

PT PTA Area Council Minutes

Call to Order- Pledge of Allegiance - Lisa Briegel, President

▪ Welcome

Reading and Approval Minutes- Jan Trombitas

▪ April Meeting Minutes-no corrections – minutes are approved as written

Treasurer's Report- Beth Matthews-Ruth, Treasurer

▪ Unit Audits must be completed before July 31, 2015

▪ Jodi Hannah motioned to add line item Cash box- 2nd Laura Spernak- Motion carried

▪ Book Sale grants \$3005-Jodi Hannah motioned to transfer \$70 from programing to grants, 2nd Mary Lou Bulseco- Motion carried

▪ 3 Volunteers elected for AC summer audit- Laura Spernak, Jan Trombitas and Suzanne MacKay. Jodi Hannah motioned to elect audit committee, 2nd Kathleen Chaudhari- Motion carried

▪ All Membership dues should be submitted (need PV)

School Administrators- and Unit Reports

▪ **Bower Hill Principal**—Mr. Robert Garvey, Reflections was successful, field trips going on at school, Musical performance Mexican 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade America. Butler Area School district is coming in for a day-tour to learn from Bower Hill and use this as an example of how to do things. Bower Hill day upcoming, Instrument tryouts will be soon for 3rd graders getting ready to select their instrument choice for 4th grade. *Unit PTA President- Karen Lingis- Thank you to Mr. Garvey*

▪ **Pleasant Valley Principal-** Mr. Greg Marquis, Suzie Bode- The school Variety event raised money to benefit the American Pediatric Cancer Society and collected food for the Washington County food bank. 100 students participated in Kids of Steel. PTA helped coordinated after school run club. Dibel testing wrapping up and compared to start of the year; huge gains in reading fluency. Also seeing performance growth in MAP analysis. Tuxedo Tuesdays have been a way to focus on good habits in the cafeteria. Fist Bump Friday good character choices. Plays are happening in each grade. Spelling bee sponsored by Rotary club will be coming up. Instrument choices for 3rd graders getting ready for 4th grade.

Unit PTA President-Stephanie Tracy- would like to add that Mr. Marquis has done a great job jumping in as principal in mid-stride of the year and how wonderful the transition has been.

▪ **McMurray Elementary Principal-** Mr. Blair Stoeher, (Michael Brookie Assistant Principal reporting) – May is concert season. Spanning the Globe was a big-big event. Thank you to the parents. Kids of Steel participation increased; Humane Society collection was successful. Thomas Chang was the Calculus champion! This is a big achievement. Upcoming events include the art festival and young

entrepreneurs, string concert, 4th grade orientation, Spirit Day, McMurray Day. Building renovations will be starting at McMurray. Mr. Brookie is very comfortable working with the buildings and ground crew to keep things running smoothly. Recent bank robbery happened on McMurray Road and police department apprehended the suspect so quickly that the schools were not put on lock-down. *Unit PTA President- Suzanne MacKay-* Mr. Brookie has hit the ground running and has had a wonderful impact on students. Meet the teachers for new 4th graders may not happen due to construction work.

- **PTMS Principal-** Mr. Adam Sikorski, - a great thank you to Michele Thomas and the PTA for all that was done this year. The support from the parents and PTA has meant a great deal. Thank you on behalf of staff for Teacher appreciation week and staff luncheon. 7th grade celebration, beach theme, 8th grade picnic, 8th grade awards. The last day of school will be Move Up Day for 6th graders. 8th grade dance is a big event on May 30th. All 7th grade Social Studies teachers took 50 students to Gettysburg to experience what they have been learning. PTMS has partnered with CalU's Center for Innovation and had a Flight simulation seminar. Testing season has concluded. Jazz and Pop concerts were held. Partnered with CMU and Robotics Institute with robots being dropped off to get a head start for next year. STEM grant to promote robotics, NAO robots can serve as companionship and function on all 5 senses. August orientation on the 20th for new 7th graders. *Unit PTA President- Michelle Thomas-* thank you to Mr. Silkorski

- **PTHS Principal-** Mrs. Lori Pavlik- the PTSA has been a great team to work with. The Ambassador program has been impactful throughout the school. All the food prepared for appreciation day really meant a lot to the staff. Senior Breakfast coming up, senior picnic. This has been the month of testing. AP testing, Keystone testing all wrapping up to get ready for semester and end-of-year finals. Kids are super busy. So much to celebrate, 6 students qualified for Nat'l Merit Scholarships, seniors graduated at Western Area earning certificates in their programs, Congressional Art Award for Juliette Majestic whose art will be shown at the capitol in DC. Interact club raised \$2500 for Autism. High school students competed in Future Pilots League flight simulation and took first place. "Promposals" have become a big deal this year. Kids are looking forward to prom. Senior Awards and Spring Play are both upcoming. SAT is changing and new one will be in place by March 2016. College board is changing and now 9th graders will be taking new PSAT 10 in spring, PSAT NMSQT 11, PSAT 8 9 replacing PSSS. NMSI grant is very exciting!! Over a million in grant money to impact instruction and increase opportunities for students.

Unit PTA President- Margaret Rauscher- Thank you to Mrs. Pavlik.

- **Report of School Board Representative-**

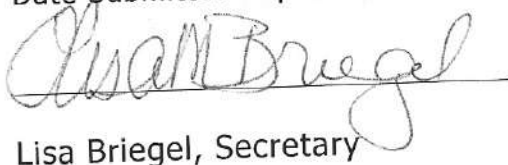
- **Music Program-** Dr. Jeannine French- The constraints on the budget were primarily due to retirement expense. McMurray currently has 5.5 music teachers. The new schedule was built first, and then staffed with fewer teachers needed.

layoffs of two strings teachers. Other teachers will be teaching strings. Orchestra is not going away. Schedule change not just at McMurray but at K-6th.

- **Sue Smith-** Upcoming meetings, Envision Math team leaders per building, increasing teachers at various schools. Bought 3 busses. Proposal to replace HS front doors. Bought a Multi-Purpose vehicle for use at HS. Text books available for perusing at the administrative office. New courses at Middle School to replace GOAL. New courses at HS. Adopted tentative budgets. Music changes must be communicated to families to nip the negativity in the bud. Thank you to Middle school PTA, gifted the I-tubes.
- **New Business**
 - AC Board Election
 - Margaret Rauscher- President, elected
 - Carol Planitzer- 1st Vice President, elected
 - Suzy Stauffer- 2nd Vice President, elected
 - Lisa Briegel- Secretary, elected
 - Beth Matthews Ruth- Treasurer, elected
- **Committee Reports**
 - 1st VP- Mary Pat DeRienzo
 - Character Counts- booth at community day
 - By-Laws- each school that needed rewriting has been done
 - Membership- Jodi needs complete lists from PV and McMurray
 - Reflections-return artwork to schools
 - Welcoming
 - 2nd VP- Suzy Stauffer
 - School Pictures -Senior Pictures & Reminder to book School Pic Day
 - Directory- started advertising campaign
 - Ways and Means-Book fair grants
 - Scholarships-looking for someone to co-chair with Pam Woodside
- **Old Business**
 - PTA Training
- **Calendar**
 - Photo Chairs must book school pictures for start of next school year
 - Sept. 24, 2015 projected date for 1st Area Council Meeting of 15/16
- **Adjournment-** Lisa Briegel adjourned meeting at 11:45 am

Minutes recorded by Jan Trombitas on May 21, 2015

Date Submitted September 24, 2015


Lisa Briegel, Secretary