

May 2012 PTSA Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2012

Submitted by: Maria Smith

Executive Committee: √Karen Brandon, √Vanessa Christman, Donna Conneen, √Kelly DiSanto, √Meg Hagenbuch, Raelyn Harman, √Jenn McNicholas, √Dr. Jeff Nesbitt, √Girija Nagaswami, √Jackie Petragnani, Lavinia Pritchett, √Maria Smith, √Mike Stein, √Kim Zeoli (√=**present**)

Guests: Peter Puglionesi & Rich Kerr

Attendees: Elizabeth Luff, Stella Thorogood

- Meeting called to order by Vanessa Christman at 7:00 pm.

- Approval of April minutes – Meg Hagenbuch & Girija Nagaswami

Amended Minutes: Regarding the Scholarship Fund, last year \$1200 was raised, no money was raised this year.

Administrative Report: Dr. Jeff Nesbitt, Principal

- ❖ One more week of AP exams. The number of tests have increased over the past years from 130 to over 400 AP exams.
- ❖ The Blast went off extremely well. There were 452 students in attendance. At 4:30a.m. there were still 300 students awaiting the raffles.
- ❖ The Senior Prom went extremely well, the only con was the amount of time it took for kids getting in and out of the limos at the hotel.
- ❖ The administrative secretary Courtney had a baby boy. Her temporary fill-in is Genevieve Story until December of 2012.
- ❖ This Friday is the 9th & 10th grade dance, from 7:30pm – 10:30pm in the gym.
- ❖ May30th is the Seniors Award Ceremony.
- ❖ June 4th is the Athletic Awards.
- ❖ Senior Finals are Wednesday, blocks 1 & 2, and on Thursday, blocks 3 & 4. Seniors are here for full days. Senior Breakfast is June 8th. Graduation is June 11th at Villanova – procession starts at 7:10pm.
- ❖ Final Day of School is June 15th. Make-up for any finals is May 18th, Monday.
- ❖ *Locks of Love*, sponsored by the National Honor Society, was today. Six inches of hair or longer is donated for wigs. Less than 6 inches is used for dolls.
- ❖ Drama Awards – Haverford was nominated for several “cappies,” but only took home a cappy for costuming.
- ❖ Spring Sports are almost over. Volleyball and Lacrosse made it to districts.
- ❖ PSSA’s are going to Keystone testing, we were unofficially told. State still has PSSA’s on their calendars. We are waiting confirmation from the Federal Government. Keystone tests are given 3 times per year.

Faculty Representative: Kim Zeoli

- ❖ Juniors are having meetings with their Guidance Counselors, and have been given a folder with a list of items to complete for senior year, i.e., teacher references.
- ❖ May 22nd is the late registration fee for the SAT test on June 2nd not at Haverford - \$75.
- ❖ The only way to get into certain colleges is via *Naviance*. This contains lots of information for seniors. Ask counselors for any guidance needs.

❖ **Questions to the Principal:**

- ❖ *QUESTION: Is the GPA updated at the end of the year on Naviance?*
Not sure of that answer.
- ❖ *QUESTION: What is the ratio of counselors to students?*
There are 7 to 1800 students, or 275 to one counselor. There is one counselor assigned to the Vo-Tech students.
- ❖ Kelly DiSanto thanked all the teachers that put on the *School House Rock*. Per Dr. Nesbitt it raised over \$1100 for the BLAST. It was suggested that having it scheduled at the High School next year may increase attendance. It is also being considered to move it to February for next year. Mike Stein added that 170 cans of food were donated to Philabundance.

Special Guest Presentation: – Haverford Walk & Bikes Commission by Peter Puglionesi & Rich Kerr discussed improvements in the township for walking and biking.

Motion: By Elizabeth Luff. A move to improve walking and biking routes for students, posting information on facebook or a website and sharing information with PTSA constituents. All in favor.

The presentation was very informative, and hopefully we can invite these speakers back in the fall.

