

# **PTHS PTSA**

## **MEETING MINUTES –SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

### **25 in attendance**

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Mary Pat DeRienzo at 9:15 AM

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARY PAT DERIENZO**

- First day packets with membership and volunteer information were sent home with students.
- Mary Pat encouraged everyone to join the PTSA.
- Welcome Back Night was held on August 26 and went very well. Thanks to Jan Trombitas, Mary Lou Bulseco, and Gina Wells.
- Open Chair Positions: Teacher Appreciation
- Concession stand volunteers still needed. You do not have to pay to get in when you volunteer.
- Hosting 3 Seton-La Salle football games on 9/12, 9/25/ and 10/16. Concession stand will be open. We need help with those games in addition to PTHS games.

#### **SHELLY BELCHER – VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES AND ALICE SAFETY PROGRAM**

- There are 3 required clearances: PA Child Abuse History (Act 151)), PA Criminal Record Check (Act 34), and FBI Clearance (fingerprinting).
  - District website gives information of where to get fingerprinting done.
  - A local location will be shared soon for fingerprinting.
  - Acknowledgement of Volunteer Obligations Form: sign and submit with clearances.
  - Clearances last 5 years. Can't volunteer without clearances.
  - Download forms on district website (<http://www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/volunteers.aspx>).
  - Call if you can't figure out how to do it online.
  - ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) was developed by police forces.
  - ALICE provides options, teaches how to make good decisions, and how to be safe.
  - Seniors created a video that will be shared with students and parents soon.
  - District will host day and evening time training for parents to understand how it works.
  - Half day training was dedicated prior to start of school year for entire staff. They had live drills. Staff response was they felt empowered and empowered.
  - Kindergarten through 12th grade taught these steps.
  - Front page article in the ALMANAC when first started.
  - Page on District website explains ALICE (<http://www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/protected/PrintArticle.aspx?iid=6YI03GY&dasi=4GBBB>).
- Call Shelly with questions.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK**

- It's been a smooth start to the school year.
- I value the relationship with the PTSA and having another successful year.
- There are a number of new staff members.
- Friday is first pep rally celebrating 1st Responders due to 9/11. Organized by students. Fire, EMT, and Police are participating.
- Friday is first home football game/military recognition night.
- Picture day is 9/16.
- Homecoming Game is 10/2 and Homecoming Dance is 10/3.
- Mrs. Pavlik reviewed recent test results from keystones, AP, SAT, ACT tests. Spring convert to new SAT. (See [www.kaptest.com/satchange](http://www.kaptest.com/satchange) to understand difference between current and new).
- October 14th: 9th grade students will take the PSAT 9. 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT/NMSQT.
- Theme for this school year is "Raising The Bar".
- Goal: improve student learning/be more college ready.
- Preparing students to take honors level classes. Teachers talking to and encouraging students. Slow increase over past few years of more students taking AP classes. Focus on increasing 9th grade Honors English.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – LORI PAVLIK (continued)**

- Mrs. Ragland spoke about NMSI (National Math and Science Initiative). Additional information at <http://www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/NMSIatPTHS.aspx>.
- Mr. Lesnett spoke about ALICE safety specifics at the high school, as well as, information on Keystone exams (see <http://www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/KeystoneExamResources.aspx> for more information).

#### **GUIDANCE REPORT: MRS. WAWRZENIAK**

- Naviance/Family Connection: Activate account.
- Will be talking to students about Naviance.
- New this year: sending all standardized test scores to help students.
- The College Fair will be October 6th, 6:30-8:30pm. PTSD in partnership with USC, Mt. Lebanon, and Bethel Park.
- PSAT testing on October 14th. See handouts about PSAT.
- Students sign up through Naviance/Family Connection.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT – KATHY LABELLARTE**

We will approve the Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2014 at the October 8th meeting.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – TINA OWSIANY**

- Audit approved and will be submitted to the state.
- Jodi Hannah made a motion to approve the audit and Carol Planitzer seconded the motion.
- The 2015-2016 PTSA Budget was presented; Jodi Hannah made a motion to approve the budget and Laura Spornak seconded the motion.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – CINDY CHAPMAN**

- Student Picture Day: October 16th. Volunteer slots still available.
- Character Counts: next meeting is October 6th at 12pm at the Township Council Chambers.
- Directory Update: important for new families. We will take late submissions. Send to Administration Building or Sandy Levin. Thank you to Carol Planitzer and Sandy Levin.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – MICHELLE JONES**

- Open House went well.
- Thank you to Lori Strennen for Open House cookies.
- Thank you to Jan Trombitis, Mary Lou Bulseco, and Gina Wells for organizing our Student Ambassadors.
- Reflections Committee chairperson is Mary Lou Bulseco. New forms will be available on our HS PTSA website (do not use the state or national entry forms). A new 3D category was added.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – SERENA KING**

- PTA Area Council Meeting is September 24th at 9:15am in the Administration Building. District Administrators will be there to answer questions.
- Library Volunteers: fill out forms and send in.
- Thank you to Mr. Barney for ordering new equipment for the art teachers and for ordering the chrome books.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Jodi Hannah relayed a thank you from Mr. Barney of the Music Department. Mr. Barney thanked us for the equipment we donated to educational enrichment.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Meeting adjourned – 11:14 AM

Minutes Submitted by: Kathy LaBellarte  
Kathy LaBellarte, Secretary