

## PT PTA Area Council

- ❖ **Call to Order-** Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ **President Report-** Kathleen Chaudhari, President
  - **Welcome**
- ❖ **Reading and Approval of Minutes-** Jan Trombitas, Secretary
  - May 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes, approved
  - Calendar of meetings for 2018/2019
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report-** Kelly Trupiano, Treasurer
  - May/June Financial Report- Motion to pay May/June expenses Laura Spernak and 2<sup>nd</sup> Minna Allison, motion carried; Motion to pay June bills Julie Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathy O'Neill, motion carried.
  - 2017/2018 Audit- Motion to approve audit Julie Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> Minna Allison, motion carried.
  - July/August Financial Report- no expenses to approve.
  - Due Dates- membership dues should be postmarked by 9/30; 990N due by 11/15 with easy online submission; Certificate of Incorporation/Form 5110 Annual Statement is due before 4/30 and can also be submitted online.
- ❖ **School Resource Officer- Officer Judd Emery-**
  - Started in March 2018; 17 years with Pittsburgh police; currently at MS; to take over Officer Dave's position with DARE with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.
  - Discussion regarding cell phone usage and kids' behaviors.
- ❖ **Superintendent's Report- Dr. Jeannine L. French-**
  - Dr. French absent due to illness
- ❖ **Administrative Reports-**
  - **Assistant Superintendent- Dr. Jennifer Murphy-**
    - Welcomed teachers back earlier than ever on 8/15. ALICE training with blanks to simulate what an attack may sound like; this type of training will not happen with students. Construction on new HS is up and running; 10/9 milestone- building will become more than dirt!! Math curriculum is under review; will either add textbooks or replace. Rachel's Challenge was a weeklong rollout of presentations about "being nice to each other." Follow-through actions include chain of kindness, sticky note campaign with kind words, etc. 54 schools are participating in Rachel's Challenge. If you notice your student responding positively to Rachel's Challenge campaign, call the school and let principals know; this will help us determine the impact of the program. Chris, from Rachel's Challenge, trained 100 MS and 120 HS students to lead FOR clubs.
    - Trust Crew- surveyed HS students to determine where we need support for the students and/or to identify students that other students turn to for help if needed. These identified students will be trained as Trust Crew team.
    - Academic Integrity- take pride in your own work; consequences made clear.
    - SAT- training for English and SS teachers to give support with resources and writing.
  - **Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum- Mr. Michael Fischer-**
    - First day with teachers and ALICE drill with how to prevent an event and how to respond to an event AFTER it happens. 10/26- planned drill without students; identify what roles administrators perform during and after an event. Collaboration.

- **Pleasant Valley Elementary-** Maria Zuzek-President, - Membership is at 223 members. Mathnasium grant for \$1000 for a math night in January; will use grant money to buy STEM materials for spring bookfair. Fire Safety week is October 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Open House and Fall Book Fair is 10/10.
- **Bower Hill Elementary-** Samantha McVicker- Read A Thon, Open House 10/17, Book Fair, Spirit Week, medal ceremony all same week in October.
- ❖ **AC Committee Reports**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Sue Deegan
    - Character Counts- Next meeting is 10/2 (noon) at PT Library.
    - School Pictures- Lifetouch transitioning to digital check-in. Thank you to all volunteers. Minor issues have been addressed with our Lifetouch representative, Lisa Boltz. Retake days- PV 10/4, BH 10/5, McM 10/24, MS 10/30, HS 11/1
    - Scholarships- Thank you to Julie Collins and Nancy Zimmer for their many years of service. Lori McRoberts has volunteered to be our new Chairperson.
    - Used Book Sale- Moving to every other year format; this is our off year.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Melissa Konggaard
    - Membership- Numbers look good at each school.
    - Directory- Working on print copy to be available in November.
    - Reflections- Theme is "Heroes Around Me; deadline for submission 10/29.
- ❖ **Old Business/New Business**
- ❖ **Calendar**
  - Next Month's Meeting- October 18, 2018, 9:15 AM at DAO
    - Hospitality begins at 9:00 AM provided by McMurray PTA
    - Principals' reports
- ❖ **Adjournment-11:51**

