

Huntington PTA Council

October 2011 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Bari Fehrs, Council President, at 9:53 am October 4, 2011.

Welcome, Introduction of Council delegates, Introduction of Council officers.

Treasurer's report and discussion of 990 Suffolk Tax conference which all PTA treasurers are encouraged to attend. There will be a treasurers' meeting (date TBA). The Budget was approved.

Guest Speaker: James Polansky, District Superintendent. Introduction, Discussion of goals for district, shift in curriculum, tenure and teacher evaluations, changing perception of district, using all resources to the best advantage were all issues he spoke about.

President's report: Positive feedback re: first PTA meetings for schools in the district. She also addressed the timing of the Meet the Teacher nights not being convenient for parents with children at multiple schools.

James Graber, president of the Association of Teachers Union, introduced himself. He is encouraging open dialog between himself and anyone who might have questions about the teachers' union. He can be reached at graber@mac.com.

Ms. Fehrs spoke of fundraising goals, mentioning that each fundraiser should raise funds for specific items or events. She reminds us to be mindful of how money is being spent throughout the course of the year.

The High School will be having an Open House on November 2, November 16, and November 30th. All parents are invited to so visit to witness the school function on an average day. This is part of an ongoing effort to change negative perceptions that people may have and increase communication among different areas within the district.

Unit Reports: Reports of current events at each school are submitted by the Council Delegates and are on file with the Council Secretary.

District Reports:

Booster Club: encouraging membership. Anyone can join. There is an annual golf outing fundraiser. Huntington Merchandise is available in the trailer at sports events, the Field House sells refreshments at football and lacrosse games, a March Madness fundraiser is to be held at Christopher's restaurant, the Devils Den and equipment donation, were all discussed.

HFEE: currently planning the gala at the end of January 2012. They are looking for anyone that would like to get involved and welcome new faces.

Board of Education: The goals for the school year were discussed including a shift in the core curriculum, development of a fiscally responsible and transparent budget, improving district perception, and establishing trust between the Board, administration, and town officials.

Arts In Education: ongoing support of theatre in Northport is encouraged

Final Business:

The Family Service League's annual toy drive is ongoing. Please bring new and unwrapped toys to the next two Council meetings. Also needed are gift cards and wrapping paper.

PTA membership is ongoing in each school. Please continue to encourage membership.

The PTA website, www.nyspta.org, is a very valuable resource for information for treasurers, PTA presidents, board members and parents.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43. The next meeting is November 1, 2001, at 9:45 in the Heritage Museum at Huntington High School.