impact. They will also be given time to complete Naviance items, handprints on the ceiling, yearbook distribution and signing, senior superlative presentations to classmates, and teacher graduation speaker will be announced. Mock crash is next Friday, May 27th in the morning after PV has started school. Beginning stages of working with Haze Design conducting a feasibility study to renovate the high school. Asking all groups that use the building for input. Walked through Bethel Park to see what they did there. Class officer elections for next year are taking place. New extracurricular activity, E-sports team being started by Chris Allen.

- o Mary Pat DeRienzo, PTSA President, thank you to Mrs. Pavlik and Mr. Lesnett for supporting PTA. Tonight in addition to the play, Senior Art Show in Athletic Hallway. June 6th Choral Concert at the high school.

PTMS Principal, Adam Sikorski thanked the PTA for their support this year and thanked Area Council for the potential grant. Academy of Junior Science at Penn State, 3 kids took 1st, one took 2nd Place, going to

national competition June 12-16 in Maryland. National History Day Competition, 2 students moving to nationals. June 6th survivors of D-Day coming to talk to students through LA/SS connection for WWII unit. May 25 Algebra I Keystones. 8th Grade DVDs want to switch to a download. June 4th, 8th Grade Dance; June 21st, 8th Grade Picnic/7th Grade Team Competition; June 23rd, 6th Grade Move Up Day; June 22nd, 8th Grade Move Up Day.

- Ria Kartsonas, PTA President – Missy Meyers reported on behalf of Ria. Missy thanked the executive board. MS PTA is in full planning mode for the year end activities including 7th Grade Celebration, 8th Grade Dance on June 4th and 8th Grade Picnic on June 21st.

McMurray Elementary Principal, Blair Stoehr thanked all the volunteers, teacher appreciation was very well received. 6th grade Celebration and McMurray Day are being planned. Spanning the Globe went great, tug-of-war rescheduled due to the weather. Field trip chaperones – thank you. Casey Doran received a \$1600 grant from Tanger Outlets for new focus desks that help kids with special needs to focus in class. Renovation Phase 8 is complete, ahead of schedule and under budget. Next Phase is the hallways. Hoping to be finished in August. 50 students participated in Kids of Steel and ran 26 miles. Student Leadership holding Toy drive for Children’s Hospital during the month of May. Pen Pals with 4th grade students set to meet June 15th and 16th. June 16th Parent Orientation with 6th grade ambassadors. McMurray Art Show tonight – musical, artistic, and entrepreneurial talents on display. JA Program created handmade products to sell and contribute to charitable organizations.

- Suzanne MacKay, PTA President, Spanning the Globe was a success. June 13th is McMurray Day.

Pleasant Valley Principal, Greg Marquis thanked the PTA Board and Volunteers for making it a great year. JA, PV Musicals going on. Kids of Steel 150 students ran, received \$1,000 grant for participating in Kids of Steel over the years. Will be spent on physical education equipment. Participated in Jump Rope for Heart for the 1st time, goal was to raise \$1,000 and actually raised over \$13,000. April was National Poetry Month over 100 poems submitted, had celebration on May 4th. Spring ALICE drills completed on Monday (unannounced). Spelling Bee, June 7th, PT Rotary donating dictionaries. Field trips – 2nd grade to History Museum, 3rd to Carnegie Science. Tons of Fun on June 20th, using Read-a Thon money to pay for extra activities.

- Laurie Rieger, Co-PTA President, Recycled Art Day at the end of April, Tons of Fun Day on PV Field rental company to bring in games.

Bower Hill Principal, Robert Garvey thanked PTA. Jump Rope for Heart, we are in top 5 donors (both buildings) and donated \$25,000 between the two buildings. First in Math broke goal of 1,000,000 questions answered. Twelve students won EMS Coloring Contest, three at each grade level. Poetry Contest, 260 kids in district participated and over 200 people in attendance. Fire Department visiting with 2nd Grade Classes learning about fire safety. WQED 2016 PBS Kids Writing Contest had 2 students named finalists, Colby Zimmer (2nd Grade) and Ryan Watterson (3rd Grade). Won \$2,600 grant for Healthy Living Lifestyle through Highmark. JA Day on June 3rd, volunteers are registered and trained. Field Trips, 3rd grade Ducky Tour. Math Acceleration Tests for K-3 completed today, results in a week or so. End of year Math and Dibbles testing starts next week. First grade musical performance, May 26th and Fiesta is June 27th. BH Day, June 17th. Reflections Assembly, June 13th. BH Awards Day, June 15th.

- Karen Lingis, PTA President had nothing to add.

Report of School Board Representative, Lisa Anderson presented a summary of the collective bargaining agreement. The contract is a 6-year contract retroactive to June 15, 2016. The contract includes a salary scale freeze with step-movement only for the first two years of the contract for steps 2-16; and \$500 and \$750 increases for step 17 in years one and two. Salary increases of \$1,200 annually for teachers on steps 2-16, and \$1,000 for step 17 in the remaining four years of the contract. The “jump step” that occurs at step 17 will be split into parts A and B, with 50% of the increase for the first half of the year and the remaining 50% in the second half resulting in a savings of about \$10,000 per person over the life of the contract. Contributions to existing health plans would increase over the life of the contract. Two additional lower cost plans will be offered. Days remain at 193. An increase in the length of the teacher day in the final year of the contract to 7.75 hours. Sue Smith reported upcoming meetings including Building & Grounds on May 23, Finance on June 6, B&G and Policy on June 13, Education Committee on

June 20; all starting at 6:30 p.m., Board Meeting on June 27 at 7:30 p.m. Personnel changes added 7 English LA Team Leader positions. Building & Grounds spent money on desks, cafeteria chairs, 10 sets of side mounting cameras for busses to prevent cars not stopping for busses, replacing some interior cameras. Thank you to Mina for Chairing Education Committee Meeting. Books are here to see and will vote on next month. Finance voted to adopt the proposed 2016/17 budgets. ANSYS donated 2 software programs worth \$150,000 and teacher training worth \$25,000.

Committee Reports

1st VP - Carol Planitzer

- Next Character Counts meeting on June 7th hosted by Chamber of Commerce
- September 11th Rally for America
- Directory Advertising Campaign have a little over \$7,000 in hand, Sandy Levin is sending notifications for family updates.
- Scholarship Committee, co-chairs, Nancy Zimmer and Julie Collins, had 14 applicants this year. Score Sheets due today and winner announced on June 6th at HS Awards Ceremony. Updating Rubric for next year with the help of a high school teacher to attract more applicants.

2nd VP - Suzy Stauffer

- All schools need to update their Standing Rules every year by May
- School Pictures – May 31st Special Meeting at 9:15 in the DAO Board Room. Will have blind presentation of photo companies and vote on which company we will use next year.

Old Business

Jodi Hannah reminded everyone to send in their unused PTA cards or you will be charged.

New Business

Calendar

- September 11th Rally for America at PTHS
- September 22nd at 9:15 a.m. Area Council Meeting in the District Administration Office Board Room with hospitality beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Margaret Rauscher adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Kelly Trupiano

Submitted by Amy Pugliano

Date Submitted: September 20, 2016

Amy Pugliano, Secretary