



SEPTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2018
7:00-9:00pm adjourned

CALL TO ORDER:

OPENING CEREMONIES: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL SPEAKERS' PANEL PRESENTATION: Dr. Danielle Bissett 7-8pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: LEZA APPROVED. BETH SECOND

PRINCIPAL/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Dr. Cahill: Scholarship info below

Dr. Neidig: Ryan's story- about cyber bullying

Unity day- embrace kindness

Halloween dance

OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS:

President- Karen Sullivan

- Thanked Dr. Cahill, Dr. Kronberg and Sandra Gumerove and Patricia A. Craig.
- Attending the village meetings. Margot wants to help with SEPTA.
- October 26th will meet with Renee Lemmerman – talk about summer camp. Broad reach to lots of organizations. Tapping into the country club, catering to Special Ed and General Ed. Tennis, golf and beach. Each SEPTA member has a list to contact camps.
- Karen and Joelle attended a president's SEPTA roundtable – sharing ideas.
- Next meeting is talking about membership
- Karen attended CEO School business partnership meeting in Shoreham-Wading River HS. Each table had call to action goals.
- Cahill: they offer Boces tours for students who are interested.
- Members want an assembly to be educated on Boces. Junior year is typically when students take Boces courses, if not special ed.
- Commitment to attend the Board of Ed meetings. If not able to attend, well send something in

President Elect-Leza Dibella

Researching what we will do with our funds. Please send us ideas if there are things the teachers or parents want in the school.

Corresponding Secretary – Laura Zimmerman

- Membership drive: contest between three schools based on percentage from each school- bagel breakfast.
- Middle school:24. Elementary school:40. High School:2
 - Ending Friday
- More than 111current members

Treasurer's Report – Loretta Henry

No report. Balance \$4735.88

Committee Reports

Beth DiCalogero

Next month – November 29th- Transition planning speakers

Pauline Spiller

- Website almost done and ready to go live
- Casciano/Cahill- fundraiser- met with them
- Ladies Paint night- Rima potter- need to secure date
- Fun fair-games prizes and food truck
- Jingle ball – may be a possibility

OLD BUSINESS:

- Still looking for committee members for Fundraising & Advocacy- Rima Potter volunteered
- Life skills room- coming along. Almost done- next few weeks
- Looking for a student interested in audio visual to help septa record our guest speaker presentation and post to youtube- Paul Braile will let us use the equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Website – almost done
- November GM Meeting, guest speaker. 11/29, Nick Villani & Natalie Caesar: Transition Planning.
- Upcoming Fundraisers
- Scholarships: Criteria, How Much? How Many, Take to a vote-
 - Cahill- 2 or 3 scholarships at the end of year. You need to gain consent to disclose in front of audience. Any graduating senior who plans to have a career in Special Ed. Student of Special Ed who made the most improvement. \$500 each??
 - Mini-grants for \$100/\$150 each – includes all learners
 - Funds can also go to Afterschool clubs, assemblies and therapy dogs
 - We'd like to do three scholarships of \$500 each- depending on fundraisers

Royal Ed got a grant for flexible seating for all of first grade.

Maybe we can do a speaker about learning styles