

Huntington PTA Council: March 2012 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Bari Fehrs, Council President at 9:55 a.m. on March 6, 2012.

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, approval of the minutes from the February 2012 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jen Reda, Council Treasurer: Approval of the Treasurer's report. Column has been added for Year to Date.

President's report and announcements:

Discussion of the Suffolk Region of PTA's Winter Workshop, attended by Washington Primary PTA co-presidents Shari Harris and Terry Moreno and the PTA Council Secretary, Cindy Neber. They spoke of how to advocate in Albany as well as how to empower PTA members to advocate on a local level.

Ms. Fehrs discussed the Suffolk Region of PTA's Legislative breakfast, attended by herself, Ms. Harris and Ms. Neber. Many local politicians and representatives from Governor Cuomo's office were there to answer any questions posed by PTA's from around the county.

PTA Virtual Lobby Day is March 20th. PTA is encouraging people to email or fax letters to legislatures stating that we would like to see restoration of educational support.

Ms. Fehrs advised each unit to begin forming nominating committees and stated that packets with information will be available in the next 24 hours.

Guest Speaker: Tim Flynn of the Special Olympics discussed the Spring Games 2012 to be held at Huntington High School on Sunday April 15th. The goal is to ensure lifelong fitness. He states that the event was a huge success last year and that he is hoping for more involvement this year. There is training for coaches on March 13th. He is requesting help from general ed. athletes as well as parents. Anyone wishing to have a booth or game for athletes in the Village can contact Lynn Hefele. Other volunteers can contact Georgia McCarthy. Any questions about the Special Olympics in general can be directed to Tim Flynn.

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:

Board of Education: Meeting last night included a budget overview power point presentation by Superintendent James W. Polansky. There was a public commentary during which there was some very informative Q and A. The cost of reopening Jack Abrams Intermediate was described. The next Board of Ed meeting is March 19th and there is an extended budget workshop on March 26th. Both meetings are at 7:30 and Jack Abrams.

Booster Club: The March Madness Fundraiser took place March 4th from 2-5pm at Christopher's Courtyard Cafe. Possible changes for next year are being considered. The Booster Club is an ongoing, year round effort. Plans for Booster Club summer programs are being put into place at this time.

Arts in Education: The primaries will be having author visits for the younger grades and Japanese story telling for the older grades. Woodhull will be visited by the author of the “39 Clues”. There will be a DNA program at Finley. Arts in Ed was presented with a check by the Engeman theatre.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40. The next meeting is April 3rd, at 9:45 in the Heritage Museum at Huntington High School.