**Presented 10/18/18**

**Recorded 10/18/18 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Jan Trombitas, PT PTA Area Council Secretary**

- ❖ **Call to Order-9:18am** Pledge of Allegiance-
- ❖ **President Report-** Kathleen Chaudhari, President- Welcome on my Birthday!
- ❖ **Reading and Approval of Minutes-** Jan Trombitas, Secretary
  - September 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes- read for approval and will be recorded
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report-** Kelly Trupiano, Treasurer
  - September Financial Report- Motion to pay bills for month of Sept. by Nancy Zimmer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Spernak, motion passed
  - Copy of Audit and 990's should be submitted to Mary Hess, and 990 submitted to IRS
- ❖ **School Principals-** and Unit Reports
  - **PTHS Principal-** Mrs. Lori Pavlik- Rachel's Challenge- response was moving and powerful. Over 200 students want to be involved as friends of Rachel. Goal this week is to increase their own actions of friendship. Ambassador Crew- new transition program for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, each being placed in small groups with ambassadors. The groups met again in September and again each quarter. November 2<sup>nd</sup> team building period, freshman will meet with ambassadors, seniors will meet with magistrate, juniors will prepare for PIP meeting, and sophomores will do Rachel's challenge session. Thursday 10/25 is parent conference day- counselors will be available in library to assist seniors with college application.
    - Mary Pat DeRienzo- PTSA President- Friday night will be homecoming football game against BP. Saturday is homecoming dance. Nov 1 is retake day for school pictures. Family support resource fair on Nov. 1 evening. Tutoring, counseling services and everything in between.
  - **PTMS Principal-** Mr. Adam Sikorski- Academics- yesterday hosted North Alleghany instructors to sit in on NEMSI lessons and writing lab. The writing lab runs everyday in 11<sup>th</sup> period where students trained by Ms.Renee Brown to peer coach help develop writing skills. Rachel's Challenge initiatives working on welcome bags for new students. Water bottles, pens, t-shirts, brochures, student contact information. All new students will be invited to a breakfast. Hub of Imagination- held a vinyl cutting workshop, next will produce and create bracelets with metal washer.-"my intent". Also exploring manufacturing.
    - Karen Molk- PTA President- picture retake is 10/30, Apple crunch day is 10/30.
  - **McMurray Elementary Principals-** Mr. Michael Brookie- Open house finished last week, and was full of smiles. Rachel's challenge- Murry Mc Star Mailbox makers to send kindness letters to students. Beatification initiative. All ongoing to get students involved. Recognized as National Title 1 school of Achievement.
    - Beth Swaney- PTA President, Sonia Koupiaris- PTA Asst. President- Red Ribbon week 22<sup>nd</sup>, successful bookfair, PTA spirit wear has added many new items. 576 members.
  - **Pleasant Valley Principal-** Mr. Greg Marquis-Academics at PV- science curriculum hands on and STEM based and very well received. January Mathnasium, and Spring STEM night thanks to a grant. Rachel's Challenge connected to HERO program. Last week was fire safety week and money raised (over \$1200) and raised awareness for kindness. Open House on October 11<sup>th</sup> where parents took Rachel's challenge selfies and chain link getting longer and longer. PV National Title 1 school of Achievement. Attend program in Pittsburgh to be recognized. Haunted Hallways Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - Maria Zuzek- PTA President, Diane Damon- PTA Asst. President- Made a record profit at book fair,

- **Bower Hill Principal**—Mrs. Jen Carfano- Assistant Principal. Great school year so far. Read-a-thon hit record numbers of over \$30,000! Bookfair is positive. Kids excited about reading. Open House tonight- expecting lots of smiles. A dozen teachers and staff members running Rachel's Challenge. This week challenge to talk to someone who they have never talked to before. Secret message mailbox with challenges to kids. Red White and Kind are the new colors. Next week will be parent conferences. Spirit week was so much fun.
  - Samantha McVicker- PTA President-Official \$30,540 Read A Thon donations. Horton Hears a Who. Only fund raiser as a PTA so it funds the entire budget. Open House, bookfair, medal ceremony all this week. Beautification committee with teachers working together to make the school look awesome.
- ❖ **Report of School Board Representative**- reported by Laura Spernak- Alaina Nypaver and Mr. Josh Elders National History Day presented about a veteran killed in Normandy, traveled to Normandy Beach, the meeting online will show this moving topic. Naming rights between HS stadium and naming Gymnasium voted on.
- ❖ **Directory Update**- 30% families have not verified their information. Info will still be printed in the directory. Bower Hill has had positive feedback.
- ❖ **Committee Reports**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Sue Deegan
    - Character Counts- November 6<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Church, Fall award ceremony is on the 13<sup>th</sup> at the middle school. Nominate someone who shows respect, responsibility and honesty
      - School Pictures- retakes coming up at McM, MS, and HS. Picture dates set for next year. May be accepting bids for 2021, but for next year we are staying with Lifetouch.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Melissa Konggaard
    - By-Laws - All bylaws will be handed out at next area council meeting
    - Reflections - The Heroes Around Me, Judging on November 14<sup>th</sup> at MS, need judges for photography
- ❖ **Old Business/New Business**- Parents needed to volunteer during first responders drill on October 26th 12-4- Let Dr. Murphy know if you can volunteer.
- ❖ **Calendar**
  - Next Month's Meeting- November 15, 2018, 9:15 AM at DAO
    - Hospitality begins at 9:00 AM provided by Middle School PTA
    - District Administration Reports
- ❖ **Adjournment- 10:36**

Presented 11/15/2018

Recorded 11/15/2018

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Jan Trombitas, PT PTA Area Council Secretary

