

Oceanside SEPTA

Minutes – October 10, 2013 at School #3

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Executive Committee was introduced.

There were no corrections to the minutes from the last meeting, so the minutes stand.

Shira Schuberg discussed possible future Fundraising Events, including a Ladies Night at Da Vinci's Pizzeria and a Family/Supermarket BINGO Night. Entrance to BINGO night would be a supermarket item. There would be a price per game card as well. Prizes would be baskets of supermarket products.

The Treasurer Report was reviewed. One correction made under Expenditures - Check #264 for \$40 is for additional mailing for Elizabeth from Nassau Region PTA.

We now have over 100 members. Membership dues were increased to \$11 this year after the change and approval of our By-Laws. You can join SEPTA by filling out a form at a SEPTA meeting or by following the directions on our website – septaoceanside.com

If you wish to be on the email list, please go through our website as it will explain to you about email filters for your emails. Some people had a concern about not getting emails and this is due to your email servers filters.

Vicky Caraciolo reviewed the Board of Education's 5 goals for this year. The district adopted a "People First" language approach when speaking about children with special needs. For children who do earn a HS diploma, the Career Credentials need to be followed. They will exit HS with credentials that state what their career abilities are. The Board agreed that there will now be a 3rd Associate Principal and ea. Assoc. Principal will have specific responsibilities. Greg Sloan will supervise the guidance dept. and continue as Assoc. Principal. Mr. Fenter reported on the Common Core Curriculum. The results of the Spring tests are in. The top priority for our school district in regards to the APPR is the teachers' relationships with their students in the classroom.

Dr. Harrington announced that there will be a PASS Meeting on Nov. 4 at 9M to answer questions in regards to the Common Core Curriculum/Learning Standards. She said at the building levels, the Elementary School Principals are speaking to these issues at PTA meetings and at Open School Nights. She suggests going to the building level for information and also recommends you go to websites such as engageny.org

The SEPTA website also has a link to "A Parents Guide to Common Core Learning".

Jodi Katz added that, on Facebook "Septa G is not sanctioned by Oceanside SEPTA. At this time we only have the website. When we have a FB page we will announce it.

Holly Tommasino gave a summary of the PTA Council Meeting that took place on Sept. 26.

Re: DAWC, on March 29, 2014, our community will have a District wide Health and Wellness Fair/ Operation Medicine Cabinet. SEPTA will have the Thespians use our puppets and script for this event.

Jennifer Carboy and Cathy Dapolito have volunteered to handle hospitality for the year. Jennifer will also be our legislation rep.

Our Information Brochure and Newsletter will be redesigned by Elisa Berman.

Our PTA Legislation Council Meeting will be October 29 at 7:30 in the HS Cafeteria. We must have a quorum of 10 people for our votes to count. Also, if you're a paid member in another PTA, such as OHS,

you can vote for both PTA's. This year's resolutions can be found on our website via a link.

The Nominating Committee has been formed now for next year's officers. Allison Fenster will sit as a member from General Membership and Mary Messler will sit as a member from the Executive Board. Ellen Hisiger will be the 3rd member of the Nominating Committee. All positions are open for the Executive Committee. If you are interested in any positions, a Letter of Intent must be submitted to the Nominations Committee, c/o Oceanside SEPTA, 145 Merle Ave., Oceanside, NY 11572, in a sealed envelope ONLY.

The first PASS workshop was in October and titled "Preparing for a Successful School Year: Organization, Study Habits and Routines" The next meeting is on November 6 - "Forgiving Kevin" – Author Larry Glenz – A message on the value of forgiveness, non-judgment, and parenting an addicted child" It will be given by a father who lost his child.

If there is someone you would like considered to receive a PTA Award it must be in writing as to why you feel they are deserving and submitted by November 27th. They must be submitted to Elizabeth & Vicky for review no later than November 27th which is the day before Thanksgiving. The best way is by email as an attachment through the website or you can send it to: SEPTA, 145 Merle Ave., Oceanside.

Ellen Hisiger, Penny Ellis, Laura Garelick, and Dr. DeRosa volunteered to be a part of a temporary committee to set up Scholarship Guidelines to determine an award recipient(s) from the SEPTA graduating students community.

Penny Ellis praised the Oceanside Community, Key Club, students, the Football Team, and others for the amazing turnout at the Annual L.I. Walk Now for Autism Speaks walk.

The Scholarship Fund's only fundraiser, the Phone-a-Thon, is the last week in October from the 28th to the 30th. The Awards are based on "need". Our own High School students will be making those phone calls and seeking pledges from district residents. We ask that you please be patient with them.

Joe Satriano, of the Susan Satriano Memorial Foundation presented. He's an Oceanside resident with two sons whose wife Susan died of breast cancer and six months later Joe started the foundation. Students are only eligible if they meet these 3 requirements: 1) a graduating Senior 2) attending an accredited college in the Fall, and 3) must have a parent who has passed away from cancer, battling the disease, or in remission. The foundation has given out in 8 years over \$300K. There will be a Concert to Benefit "Strawberry Fields Beatles Tribute Band" on Sat. October 26th at 8pm in the Oceanside HS Auditorium and Tickets are \$25 each. Tickets can be purchased through the DOCA office.

GloryAnn and Melissa from Project Hope and South Nassau Community Hospital presented next. They have been and continue to be in the area since Hurricane Sandy offering Wellness Groups, Art Workshops, Discussion Groups, etc. They will continue offering their services through February. For information call the Project HOPE Hotline at 1-800-LIFENET

SEPTA is working on a getting a speaker from L.I. named Sky Burke who is a 12 year old children's author and self-advocate, who speaks of her own experience of having Dyslexia and Disgraphia.

Dr. DeRosa greeted everyone and said she loves seeing new faces at SEPTA. She thanked Cathy Dapolito for running the Halloween Festival Celebration event. She also mentioned the folks from Project Hope will be presenting to our 3rd and 4th graders and giving out "Go Bags" and Teddy Bears in November. She congratulates Angela Gettens on her new job as Head of Special Ed in Hewlett/Woodmere. Sandy Steinberg will be chairing some Meetings in the interim. Dr. DeRosa also introduced Dr. Harrington, our new Superintendent.

Dr. Harrington thanked everyone for the warm welcome and spoke to how special the people of our district are.

DOCA's Halloween Festival Celebration at a special time for our exceptional children will be Sat. October

26 in the School #6 gym at 11:15. The costume parade for everyone will follow at 12pm on the track.

Important Dates:

October 14	No School, Columbus Day
October 15	Board of Ed Meeting, #9E/9M Auditorium, 7:30 and Town Hall at Garden City H.S. re: Common Core presented by NYS PTA
October 23	DOCA Pumpkin Decorating, #6, 7pm
October 24	Oceanside Community Service Dinner, 6:30pm
October 26	DOCA Halloween for Special Ed, #6, 11:15 DOCA Costume Parade, #6 Track, 12pm
October 28-30	Oceanside Scholarship Fund Phone-A-Thon
October 29	PTA Legislation Meeting, #7 Cafeteria, 7:30pm
November 4	P.A.S.S. Meeting - The Common Core Learning Standards, #9M, 7:30pm
November 5	No School, Election Day
November 7	Best Buddies Thanksgiving Feast, #7 Cafeteria, 6pm
November 11	No School, Veteran's Day
November 12	SEPTA Meeting, #9M Library, 7pm

Minutes submitted by Elisa Berman