

PTHS PTSA

MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2016

ATTENDANCE - 18

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Mary Pat DeRienzo at 9:17 AM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARY PAT DERIENZO

- Selection of the 2016 Nominating Committee: Kelly Trupiano, Carol Planitzer, and Cathy Vargo. Motion made to nominate these ladies. Jodi Hannah made a motion and Sarah Lindsay seconded the motion. All in favor. No-one opposed.
- Jodi Hannah gave a report on the Scholarship Revision Committee. Goal is to make it easier to apply.
- Mary Pat thanked the Guidance Department and Administration.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – KATHY LABELLARTE

Minutes from the January 14, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – TINA OWSIANY

- Very little activity. Ending balance is \$30,688.72.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK

- Thank you for supplying College Planning Night guests with dinner. It was well attended.
- PSAT scores being mailed home. We are encouraging 11th grade students to log on and see their scores on College Board. The resources are helpful on College Board. Kids did well overall. They did as well as in the past. No changes which says the new SAT is not going to be harder which is good. Academic and honors classes prep for March SAT.
- College Board has done a nice job of putting together teacher resources and showing how to incorporate the skills kids need for the classroom and about how they're being tested.
- Juniors should be taking new SAT. Colleges won't take old SAT.
- College Readiness test on English side and Math side will be in October. College Readiness benchmark now given with new PSAT. Score determines readiness for college. Helps see what instruction is needed. We are looking at juniors and sophomores but getting juniors reading first. Analysis being done for all grades. Focus is to see how they can do even better. Elementary grades doing work to improve as well.
- Friday night basketball game was standing room only.
- Senior Sebastian Yocca was accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy. Congressman Tim Murphy recognized Sebastian with a special certificate during the February 5th boy's varsity basketball game at PTHS.
- Dance Team performed and made 2nd place.
- Mrs. Ragland gave report on PTHS's first NMSI Saturday session. Pizzas and gift cards were given out to some students. NMSI supplied lunch. Presenters had nice things to say about the students.
- Google calendar for teachers to use to not overlap exams.
- Snowball dance is Saturday. Sponsored and chaperoned by cheerleading boosters. It's a fundraiser for cheerleaders. Not a school function.
- Glow Dance is February 26th. Sponsored by the National Honor Society. It's an informal dance and is school sponsored. Proceeds go to Make A Wish Foundation.
- Scheduling: Education Committee will talk about new courses and tweaks to course selections.
- Keystones: Governor did sign into law change to exam. They are still required by the state for graduation. If students don't pass the exam, then they take the Keystone course. A Project Based Assessment (PBA) will then need to be completed in order to graduate. We will update policy with new language from the state. We are doing the status quo. Law means minimal change for us.
- There was a brief Q&A discussion regarding scheduling/dates for finals. Testing schedule not finalized yet but will probably be during first few weeks of June.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK CONTINUED

-Guidance team is working hard to get information out. October SAT scores were sent to us but the file was not opening. We are waiting for it to get fixed. College Board is moving over to a new system.

LIBRARIAN REPORT - MS. GILROY

-New Resources on Library webpage (i.e. study hall, tutoring center, presentation tools page, citation guides, library blog). Great for parents too. You can follow us on Snapchat, Pinterest, Twitter, and Goodreads as well.

-There is a link on the HS homepage.

-Library homepage has an SAT Word of the Day.

GUIDANCE REPORT - MRS. WAWRZENIAK

-Prepping for course selections. February 22nd to March 2nd, classroom presentations will be given to students. March 10th will be at PTHS. We are updating the website for the course selection book. Portal closes March 11th. No changes after March 11th.

-February 25th is second opportunity for Western Area Tech Center field trip. Get permission slip.

-Naviance/Family Connection has an enrichment page with summer programs, scholarships, and has a college map section.

-Brief Q&A discussion followed.

-Schedule PIP (Post-Secondary Individualized Plan) meeting with your student's counselor. Very helpful.

-Brief Q&A discussion regarding summer gym. Details being worked out with CCAC. Will be announced soon. Plan to start June 23rd. There will be two sessions. Goes into July.

1st VICE PRESIDENT – CINDY CHAPMAN

-Area Council is meeting on February 18th at 9:15 AM with District Administrators at the Administration Building. March 17th is an Area Council PTA Meeting.

-Character Counts is meeting on March 8th at 12 PM in the PTHS Chorus Room. They will be working on September 11th Anniversary.

-Information on Peters Township at Washington Wild Things will be coming up.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – MICHELLE JONES

Not in attendance.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT – SERENA KING

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting adjourned – 11:04 AM

Minutes Submitted by:

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Kathy LaBellarte, Secretary