## PT PTA Area Council Meeting Minutes

- ❖ **Call to Order-** Pledge of Allegiance, 9:16 am
  - **President Report-** Sue Deegan for Kathleen Chaudhari
    - Thank you to counselors for attending
  - **Welcome back-** Happy New Year
- ❖ **Reading and Approval of Minutes-** Jan Trombitas, Secretary
  - November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report-** Kelly Trupiano, Treasurer
  - November/December Financial Report
    - Balance, deposits, and expenses reviewed November 2018, Beth Matthews-Ruth motioned to pay bills, and Cathy Vargo 2nd
    - No expenses for the month of December 2018
- ❖ **School Counseling Department Reports-**
  - **Dean of College and Career Readiness- Leyna Steffen-** A 27-minute activity period for freshman transitions with ambassadors will meet for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this year- all Juniors will meet with the magistrate, - sophomores and seniors will think about people in the building who have helped them and/or write letters to a younger student. Currently setting up and completing PIPP meeting with student, counselor and family members. Hosting SAT in March, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> is AASBAV.
  - **High School Counselor- Heather Prinsin-** Math exam and Olympiad preliminary at the HS. Sophomores will review PSAT results, guidance for scheduling, and review Naviance.
  - **Middle School Counselors- Bianca Goodwin (7<sup>th</sup> grade) –** February calendar is a way to complete a challenge every day in the month. Recovering addict spoke to students and encourage Cool2BClean- will review dangers of vaping & **MaryBeth Kenny-Massaró (8<sup>th</sup> grade) –** scheduling for next year working with McMurray- meeting with 6<sup>th</sup> graders to give overview in 2 separate meetings before reviewing choices. Will meet with 7<sup>th</sup> grade students twice within SS classes. HS counselors will come in to talk with 8<sup>th</sup> graders to learn about HS classes. 2 parent events, 1<sup>st</sup> is March 7<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting and brunch with principal, and 2<sup>nd</sup> is later that evening for 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent orientation. Career Chats remaining this year are Health services fields and a published poet (both former students)
  - **McMurray Counselor- Jamie Recker-** changes made to how the counselors meet with students, Heather A\_L and Jamie M\_Z now counselors can interact with all grade levels. Divided through A lunch and B lunch- getting to know all students has been a blessing. If you need to call department, just call either counselor. Presentation of counseling lessons will be co-teaching and every student will complete career readiness getting to know both counselors. 4<sup>th</sup> grade will discern what they are good at, 5<sup>th</sup> grade will complete interest survey, 6<sup>th</sup> grade will write a career goal for themselves. Anti-Bullying week Be Kind, Be True Just Be You- caught being kind drawing. Hero lesson is next week focusing on Kindness and anti-bullying. 100 acts of kindness poster. Friendship groups will start again

in mid-February. Getting ready for transition from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 7<sup>th</sup>. Young entrepreneurs club will have their Fair. Contacted by a parent from NY Life for brief training (30 Minutes) for grieving students.

- **Bower Hill Counselor- Fred Traumuller-** our feelings affect our behavior and our feelings affect our problem solving. We have huge influence on people around us- gives students tremendous power. Each week in classrooms encouraging students – every month giving teachers lessons to teach these behaviors. Rachel's Challenge integrated in much of what is being taught. Red, White and Kind focus on real life heroes (mission, pantries, meals on wheels) and wrote thank you cards for those heroes. We are all in this together. Friendship skills groups, lessons in the classrooms
- **Pleasant Valley Counselor- Stephanie Ali-** participating in Read-a-thon connecting it to Rachel's Challenge- earning chain link. Kindness club (mirrors FOR- Friends of Rachel's) 25 students were chosen, First kindness activity- cozy kindness mug with goodies and a note. Next act will be a recipe for what makes a good teacher, Friendship groups are up and running now. And space is limited. K-2 will have a lesson about anti-bullying and test prep. – addressing test anxiety, but mostly focusing on celebrating talents. Upcoming transitions from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. Offer transition meeting to any student who needs additional support, even if they do not have an IEP. Hero Week- coming up in May- act of kindness. Members of kindness team share a quote on PV TV. Chain reaction of kindness.

❖ Open for questions-

- Safe 2 Say Something- students are hesitant about the anonymity of this. Fact-Only if the tip is a joke, or a hoax it may be reported with a court order to anonymity. Focus in on being able to help someone and save lives. Remind students that is a crime to release name of caller without a court order, so their anonymity will be protected.
- McMurray friendship group- note came home but student never said anything- students are not forced to come, it is their choice to join in
- Bullying at MS and McM level- parents noticing that things are turning into group behavior. Change wording to Conflict resolution.
- Tremendous amount of pressure to have devices in school- social media is part of this world and rolls into school even when things happen at home-
- Parents feel counselors are the end-all for every problem- but the onus is really on the parents. The truth lies somewhere in the middle.
- Encourage all parents to take notice and discuss any conflicts- are we going to give up or to try one more time

❖ **Report of School Board Representative-** Lisa Anderson

- Thanks to AC for book donation in recognition of SB appreciation month- collective bargaining approvals for teachers, bus drivers and clerical. Approved resolution which will not raise taxes above the 2.3% index. Approved new nonfiction SS book for grade 8 "Carl's Story", WWII story by a local author. Approved new calendar for 2019/2010.

Construction on HS is right on target. McMurray plancon has been submitted. PV field will add roofs to dugout. Added special ed to PV- Naming rights for HS under discussion. Safe2say app presentation possibly at the next area council meeting. Difference between reporting a rumor, or STARTING a rumor. The safe tips forms will still be available through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but MS and HS will only have one format available. Data presentation regarding all test scores was December 3<sup>rd</sup> and is posted on school board site.

