

PTSA-BLAST Meeting-May 2014

Meeting opened 7:05 pm by Denise

Approval of March Minutes by Lillian seconded by Jill

Administrative Report

Dr. Nesbitt

*Thanks for everything that went into the Blast. About 450 kids at Citizens Bank Park for the prom. Great weather and about 300 kids stayed at the BLAST until the end for the raffles. Raffles were great.

*Giant A+ program brought us \$2,331.36. A checkk will be forwarded to PTSA sometime later this spring.

*May-AP testing, Keystones start
9th/10th grade dance is Friday night

*Scholarships-Awards night-May 28th

*June 1st-Athletic Awards Night

*Board Meeting-we will present awards there too.

*National Merit Qualifiers-23-this is big!!! Based on PSAT scores

*300 kids were given Keystone testing today. Testing goes all week and into next week.

*Superintendent Kielbaugh and Denise McDermott spoke to legislators about the Keystones and the unfunded mandate. A questions was asked regarding kids with IEPs. There are no exemptions for LD kids; same test measure. If student does not get proficient, remedial course and then another test. Then they can be given a project based measure.

Teacher's Report

Dr. Nesbitt

Mrs. Zeoli is no longer able to be our teacher Rep. She has fulfilled this job for over the past 5 years. We thank Mrs. Zeoli for her commitment.

Mrs. Zeoli will try to recruit a Rep for next year.

A motion was made to purchase a gift card for Mrs. Zeoli as a thank you. A \$50.00 gift card will be purchased and sent to Mrs. Zeoli. All in favor, none opposed.

Old Business:

Open Officers Position: Denise and Charmagne will co-chair the President role together for next school year.

Welcome New Treasurer-Carol Buehler

New Secretary–Flossie DelGaone!

Thank You Charmagne and Denise for previous positions.
Motion made by Lillian to approve the new positions for the PTSA, seconded by Lesline. All in favor none opposed.

*Giant Rewards

Talk it up again for next year! Now that we have a second Giant we need to be more aggressive. Possibly at football games. We have more than doubled our profits for this year. Check comes in May.

New Business:

Music Festival–May 18th–Face Painting Denise

We need someone to chair. Denise has a funeral and needs someone to chair this. Lillian is able to help at 3. Flossie can help set-up, Carol will too!

Panera Fundraiser–June 5th Denise

Come out–4 to 8– we can raise funds for our PTSA. Please tell your neighbors and relatives!

Panel presentation–Keystones Denise

Denise gave an overview of the Panel presentation. Write letters to policymakers, go to Board Meetings. The Keystone mandates must change! Our kids are going to feel this impact.

Treasurer's Report Charmagne

Membership funding was a little lower but BLAST donations were higher.

See Report

Recommendations to remove line items–

YMCA Raffle line–one time deal, Assemblies, IRS, BLAST 2013.

Change To BLAST 2014, Remove the Crimson and Gold line,

Remove the Directory line, Remove IDC line

Decrease posting and printing to \$100.00

Staff Appreciation luncheon to \$200.00

Motion to remove by Charmagne. All in favor

BLAST walk Through–\$440.27 was donated!!!

Shark Ride–\$25 given to the winner

More receipts will be coming in soon.

Question:

Lillian–Dues were reduced by \$5.00 this past year

Should we lessen dues even more?

At this time–we will table this decision–we need to be more creative with membership drive; 1600 families and only about 400 signed up.

We should invest in a PTSA banner. Lillian will check into prices.

A flyer should be created to pass out explaining how are dues dollars are utilized. Denise will work on this. Floss is going to check on HHS book bags as a gift for sign ups!

Committee Reports

IDC–

Girija

Safety of Schools–cameras will be in all buildings–new software will be used to see all entrances.

Restorative Practices– a program which brings both parties to talk about bullying–helpful program.

Girija will be helping in the Fall along with Sangeetha Rajan, who will be our IDC Rep.

Foundation

Lillian

Run went well; participation was good. Two \$30,000 grants will be given next year. We didn't have any applicants for the Spring mini–grants of up to \$1000.

PTSA might want to think of an idea. Educational benefit is required for approval.

BLAST– Overall what a great, great night. Sophia did a phenomenal job! Our chairs were fantastic!

Scholarships

Jill

Jill received 134 applicants. They are all so deserving. Jill has picked 10 applicants with a GPA of 2.5 or higher, based on volunteer/community work, activities. They each will receive \$500. Ceremony is on May 28th. Jill and Charmagne will attend and give out awards.

Next year: dates for PTSA–September–organizational meeting–TBA

October 13, November 10th–BLAST Sign Ups, December 8th–tentative, February 9th, March 9th and May 11th

From the Floor–No Comments–
Adjournment At 8:26.

Submitted by,

Denise McDermott