

PTHS PTSA
MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2016
18 in attendance

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Mary Pat DeRienzo at 9:21 AM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARY PAT DERIENZO

-College planning Night will be February 3 from 6 PM to 8:10 PM. You will be able to attend three sessions through out the evening and there will be different topics to choose from. Margaret Rauscher said if you can't come to all three sessions, you don't have to. Each session is offered three times.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – KATHY LABELLARTE

Minutes from the October 8, 2015 meetings were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – TINA OWSIANY

- For our financial update the current balance amount is \$31,266.44.
- Our donations total for this year is \$5,715.50. Our past year donation total was \$6,920.00.
- Our membership total for this year is down 84, that is 11% down from past year.
- For concessions, we had nine games and our total amount made was \$13,745.83. Mary Pat said thank you to everyone who helped.

1st VICE PRESIDENT – CINDY CHAPMAN

- Thank you to Debbi Antonucci and Karen Allison for picture retakes.
- Thank you to Jodi Hannah, Cathy Vargo, Debbie Smith, Sarah Lindsay, and Sandy Levin for directory distribution. Directories were delivered on Wednesday, December 2nd.
- The Area Council Meeting will be January 21 at 9:15 AM in the Community Room with the building principals and Dr. French. The Community Room is behind the PT police department.
- The next Character Counts Meeting will be February 2 at 12 PM in the Chamber Council Room. The Character Counts March 8 meeting will be in the PTHS chorus room. For the Spring Awards, nomination forms will be available closer to the date. You can nominate online. It can be a community member.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – MICHELLE JONES

Not in attendance.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT – SERENA KING

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PTSA portion of the meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK

-We had a good turnout at the AP Meeting for parents on January 13. Things that disrupt our school day, things that pull kids out of class, will be eliminated until after AP tests. We are making our best effort to keep kids in class. We value instructional time. We added a

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK (continued)

slide and will highlight additions and post it on PTSD website. Thank you Mrs. Wawrzeniak for being there.

- Students can log in to Khan Academy. PSAT scores can be linked to customize SAT practice. Access code on College Board account. Has a conversion chart to show you how your child did. It will share information in a more user friendly way.
- SAT Prep Class: Feb./Mar. sign up in guidance office. Two days English and two days Math. After school. Using Khan Academy, it's more targeted to new SAT.
- Question asked why not talk more about ACT? Mrs. Pavlik said the East coast focus more on SAT. We do talk about it. Prep not much different. We get more data from SAT. We hear more from colleges on SATs. It is discussed as an option.
- June 10th is graduation ceremony. June 17th receive diplomas. Official graduation date. May not be required to come last five days. Seniors looking to plan events.
- Three Saturdays for seniors to practice. Students not required to attend. One practice offered during the school day. Dates posted on calendar.
- Snowball Dance coming up February 13th. Hosted by cheerleading boosters.
- Tarzan musical
- NMSI Rep doing walk thru today in AP classes and will give feedback to teachers.
- AP English Saturday study session on January 30th at West Allegheny High School. Register online.
- National Honor Society and student leaders are hosting a casual dance on February 26th. All proceeds will benefit the Make A Wish Foundation.

GUIDANCE REPORT - MRS. WAWRZENIAK

- Student Assistance Program helps at-risk students. Six week Grief Group coming to an end. Hope to have another in April. Grief Group is from the Highmark Caring Place, a center for grieving children, adolescents, and their families. Let counsellors know if you know of anyone who would benefit. Mrs. Pavlik said it's nice having the support.
- 12th Grade: Scholarships on Naviance.
- 11th Grade: PIP (Post-Secondary Individualized Plan) season. Meeting with families and students to discuss going into senior year. Giving College Planning Guide for 2015-2016. A check list was added to keep organized. Letters of Recommendation to give to teachers. Available on Family Connection and PTSD website as well. Contact front desk if need appointment. Attend College Planning Night.
- PA Free Enterprise Week: April 4th-8th. Also at College Planning Night for 10th and 11th graders to ask questions.
- 10th Grade focus: Career Aspect on Family Connection.
- 11th Grade: PA Governor's School summer enrichment programs.
- 9th Grade: Transitional Academic Meeting. Meet one on one. Show them unofficial transcript copy. E-mail follow up through Family Connection. Activate their account.
- January 22: Field trip to Western Area Career and Technology Center for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. See programs offered. Permission slips in office.
- Course selection end of February during English class.
- February 23rd: CCAC Rep to talk about summer programs during lunch periods.
- Discussion with PTHS Counselor Heather Wawrzeniak about the college process.

MR. LESNETT'S REPORT

- ALICE training discussed. Training done with students. Recent training was lockdown, barricade, and discussion. Staff entirely trained. Created a student video available on PTSD website. We are considering practicing unstructured evacuation. Other schools are asking us about our ALICE program and we are giving them consultations. Training with students will be refreshed throughout the school year.
- 9th Grade Student Leadership: spirit T-shirt sale. 50% proceeds benefit 9th grade and 50% proceeds go to the American Heart Association. Wear T-shirts to the January 30th basketball games.
- 11th Grade: Red out T-shirt sale. 100% proceeds go to American Heart Association. Wear T-shirts on February 5th to celebrate National Red Day.

MR. LESNETT'S REPORT (continued)

-Executive Counsel: Breakout Sessions Conference for student leadership to come together. For students by students. SHASDA promoting it. Bell Vernon hosting on February 25th during school hours.

-Concussions: approximately 70 concussions per year. Consulted with Mt. Lebanon. We are the only school district with an academic response.

-Character Counts: 15th Anniversary Remembrance of 9/11 on September 11, 2016 at 4pm at stadium or gym. Program planning in infant stage. Character Counts meets first Tuesday each month. Rally for America Remembrance sessions are second Monday each month. Second Monday of February for next meeting at PTHS Athletic Office.

-Discussion between NMSI Reps and attendees followed Mr. Lesnett's report. Discussed AP registration and exams.

Minutes Submitted by:


Kathy LaBellarte, Secretary

Note: Coffee with the principals followed the PTSA Business Meeting.