Encouraging every HS students to take at least 1 ap class.

- ❖ **Directory Update-** A to Z Connect getting ready for next year- PV using Member Hub, but will need to use A to Z for directory.
- ❖ **Unit Reports** by PTA Presidents-
  - PTHS- Mary Pat DeRienzo-Meatballs and Music Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, next meeting Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Library Arts Café- March 4-8, SAT test March 9th
  - PTMS- Karen Molk- Spelling Bee was a success thanks to Nancy Zimmer and to parent volunteers who checked over 600 tests. Hot Chocolate Café is Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> for all students. Snack days continue once a month for students, thanks to Ria and Kristi for keeping it going. Next PTA meeting is Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - McMurray Elementary- Beth Swaney, Asst. to Pres.- Sonia Koupiaris
  - Pleasant Valley- Maria Zuzek-President- Math night on January 11<sup>th</sup> was possible through Mathnasium grant- PV Read-a-Thon runs through Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>- Family Fun Night is Feb. 8th
  - Bower Hill Elementary- Samantha McVicker- 469 members, after school classes starting- no need to print directories. Family Game Night this Friday, Mr. Fischer and Dr. French will be at Feb 6th PTA meeting, Beautification Committee adding murals.
- ❖ **Committee Reports**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Sue Deegan
    - Character Counts- January 8<sup>th</sup>- Owner of Ace Hardware was the business of the month- PT 4 Kindness brainstorming ideas for community kindness. Feb 5<sup>th</sup> hosted by PTPD at the PT library.
    - School Pictures- \$15000 for school enrichment as well as directory and character counts, reflections and scholarships
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Melissa Konggaard – Reflections judging at state level now
- ❖ **Business/New Business**
- ❖ **Calendar**
  - Next Month's Meeting- February 21, 2019- 9:15 AM at DAO
    - Hospitality begins at 9:00 AM provided by Bower Hill PTA
    - District Administration Reports
- ❖ **Adjournment-** 12 noon

Minutes taken by Jan Trombitas, Secretary, January 24, 2019

Reading and Approval February 21, 2019

## Reports

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### PT PTA Area Council

- ❖ **Call to Order-** Pledge of Allegiance 9:25 AM
- ❖ **President Report-** Kathleen Chaudhari, President- reviewed book donation to school libraries and read a thank you note from Bower Hill.
- ❖ **Reading and Approval of Minutes-** Jan Trombitas, Secretary
  - January 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes approved for records
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report-** Kelly Trupiano, Treasurer
  - January Financial Report- reviewed expenses and budget for month of January-Beth motion to pay bills, Sonia 2nd
- ❖ **Superintendent's Report-** Dr. Jeannine L. French- Big challenge will be to open the HS in the middle of the school year but currently on a wait and see schedule.
- ❖ **Administrative Reports-**
  - Assistant Superintendent- Dr. Jennifer Murphy- construction manager, Michelle Reynolds reports that the HS construction is a little behind schedule due to rainy season- also waiting for steel. Building is slated to open in October of 2020 so the calendar for school year of 20/21 is very tentative- it will likely change a great deal prior to approval by January 2020. Education committee is in a 7-12 math, with few changes expected. Rachel's Challenge training for all HS staff called Chain Reaction was well received. 60 students attended World Leader meeting. FOR club reached out to Baldwin- Rachel's Legacy is new program we are looking into. HS student drivers- most drivers ever! Should be in parking spots by 7:20 to keep traffic pattern safe. Officer Stevick and parking lot attendants have had to pull passes for late kids and unruly drivers. Graduation is a hard stop for June 7<sup>th</sup>- but seniors most likely will have to attend school on that day. Instructional hours are not impacted by 2-hour delay.
  - Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum- Mr. Michael Fischer- Safe to Say Something- Reports anonymous – launched in January- provides anonymous reporting through app or website. Trained crisis hotline counselors take the call and report life safety event immediately. Has



been a very positive thing for us. One text message to 5 school administrators and phone call to Mr. Fisher. It has worked very well. Parents could also use the app and make a report as well. Working with the nurses to follow-up with students to document health and physical forms. Dibbles is (now Acadience) assessments seeing improvement on every level. PSSA assessment dates rolling out in April