Old Business-

Officers' Reports-

Treasurer: Meg Hagenbuch present.

- ❖ Awaiting outstanding BLAST deposits and bills.
- ❖ Collected \$440.50 cash donations at the BLAST walk-through.
- ❖ Will be giving a check for the senior picnic next week.
- ❖ Still owe yearbook ad – do not know exact amount.

Vice President & Membership Chair – Donna Conneen not present. No report.

Recording Secretary: Maria Smith present - No report.

Corresponding Secretary: Raelyn Harman excused.

May 2012 Report from Corresponding Secretary, Raelyn Harman

Cards sent to the following staff:

Illness: Secretaries, Joanne DeGuio and Marge Bryan;

New Son: Teacher, Jess Federico;

Triplets: Maintenance Dept., John Knese;

Bus Driver: Jim O'Toole won first place in bus rodeo.

Baby Daughters: Leon Smith and Matt Steward

Co-Presidents: Vanessa Christman & Jackie Petragani present. Discussion of officer slate for next year.

Committee Reports –

Directory: Karen Brandon present.

- ❖ Last year there was a problem with a lost data file.
- ❖ It would be positive if we can have the Directory ready for the Back to School Night.
- ❖ A pie chart was suggested to show where the membership money goes:
Example: \$10 – Blast, \$5 Directory, \$15 Scholarship, \$5 Teacher Luncheon

PTSA Education Grant: Kelly DiSanto-present.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon: Lavinia Pritchett not present.

Volunteer Coordinator: Donna Conneen not present. No report.

IDC Representative: Girija Nagaswami present. No report.

BLAST: Jenn McNicholas present.

- ❖ All went great!

Website: Mike Stein. No report.

New Business:

- ❖ Thank you to all Board members for their service.
- ❖ Plan to do a survey on *Survey Monkey* – Elizabeth Luff & Karen Brandon to help refine our mission and increase PTSA membership and meeting attendance. Survey Monkey does an excel sheet with results.
- ❖ Karen and Mike each have an established email list. Goal is to reach parents, teachers, students, working through Booster Clubs, Band, Positive Actions Committee, etc.
- ❖ PTSA meetings are a forum for parents and students to speak to the Principal in person, facilitating what others need in the school and to act as a communication conduit.
- ❖ Have a PTSA facebook and utilize students more.
- ❖ Send out an email to verify that you are receiving the PTSA blast messages. Karen to do an email test.
- ❖ Need to do an early mailing next year.

- ❖ Civic Council has an email list of over 4,000 addresses – contact Jean Angel.
- ❖ Announce a “PTSA kick off” meeting for next year.
- ❖ BLAST walk through at 9pm was sparse. Need to advertise next year in Delaware County Paper and email the Civic Council.
- ❖ Need industrial bags and boxes next year for the BLAST at clean-up. Recommend a clean-up coordinator for next year with a sign-in at the front door and to direct volunteers what area to go to and what to do.
- ❖ There was no cherry picker this year for clean-up.
- ❖ Need to do something for the custodial staff. They were here until 1:30 this year. Suggest to give Wawa cards and to add this to the BLAST budget. A luncheon does not hit all employees.
- ❖ Tarp is missing.
- ❖ Need a chaperone coordinator for next year.
- ❖ Focus of BLAST should be safety. We need more manpower.
- ❖ Suggest a wrap-up meeting and a planning meeting over the summer.
- ❖ A big thank you to the businesses, Informed Citizens, Senior Program, and Delaware County Times. Balloon committee distributed balloon bouquets with a thank you sign
- ❖ Need an end of year itemized budget for the BLAST.
Motion: By Jackie Petragnani. Move that the BLAST budget be separate from the PTSA budget for accountability. All voted yes.

Open Executive Board Openings:

Co-president

Treasurer

Vice President & Membership

Recording Secretary

Staff Appreciation Luncheon Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next PTSA meeting: September 2012