

PTHS PTSA MEETING 2/8/18

13 People in attendance (recorded)

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by President Sue Deegan 7:10pm

Principals Report

Mr. Lesnett welcomed all to the evening PTSA meeting and stressed the importance of tonight's presentation from Gateway. The discussion needs to continue outside of the meeting, at home, and in the community. Resources are available at the school. Officer Stevick is available for questions and concerns. Mr. Lesnett spoke about the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" here at the high school, March 15-18. Tickets are \$10/student and \$15/adults. We are entering into Ambassador season. Mr. Lesnett briefly spoke on the expansion of freshman orientation. More details to come as the changes are made. The high school will be hosting the March Character Counts meeting on March 6 from 12-1. PTSA will be providing the lunch.

Guidance Report

Ms. Steffen discussed the improvement in SAT scores. The Khanquest competition is taking place. It is an online SAT prep course sponsored Khan Academy. Encourage your students to participate. Course selections will be taking place February 26-March 9 with March 16th being the deadline for selections. A parent meeting will be held on the evening of March 6 for incoming freshman. Counselors will be meeting with grades 9-11 to discuss course selections. Upcoming events include Tyler's Light on February 14. Tyler's Light is a presentation to students on drug awareness and resources. Also, on February 22 from 5:30-8:00, the HS counseling department is hosting a Family Support Resources Fair to introduce families to the support resources available in our area. The event will host two speakers, as well as representatives from various agencies.

Guest Speaker-Tara Phillips, Gateway Rehabilitation Center

Ms. Phillips shared information on addiction and the signs and symptoms parents should be looking for. She stressed the importance of being vigilant and honest with students and talking often with them about drugs. She reported that 10-15% of the population is addicted. By 12th grade, half of students have used drugs or alcohol. Drug overdose rates in PA are 36%, compared to an overall rate of 16%. She recommended asking kids aged 7 and up these 3 questions: 1) What do you know about drugs? 2) Do you know anyone who uses drugs? 3) Do you have any questions? Now or in the future, ask. Finally, teach kids to make good decisions by using these 4 guidelines: 1) Will my family be proud of me? 2) Will another authority be proud of me? 3) Will I be proud of myself? 4) Is it legal?

A link to her presentation will be made available in the PTSA newsletter when it is received.

President's Report

President Deegan reported that the Academic Integrity committee continues to work on creating policy. Next, it was proposed by Area Council that the PTSA Bylaws be updated this year to be on the same schedule as the other schools in the district. Bylaws are required to be updated every 5 years, and our Bylaws are not scheduled to be updated this year. Mrs. Deegan will meet with Cathy O'Neill to discuss this further. Then, Mrs. Deegan asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee for next year's PTSA Executive Board. Lori McRoberts (chairperson), Doreen Bartczak, and Tina Beinhauer volunteered. Nominees will be presented at the March meeting. Mrs. Deegan spoke about academic enrichment donations. Profits from the concession stand will provide faculty with materials or resources for their classrooms. Ask students for ideas. Mrs. Pavlick will also be approached for ideas. Prom ticket sales will be held in April. Thanks to Jackie Schratz for chairing the scholarship committee again this

year. Application information will be available at the beginning of April. Service and Pride scholarships will be awarded. Finally, given tonight's increased attendance and requests for additional evening PTSA meetings, we will consider an evening meeting in March or April.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from January meeting were approved

Treasurers Report- Tracey Melograne

Treasurer report submitted. Looking ahead, 3 volunteers will be needed for the audit committee.

1st Vice President-Tina Beinhauer

No report

2nd Vice president- Jamie Sticha

The March Character Counts meeting will be held March 6 from 12-1 at the high school. All are welcome. Prom ticket sales will be mid to late April. If interested in volunteering to help with sales, a sign-up sheet is available.

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm

Minutes submitted by Jamie Sticha