- Director of Pupil Services- Mrs. Patricia Kelly not present
- Communications Coordinator- Mrs. Shelly Belcher- Rough 20/21 schedule handed out. March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> ALICE training for parents focusing on parents' roles during reunification. Emergency cards provide vital information for reunification. Summer will have another drill with police at a different school (did HS last year) looking at getting even more volunteers to simulate true emergency. ALICE drills are truly a surprise for schools now to be more authentic. Feedback regarding where to place snow days
- ❖ **Report of School Board Representative-** Lisa Anderson- approved 2 teachers to go on seminars for AP readers. (learn how to score the test which will help on instructional level as well) Cyber Liability policy has been approved- protection against possibly getting hacked losing personal info. Tobacco policy includes electronic cigarettes and nicotine delivery items.
- ❖ **Directory Update-** A to Z- no longer providing a print directory- all schools will have access to a digital directory for schools that their children are in plus access to a district level information. Focus on training teachers and parents now that there is not print copy. Meeting with all schools to be schedule soon. Julie and Samantha willing to help. Most hurdles have been met and dealt with by A to Z
- ❖ **Unit Reports** by PTA Presidents-
  - PTHS- Mary Pat DeRienzo- Library Arts Café March 4-7, SAT March 9<sup>th</sup> at HS, Adam's Family Musical March 14-17, Family Bingo Night March 8<sup>th</sup> to benefit Conrad's organ transplant.
  - PTMS- Karen Molk- Hot Choc Café' and Spelling Bee were great success. Middle school Shreck Jr Feb 28- March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March is popcorn snack with 3 popcorn machines for lunch.
  - McMurray Elementary- Pres.- Sonia Koupiaris- Valentines Party was great- Talent show March 28<sup>th</sup> at MS 43 signed up so far- 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 537 yearbooks sold, Offering spring spirit wear including red shorts starting March

- Pleasant Valley- Maria Zuzek-President, Asst. to Pres.- Diane Damon
- Bower Hill Elementary- Samantha McVicker- Jump Rope for Heart switched it up and had a dance-a-thon which was very well received! Dr. French and Mr. Fisher attended Feb. PTA meeting, Bingo for Books March 29<sup>th</sup>.

❖ **Committee Reports**

- 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Sue Deegan
  - Character Counts- Tuesday March 5th
  - Scholarship - out to HS counseling office very soon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Melissa Konggaard
  - By-Laws -
  - Membership

❖ **Old Business/New Business-** next month will form nominating committees

❖ **Calendar**

- Next Month's Meeting- March 21, 2019
  - 9:15 AM at DAO Hospitality begins at 9:00 AM provided by PTHS PTSA
  - Principal's report

❖ **Adjournment- 11:12**

Minutes recorded by Jan Trombitas, Secretary, February 21, 2019

Reading and approval of minutes March 21, 2019

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Jan Trombitas, PT PTA Area Council Secretary

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Date

- ❖ **Call to Order-** Pledge of Allegiance- 9:18 AM
- ❖ **President Report-** Kathleen Chaudhari, President
  - Nominating Committee-due to lack of attendance, information for nominating committee will be forward to the PTA president of each school. Presidents will confirm one person from each board to be members of the 5- person nominating committee.
- ❖ **Reading and Approval of Minutes-** Jan Trombitas, Secretary
  - February 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes will be recorded as written
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report-** Kelly Trupiano, Treasurer
  - February Financial Report- Beth Ruth, motion to approve paying bills, Melissa Konggaard 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
  - Budget Adjustment-increase line "educational enrichment" budget by \$8,500 for a total of \$12,000- for donations to schools. This year each school will be awarded a donation as "principal's choice".
  - 2019/20121 Budgets- reminder for local units to prepare budgets to present at next membership meeting.
- ❖ **School Principals-** and Unit Reports
  - **PTHS Principal-** Mrs. Lori Pavlik- college planning night will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, parents and students can pick up to 3 information sessions. Athletic accomplishments- Girls Basketball playing in finals- undefeated and breaking records- Highlight acts of kindness- Friday is final activity meeting- Freshman will talk about managing end of year stress- Sophomores will meet with the Magistrate, Judge Petit, about good decision making- Juniors will have time to review Naviance and college choices- Seniors will watch the video from mock crash. FOR club put notes of encouragements on every locker! Free HUG Friday, giving out Huggie drinks. Bathroom stall doors improved and painted
    - Mary Pat DeRienzo- PTSA President- Musical Adam's Family was amazing! I'll see you in Hershey! (PS- girls basketball team are state champs!)
  - **PTMS Principal-** Mr. Adam Sikorski- Thank you for educational enrichment grants. New offering Algebra fundamental class-for students who complete pre- algebra but not ready for Algebra I. In the midst of

March Madness with competition and activities and rewards for students. Donations collected for Ronald McDonald House charities. Text a 6<sup>th</sup> grader – advice to current 6<sup>th</sup> graders formatted as text messages-

- Karen Molk- PTA President- successful brunch with principals- student vs. staff basketball game- gearing up for all year end celebrations.
- **McMurray Elementary Principals-** Mr. Michael Brookie- 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration tremendous success. Practice PSSA. Student council sold Sarris Candy and Washington County Community also donated money to benefit the Maker Space- which combines tech with innovation- Talent Show Battle of the Books- School community celebration, Beautification committee looking to brand the school with kindness. Hero action- 100 acts of kindness. Rachel's Challenge, FOR Club.
  - Beth Swaney- PTA President- Yearbook is almost complete, McMurray Day is in planning stages.
- **Pleasant Valley – Representative-** Stephanie Ali – Teacher Volunteers for Family STEM night runs same as book fair, Morning volunteers running early in the morning to get ready for Kids of Steel- Preparing for PSSA's going into classroom to help kids feel good about accomplishments. Rachel's chain is very long, Rachel's challenge week- one challenge per day. Principal for a morning raffle ticket. Kindness Club is Connecting with HS FOR club to make bracelets.
  - Maria Zuzek- PTA President, planning for Tons of Fun, Recycled art show for Earth Day.
- **Bower Hill - Representative—**Jen Carfano- smooth K registration- enrollment is online and still trickling in. Phonemics Awareness new addition to help kids with literacy issues. Kindergarten Tea- preschoolers will receive kits for phonemic awareness. Kids will be taking mock grammar test and will move and practice PSSA schedule. School bus links .... "Menu of Kindness" for April to help at home. Beautification Committee decorated with Kites
  - Samantha McVicker- PTA President-Bingo for Books, Nominating committee will report slate in April- Shelly and Mr. Fischer spoke at PTA meeting School Safety/Reunification
- ❖ **Report of School Board Representative-** Minna Allison- policy committee, education, B&G, Finance committee meetings all information is found online. Personnel issues voting on suspension. Patty Kelly will be getting an assistant- Assistant to Director of Pupil Services. Extended discussion dealing with south roadway for new HS- The issue deals with the location of the

