

APA PTSO **In Person Meeting Minutes**
May 24, 2022
7:00PM Brookside Park, Hetfield Ave Scotch Plains

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Heather Lessing

- a. There were several incoming freshman parents in attendance

2. Reading of the Minutes from March 30th

- a. Motion to skip the reading of the minutes was made by Maria Breien and seconded by Kathleen Healy

3. Principal's Update - Mrs. Jackson nor Mrs. Marcello were in attendance. The updates were provided by Heather

- a. Randy Bobbish's last day was on the 20th. He left to become a musical theater at another HS. Nicole Schwartz, currently an assistant teacher, will be on staff in Sept.
- b. Important Dates:
 - ✓ 5/25 – Senior Awards Night @ Baxel Hall
 - ✓ 5/26 – Senior Trip
 - ✓ 5/27 – District is closed
 - ✓ 6/1 – Junior trip to Hadestown with workshops
 - ✓ 6/2 – Graduation at 6pm followed by Project Graduation at 9pm
 - ✓ 6/3 – Students are swapping majors. May do it for a week in the future
 - ✓ 6/7 – Juniors have Senior portraits
 - ✓ 6/13 – 6/16 – Finals
 - ✓ 6/17 – District closed
 - ✓ 6/20 – Last day for students
- c. Freshman Orientation – August 25th
 - ✓ Chrome books, IDs and freshman schedules will be handles

4. Committee Reports:

- a. Treasurer's Report – Jennie Hernandez
 - ✓ Main account May opening balance: \$17,012.87; balance as of 5/24: \$13,547.69
- b. Membership – Kathleen Healy
 - ✓ Membership is open and will go out to incoming parents
- c. Facebook/Website – Maria Rose Breien and Sandra Toll
 - ✓ Maria will be done with as of June 2nd. Sandra is looking for a partner to help with social media and website content.
 - ✓ Facebook responsibilities include weekly updates from PTSO email and general UCVTS updates.
 - ✓ Website responsibilities include posting links with updates, posting and updating event information, maintaining the webstore, school calendars and sales on spirit wear

- ✓ The suggestion was made to create an Instagram account as well
- d. Spirit Wear – Jennie Hernandez
 - ✓ No new spirit wear at this time, class of 2026 will need to select their item in September
 - ✓ Spirit wear sales total \$6,508 from the end of August through April 28th
 - ✓ Class of 2026 shirts will be on line until September
 - ✓ Spirit wear will be passed to Kara Rever in the upcoming year

5. Project Graduation Updates:

- a. Class of 2022 - Bowlero in North Brunswick. Prep is almost complete
- b. Class of 202 - Collected 2170lbs of clothing for the clothing drive at the end of April, this equated to \$217
- c. Class of 2024 – No one was present
- d. Class of 2025 - No one was present

6. Election for the Executive Board for 2022 – 2023 (responsibilities of each role are detailed separately)

- ✓ Because we didn't have a full slate of candidates for positions, we have a few Board members that will stall on for another year, noted by *. A motion was made to extend the tenure of these members in their current position for another year by Kathleen Healy and seconded by Maria Breien There were no objections to the motion. There were no oppositions to candidates in the other positions.
- b. President - Kimberley Sasarak
- c. Vice President – Christine Bevenssee*
- d. Treasurer – Jennie Hernandez*; Andrea Vanessa Garzon will be the assistant Treasurer
- e. Recording Secretary - Kara Rever
- f. Corresponding Secretary – Kathleen Healy*
- g. Board of Education Liaison – Julia Miranda*

7. Fundraising Updates

- a. Prize Bingo
 - ✓ \$7,874.71 was made in profits, each class will receive their \$1,000
 - ✓ There were 4 prizes that tied so the cash equivalent of over \$1,100 was paid out to the winners
 - ✓ Class baskets made: class of 22 (\$480), class of 23 (\$490), class of 23(\$365), class of 25(\$345)
 - ✓ Next year's event is already in the planning stage; possibly a casino night

8. End of Year Activities – Already recapped in Principal's report

9. Open Items

- a. Anticipate in person meetings in the building in the Fall.
- b. There would possibly be more attendance if the meetings were held on Facebook Live

- c. For next year, there needs to be a student rep for the PTSO, they could help run social media and will get volunteer hours
- d. Another opportunity is to create a junior/senior liaison to keep the seniors in the loop and involved
- e. Senior parent advise from Celeste and Maria
 - ✓ Begin fundraising early
 - ✓ If possible, pay for all 4 years at once in the beginning of freshman year. If not be sure to keep up with it each year. Be as active in the PTSO as possible. There is a senior scholarship that is awarded to 2 students from each major. One of the criteria is that a parent/guardian must be an active member of the PTSO
 - ✓ Charge the same price for lawn signs as the other schools, this year it was \$30 and use the profit for PG. In addition to lawn signs, see if the company also has window signs
 - ✓ Save ~\$600 of your PG budget for graduation day activities that include a pizza lunch after rehearsal and a contribution to the pre-graduation reception for the families

On behalf of the 2021 -2022 APA PTSO Executive Committee, we wish you a healthy and enjoyable summer and see you in September.