

P. J. Gelinis Jr. High School

PTSA Meeting in Minutes

October 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm

- Welcome and Pledge – Shamma Murphy
 - PTSA President led the Pledge
- Principal's Report – Corinne Keane
 - Thank you PTSA for the staff breakfast
 - The Gelinis "In-person Open House" had a great turnout. It was the first time we had an in-person open house in a long time.
 - 9th-graded field trip – fishing trip Celtic quest in PJ was moved from Oct 18th to Dec 1st. There was a conflict between a lot of students' confirmations on the same day.
 - 8th graders will be attending the anti-vaping workshop at WMHS on Oct 20th by Tim Shoemaker. Permission slips were handed out to the parents and an email blast was sent out too.
 - 7th graders will be attending "Christmas Carol" play at Theatre Three in Port Jeff and this trip is thru their English class
 - 9th graders will attend the Issues play "Addict" on Oct 14th at Gelinis at 7:00 pm. This program was started 20 years ago. It is free and donations will be appreciated. Proceeds will go to Theatre Arts Program.
 - Halloween dance for 7th and 8th graders will be on Friday, Oct 28th. This event is going to be hosted by the Student Government and looking to do it outside the same as last year.
 - Gelinis launched social media accounts - Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. Pictures will be uploaded for the different events.
 - Unity Day will be on Oct 18^t & 19th. The school will celebrate teambuilding activities thru games, art, and other fun activities. The team-building activities will start during Phys Ed classes. We will be starting with a circle activity. We will also be asking students so to wear their orange shirts on Oct.19th.
 - The strategic planning committee submission has been closed. I put my name on the sub committees and may be able to help with any information anyone has regarding the school and would also want to get information on how all will work with the possible changes.
- Assistant Principal's Report – William Corrao
 - Not in attendance
- Board of Education Report – Sue Rosenzweig
 - Thank you to the people who applied to be part of the Strategic Planning Committees. The five committees are: Governing Committee, start time committee, 6th grade moving to JHS committee, 9th grade moving to HS and the elementary configuration. All subcommittees are open to anyone who is interested in attending the meetings at Murphy JHS.
 - Three Village Dads are offering our district to clear the path from one of our schools for students to have access to the Hawkins Historical House.
 - Our District is also working with Northwell Health to get mental health 24-hour access for students in the district.
 - Next Board meeting is tomorrow night Oct 12, 2022
 - Casey Mitchell a parent in the meeting, asked how she can be part of the 9th grade moving to WMHS committee and Sue replied to attend the subcommittee meetings in Murphy.

- Vice President's Report – Heather Fortner
 - Rec night was fantastic. I was so happy for the kids who attended the event because they all look like they had a great time.
 - It seemed a lot of kids came on their own and made friends at the event.
 - Casey, a mom at the meeting had a question about when the ticket sale starts for the Halloween party. Mrs. Keane answered flyers will be sent out sometime next week.

- Treasurer's Report– Yiming Xu
 - Presented Financial report to date
 - School store almost made \$2000.00 in sales in the last 2 months
 - Numbers are looking good.

- Recording Secretary's Report – Luisa Urso
 - Presented the secretary's report from the last meeting on 9/13/2022
 - Motion to approve... 1st motion by Kate Puopolo and 2nd by Heather Fortner

- Corresponding Secretary's Report – Hua Wang
 - Received a “Thank you card “from Mrs. Keane and Staff for the staff breakfast.

- PTA Joint Council Report – Kate Puopolo
 - Nothing to report
 - First council meeting was an introductory meeting for all

- Student Government Report – Kaede Urso
 - Not in attendance but sent Shamma a report for the month
 - Announced the elected board for the Student Govt
 - Gracie Stuart for Vice-President
 - Violet Fortner for Secretary and Treasurer
 - Michael Galinkin as the 8th-grade representative
 - Currently looking for a 7th-grade representative
 - Thank you to Ms. Indelicato, Ms. Eisenhardt, students, and parents who helped with the PJ Gelinis booth at homecoming

- President's Report – Shamma Murphy
 - Shamma suggests parents should be members of PTSA if their kids actively participate in PTSA programs and benefit from it
 - Heather Fortner suggests making improvements on setting parameters of scholarship award recipients
 - Spirit wear has a new online store opening this week.
 - Mrs. Keane offered to help advertise the spirit wear on Gelinis social media sites
 - “Cozying up to the winter holidays” is the new Spirit wear store
 - PVSA program - any student is welcome to join
 - REFLECTIONS – due date might be extended.
A lot of great opportunities with this program to showcase students and their talents. There are different categories to enter.

- Miscellaneous
 - According to Shamma, working on getting Google workspace because its FREE for not for profit and easier to use.

- Hua reported hacker emails trying to get her to click the link showing that its coming from Shamma

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

1st motion Heather Fortner 2nd Sue Rosenzweig