road. Looking to have students have their own exit and entrance to ease flow. Penn DOT enforced change of Township road which moved student road which will Approved vote to have Architect draw plans. Every year if we are adopting New Text books or materials we have them on display for the month of April before board votes to adopt. Modifications to Harassment, Nicotine, and other policies. Naming Rights and Fundraising committee Summer Gym teachers approved. Character counts gave a 4,000 donation for Rachel's Challenge. Purchased two Rachel's challenge programs for next year. Power school approval for new portal.

❖ **Directory Update-**

❖ **Committee Reports**

- 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Sue Deegan
  - Character Counts- April 2<sup>nd</sup> noon, DAO
  - Scholarships- Delivered to Counseling department, due back May 10th
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Melissa Konggaard
  - Reflections – first place state winners moved to nationals

❖ **Old Business/New Business**

- Training class Saturday March 24, 2019- run by state PTA- send one more blast – looking to get more members to sign up!

❖ **Calendar**

- Next Month's Meeting- April 25, 2019, 9:15 AM at DAO
  - Hospitality begins at 9:00 AM AC Committee Chairs
  - District Administration Reports

❖ **Adjournment- 10:45**

Minutes recorded by Jan Trombitas, Secretary, March 21, 2019

Reading and approval of minutes April 25, 2019

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Jan Trombitas, PT PTA Area Council Secretary

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Date

- ❖ **Call to Order-** Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ **President Report-** Kathleen Chaudhari, President
  - Nominating Committee of Mary Pat DeRienzo, Suzanne MacKay, Beth Swaney, Samantha McVicker and Maria Zuzek will present the slate for AC officers 2019/2020 before the next area council meeting, as there was not a full slate to present today.
- ❖ **Reading and Approval of Minutes-** Jan Trombitas, Secretary
  - March 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes- minutes were presented and will be recorded
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report-** Kelly Trupiano, Treasurer
  - March 2019 Financial Report- no bills to pay
  - Budget Adjustment for Enrichment grants- Julie Collins asks for motion to increase line item by \$29.95 and Jessica Brodzinski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion- motion passed.
  - 2019/2020 budget reminder- local units
- ❖ **Superintendent's Report-** Dr. Jeannine L. French- Dr. Michael Fisher finished his dissertation! Thank you for grant and support to the schools. The good news is that the School Board is sticking within the budget due to restructure of health care piece to save 1 million over 4 years. April Raglan will now move from High School to assist Mrs. Kelly as The Assistant to the Director of Pupil services. Social Media is impacting families and schools- there is a shift now removing technology from students' hands. Pop up ads showing up on classroom programs- being addressed. Primary mode of instruction must be with the teacher- technology only to supplement. Possible idea to get parents involved in a program to teach them skills and knowledge of technology.
- ❖ **Administrative Reports-**
  - Assistant Superintendent- Dr. Jennifer Murphy- NIMSI grant ended but numbers of PA testing 598 students taking 1350 tests. Looking forward to MS and HS having Rachel's Challenge Legacy in September. Grades 7-12 math changes in curriculum. MS Algebra Fundamental and HS Financial Literacy (opt in class) and Personal Finance (semester elective). HS teachers will not purchase new books.
  - Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum- Dr. Michael Fisher-Update on nursing- K, 3, 7 grade dental, Scoliosis screening, and immunization requirements. Less than 1% of families choose not immunize. Western PA has a high level of HERD immunity. PSSA testing in progress now. Science program Hands on Science K-6 getting a lot of feedback. BH proposed a reading class in July to help students get back into reading. Students can take a placement test in 7<sup>th</sup> grade to be placed in Biology in 8<sup>th</sup> grade- also students who are a year ahead in math can take Geometry in 8<sup>th</sup> grade as well.
  - Director of Pupil Services- Mrs. Patricia Kelly not present

