



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2018, 7:30 pm
Hendrick Hudson High School Library

Board Members: Rachel Fenty, Co-President
Joy Snyder, Co-President(**not present**)
Kristy Nadler, Treasurer
Danielle Skinner, Corresponding Secretary
Carmen Soto, Recording Secretary

Attendees: Lisa Schuchman, Executive Director of PPS
Ellen Garguilo, Assistant Director of PPS
Bill Oricchio, Member Board of Education
Christine Greenan-Archacki, Member
Marilyn Paiusco, Member
Lindsay Diloreto, Member
Meghan Walsh, Member
Jason Fields, Member
Linda Nardi, Member

Presenters: Maureen Mellett, Trainer BluePath Service Dogs

7:30 pm: Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

7:31 pm: New Business: Rachel Fenty, Co-President

- Planning phase for Shut Up sisters that will be taking place on May 3 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall.
- Breakfast with Frosty to take place on December 8, this event is for all 3 elementary schools.
- Lisa Schuchman will help with providing a retroactive grant request form from the Board of Education that was not done prior to providing Mrs. Leonardo with funds for flexible seating in her class.
- Live on the Hudson will take place on March 9, discussed possible SEPTA collaboration/presence at this event.

7:34 pm:

Treasurer's Report by Kristy Nadler

- Financially prepared for Shut Up sisters event that will be taking place on May 3.
- Ongoing fundraising through sale of t-shirts and sweatshirts.

7:37 pm:

Pupil Personnel Services reminders by Lisa Schuchman

- OPWDD and Front Door training survey was emailed to parents, not everyone has responded.
- Access VR will be in the High School this month.
- Danielle will email a reminder about the survey to parents.
- Parents will be asked to fill out an anonymous survey for the State Education Dept after they complete their CSE meetings. This can be done online or on hard copy.
- Parents will receive a letter regarding above-mentioned survey with their IEP meeting packet.
- Reminder email to be sent to parents about consents: they are only sent on re-evaluation years and if no response is received after two mailings, parent is giving passive consent.
- Danielle to send email to parents regarding consent.

7:56 pm:

Blue Path Service Dogs Presentation by Maureen Mellett

- Role of Autism Service dogs are mainly for safety, children who tend to bolt or wander.
- Full public access under ADA law.
- Dogs are tested yearly, need to pass ADI(Assistance Dogs International) test to maintain service dog status.
- Volunteers needed: puppy raisers and fosters.
- School visits help dogs to be comfortable around children.
- The fee for a service dog is \$13,000.00. Blue Path is now trying to reduce this fee. Medicaid can help with this fee.
- Possible future collaboration with SEPTA for fundraising for Blue Path. Contact Erica Stanzone.

8:45 pm:

Meeting Adjourned. Next SEPTA meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Hendrick Hudson High School Library.