

Commack PTA Council Executive Meeting Minutes November 5, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm. President Diana Michel presiding.

The pledge was said.

Superintendent: Dr. James:

- Legislative Advocacy meeting was last week. Andy Raia came. There are five seniors on the committee, who asked great questions.
- Safety & Security meeting – Covert Investigations gave a review of the current status of their review. There will be a public presentation and a plan of action.
- State of the District presentations will focus on Facilities and Fiscal matters and will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.
- Communications committee next week – developing a plan for communications.
- New Commack app has 2,000 users so far.
- Commack continues to work on providing new programs that are aligned with Balanced School Programming.

Mrs. Ryan:

- Wednesday – Parent Workshop for elementary students – Movement/Math Activity – over 75 people attending.
- Marking period ends Friday. Go to teachers first with any questions.
- Elementary conferences – 11/29 and 11/30.
- Curriculum leaders are submitting course proposals and enhancements.

Board of Ed: Steve Hartman:

- 10/12 Board meeting – set Board goals and Superintendent goals.
- Policy workshop – goal this year is to finish policies.
- 11/8 – next Board meeting.
- NYSSBA Conference – Dr. James presented about Movement in the Arts program.

Community Relations—D. Virga

- Senior citizens show was Thursday.
- Thank you to Troops this week. There are bins in all schools for donations.
- Food drive at ShopRite on Saturday for St. Vincent de Paul.
- Commack Coalition for Caring 5k has been rescheduled for 12/2.
- CMS Career Day on 11/27.
- CSIP – Deb needs 3-4 weeks' notice for an event.

October Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund:

Share Draft Checking	\$13,890.77
Savings	\$ <u>20,304.60</u>
Total	\$34,195.37

Correspondence:

- Letter from BOE thanking Council for recognition on Board Appreciation Night.

President's Report:

If you have not signed in the attendance sheet is at the door, please do so after the meeting.

Notable:

North Ridge PTA was 56 years old last month

Wood Park PTA 56 years old in November

Indian Hollow PTA 54 years

SEPTA 49 years

NYS PTA Awards for units-handed out, received from Suffolk Region. Awards from 2016-17 memberships.

We had our first President Roundtable meeting topics:

- updating bylaws
- Changes within unit fundraising since district has taken over Arts in Education monies.
- Building use forms and PTA events, Scholarship support and asking units to publicize scholarship fundraisers.
- Posting of draft minutes after Presidents and officers view them first.
- Liaison meeting dates and sending agendas and what can and should be on liaison agendas.

IMPORTANT INSURANCE MESSAGE 2018-2019

Attention all Units and Councils:

Are you performing you MONTHLY AUDITS?

In the unlikely event a unit needs to file a claim for financial purpose, note the unit WILL be asked for the evidence of their monthly audits

Invitations for Suffolk Region's 2019

Annual Presidents' and Principals' Dinner

have been mailed. Please note the early registration deadline.

(We apologize for the incorrect date on the registration form,

the event date is Thursday, January 17, 2019) December registration deadline

Thank you to Janine DiGirolamo for the lovely cakes at Board Appreciation night.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Election Day tomorrow: Vote! No school
- 11/7 Parent workshop
- Thurs 11/8 – BOE mtg @ Hubbs 8:00
- Monday 11/12 Veterans Day: Schools closed
- Tuesday 11/13: Blood drive MSIS 1-7, walk in welcome,
- Nov 14: SEPTA holiday boutique CHS 6pm
- Nov 21: emergency management drill, schools dismissed 15 minutes early.
- Nov 22-23: Thanksgiving break, schools closed
- Half days for conferences in primary and intermediate schools coming up—check the calendar for closed days.

Committee Reports

Arts in Ed: Meeting this Friday.

Budget: Looking for a Budget rep.

Disabilities Awareness: None

District Action Awareness: None

Environmental: None

Founder's Day:

- Unit recipient's names are due to the Council Founders Day committee after announcements.
- Take pictures vertically and send to committee.
- Dinner will be at Stonebridge. There will be valet parking and more vegetarian meals ready.

Health, Safety & Transportation:

- Blood drive Tuesday, November 13, 1:00-7:00 at Sawmill.
- Link on Backpack News – News for All Schools to sign up.

Nutrition:

- Meatless Mondays are new.
- App will be available at CHS in November for take-out orders.

Photography:

- All photo days are complete and onto scheduled re-take days. Email Linda Franey with questions.

Reach CYA:

- Current happenings at our Teen Center - We have opened it up to Grades 6-9 with a lot of focus on community service activities. Kids can use this for CSIP at high school and volunteerism at CMS.

Scholarship:

- Pampered Chef fundraiser raised \$300 in products for CHS Lifeskills class.
- Macy's fundraiser – would like to get flyers sent home in elementary schools.

SEPTA:

- The holiday boutique is November 14th from 6-9 p.m. We have a lot of great raffles baskets and lots of vendors so please come to support us.

Teacher Representative – Ms. Wynn

- Staff Conference Day is Election Day (tomorrow). Staff is looking forward to working with colleagues across the district.
- Please exercise your civil duty tomorrow and VOTE on November 6th.
- K-5 Trimester ends on Friday, November 16th. Parent conferences are scheduled for 11/29 (Half day and evening) and 11/30 (full day). Please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible if you do not have a conference scheduled.
- Tuesday, 11/20 is School Related Professionals Day in New York state. School related professionals work side by side as our partners in education of our children. SRP's include bus drivers, secretaries, teaching assistants, teacher aides, nurses, cafeteria staff, custodial staff, maintenance staff and security staff.
- CTA fundraising activities continue as staff is helping to provide food baskets for the local Marines.
- The Commack Teacher of the Year process sponsored by the Professional Council has begun. Our celebration is April 10, 2019.

Website:

- Hardware is being updated and has glitches; should be fixed soon.

School Based Management:

- We reviewed the District SBM handbook which was also reviewed at the end of last year. There were no major changes to it since they had revised it in June.

New Business:

- Congratulations to Lisa Monte, the Founders Day Distinguished Service Award winner. The AIA award will be given out Friday.

Unfinished Business: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:24 pm. Next meeting is December 3, 8:00pm at Hubbs.