- Communications Coordinator- Mrs. Shelly Belcher- talk about kids to stay off their phones- but parents are always on theirs! A lot of families did not comply with Snap medical info card. New program will be School Mint app – can log in to app for many of our forms!! Adam Swinchock would like to attend Area Council to introduce new plan. Parents who need to update clearances will be notified by Shelly.
- ❖ **Report of School Board Representative-** Minna Allison- B&G- easement approved at HS, bought a dump truck, new risers purchased for HS will go to new building, purchased new score boards that can advertise. New HS gym will be named The Allegheny Health System Arena- Naming rights and sponsorship and donation for the new HS will be through a website that will be going live soon. School board has 5 seats up for election, 5 incumbents and 1 non-board member will be running.
- ❖ **Directory Update-** A to Z training and transition-May 16- 9:15 AM, DAO
- ❖ **Unit Reports** by PTA Presidents-
  - PTHS- Mary Pat DeRienzo- Girls basketball team won State Championship in Hershey!! Prom tickets on sale next week, Prom will be ay 24 at Heinz Field, May 4 SAT test at PTHS, May 6-17- AP Exams, May 16-21- Keystone exams, Music Dept- Band, Drumline and Room 100 A-capella auditions. A-capella concert.
    - The nominating committee of PTHS PTSA has presented the following slate of officers for 2019/2020- Presient- Mary Pat DeRienzo, 1<sup>st</sup>- VP- Jamie Sticha, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Suzy Stauffer, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP- Karen Molk, Treasurer- Tracey Melograne, Asst. Treasure- Cami Metzinger, Secretary- Beth Matthews Ruth.
  - PTMS- Karen Molk- year-end events underway
    - The nominating committee of PTMS PTA has presented following slate of officers for the 2019-2020 school year. President: Ann Bondi, 1st VP: Nancy Zimmer, 2nd VP: Tami Tornatore, Treasurer: Gretchen Walker, Secretary: Tami Coleman
  - McMurray Elementary- Sonia Koupiaris- 6<sup>th</sup> grade celebration will be held on the last day of school, teacher appreciation is 1<sup>st</sup> week of May,BOGO Book Fair is May 6-10
    - The nominating committee of the McMurray PTA has prepared the following slate of officers for the 2019-2020 school year: President- Beth Swaney, Vice President- Megan DeSimone, Vice President- Julie Collins, Vice President- Crystal Hammond, Vice President- Jessica Smith, Treasurer- Wendy Lewis, Secretary- Jessica Brodzinski, Assistant to the President- Sonia Koupiaris, Assistant Treasurer- Megan Rost
  - Pleasant Valley- Maria Zuzek-300 people attended STEM night- great turn out! Teacher appreciation 4/29- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tons of Fun May 30<sup>th</sup>, all end of year activities on the way!
    - The nominating committee of PV PTA has presented the slate of officers for 2019-2020, President - Diane Damon, Asst. President - Maria Zuzek, VP - Angela Aloise, VP - Michelle Fagen, VP - Dawn Vasquez-Connolly, VP - Tina Burnett, Treasurer - Kelly Kaercher, Asst Treasurer - Jennifer Hanko, Secretary - Tara Crews
  - Bower Hill Elementary- Samantha McVicker- The nominating committee of the BH PTA has presented the following slate of officers for 2019/2020- Samantha McVicker, Kerry Ace, Angie Glud, Missy Harmon Budget presented. Spring bookfair, Beestro picnic with food from The Family Deli. Bingo for Books was great with 250 families attending.

❖ **Committee Reports**

- 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Sue Deegan
  - Thank you for PTA Region training from Bonnie Fagan
  - Character Counts-Next meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> at McMurray
    - Spring Awards
  - Scholarship- May 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit applications with PTA presidents
  - Discussion regarding use of extra \$2000 shown in budget
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Melissa Konggaard
  - Membership - future of membership may be through Member Hub

❖ **Old Business/New Business**

❖ **Calendar**

- Next Month's Meeting- May 23, 2019, 9:15 AM at DAO
  - Hospitality begins at 9:00 AM provided by Area Council Board
  - Principal's report

❖ **Adjournment- 12:05pm**

Minutes presented for approval May 23, 2019

Minutes Approved - \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Trombitas, Area Council Secretary



- ❖ **Call to Order-** Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ **President Report-** Kathleen Chaudhari, President
  - Nominating Committee of Mary Pat DeRienzo, Suzanne MacKay, Beth Swaney, Samantha McVicker and Maria Zuzek will present slate of 2019/2020 PT PTA Area Council Board. Names have been posted previously.
  - **Election of Officers for 2019/2020 PTPTA Area Council Board-** No nominations were made from the floor- Sue Deegan has been nominated for the Office of President (nomination carried)-Melissa Konnggard has been nominated for the Office of 1<sup>st</sup> VP (nomination carried)- Lori McRoberts- has been nominated for the Office of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (nomination carried)- Kathleen Chaudhari has been nominated for the Office of Secretary (nomination carried), Lisa Argent has been nominated for the Office of Treasurer (nomination carried)
- ❖ **Reading and Approval of Minutes-** Jan Trombitas, Secretary
  - April 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report-** Kelly Trupiano, Treasurer
  - April 2019 Financial Report- 12, 048.71 expenses, \$9.00 deposits- Laura Spernak motion to pay bills, Beth Ruth Seconded, motion carried
  - Budget Adjustments- Minna Allison motioned to implement budget adjustments, Laura Spernak 2<sup>nd</sup> , Motion carried
  - Audit committee selected- Laura Spernak, Jan Trombitas and Beth Ruth – Minna Allison motioned to approve Audit Commiettee- Mary Pat DeRienzo 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
  - Approval of 2019/2020 Budget-only one change to increase Hospitality to \$150, Minna Allison made a motion to adopt 2019/2020 budget Beth Ruth 2<sup>nd</sup>- motion carried.
- ❖ **School Principals-** and Unit Reports
  - **PTHS Principal-** Dr. Murphy reporting for Mrs. Pavlik who has been out on medical leave-tomorrow is prom with NY/ NY theme. Senior finals start next week prior to fun Senior activities. Underclassman will take finals in block schedule- Tuesday, SS and English, Wednesday in Math. Activities at the end of the day for last day of school, yearbook, games and draft of schedule. Scheduling concerns can be addressed in August. HS partnered with PTSA for classroom fixer upper to mock up a classroom as it will look at the new HS. Joie Conroy will fill Mrs. Ragland's post as VP as she transitions for her position assisting Mrs. Kelly.
    - Mary Pat DeRienzo- PTSA President- June 4<sup>th</sup> breakfast for seniors sponsored by PTSA, thank you to Mrs. Pavlik, Mr. Lesnett and Mrs. Ragland.
  - **PTMS Principal-** Mr. Adam Sikorski- busy time of year! Today is final day of algebra keystone, tomorrow intermural team building tournament, Band concert and Orchestra concerts, new families who are already registered will be welcomed at New to the District

orientation next Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards and move up day 31<sup>st</sup>, mimicking move up day for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 7<sup>th</sup> grade team day and 8<sup>th</sup> grade picnic on June 4<sup>th</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> graders are in the process of running for 9<sup>th</sup> grade class officers, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student was awarded a \$500 grant from Phipps for essay, using money for composting bin. Green team will use soil to plant flowers.

- Karen Molk- PTA President-can still use parent volunteers for 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance. And thank you to Mr. Skiorski and staff.
- **McMurray Elementary Principals-** Mr. Blair Stoehr, Thank you to Area Council for donation of VR goggles. Color run successful raised \$5000 which will be matched and added to benefit Caring room. Colonial days were a blast, Spring concerts amazing, thank you to Bower Hill, and Pleasant valley and MS for all transitioning. McMurray day, 6<sup>th</sup> grade awards, 160 students participating in young entrepreneurs' day, next Tuesday 6pm, June 4<sup>th</sup> Make homes for gnomes' project. Last day of school for 6<sup>th</sup> graders with move up day and party. Casey's corner and remembrance of Casey Doran.
  - Beth Swaney- PTA President, Sonia Koupiaris- PTA Asst. President- nothing added
- **Pleasant Valley Principal-** Mr. Greg Marquis – Reading and testing shows growth for many students. Special transition days- loosing 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and gaining Kindergarten. Rachel's challenge May 6-10<sup>th</sup> was a week-long Heroes challenge, Pennies for Patients, T-shirts design contest, Family STEM night in conjunction with book fair, and event was very well attended. 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade performances shout out to Mrs. Viola in music department, Morning Milers and Kids of Steel completed marathon. Thank you to PTA and Area Council school.
  - Maria Zuzek- PTA President, Tons of Fun is last big event to look forward to.
- **Bower Hill Principal**—Mrs Cartfano reporting for Mr. Robert Garvey- looking at testing results, and data looking like a good year. Pennies for patients tied to Rachel's Challenge, by doing Acts of Kindness- 2400 given to leukemia and lymphoma society, Bower Hill day is next Friday. Thank you to Sam and the PTA
  - Samantha McVicker- PTA President- last Friday was JA day for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- ❖ **Report of School Board Representative-** Minna Allison- censored board member at last meeting, comprehensive feasibility study on current HS to determine what to use building for, final budget for next school year will be adopted, new assistant principal and two new guidance counselors for next year at the HS, approved donations and grants, passed 2 resolutions for cyber-charter educations regarding funding. As of now PT funds cyber students with over \$3,000,000 annually.
- ❖ Dr. French- grades 6, 8, 10, 12 survey to investigate how minority students are treated. We're not going to solve the problems, but must be part of the solution
- ❖ **Directory Update-** A to Z training was very successful May 16<sup>th</sup> Kathleen looking for a co-chair with her for directory

❖ **Committee Reports**

- 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Sue Deegan
  - Character Counts- June 4<sup>th</sup> at Anthony's coal fire • School Pictures dates for next year, Senior pictures 8/7, 8/8, 9/11, HS- 9/11, MS 9/18, BH and PV 8/29
  - Scholarship- 6 applications were received, final review and presented at Senior awards
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Melissa Konggaard
  - Membership • 2019/2020 Reflections Theme- *Look Within*

❖ **Old Business/New Business** – August PTA Training class

❖ **Calendar**

- First meeting of next year, September 26,2019, 9:15 AM at DAO
  - Hospitality begins at 9:00 AM provided by Area Council Board
  - District Administration Reports

❖ **Adjournment- 11:25**

Minutes recorded by Jan Trombitas, Secretary, May 23, 2019

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Date