

MHS PTSA Meeting 5/16/17

Attendees:

Anna Griebel, MHS PTSA chair, Laura Schultz, MHS PTSA treasurer, Monica Kellner, MHS PTSA secretary, Principal Karl Thielking, Assistant Principal Laura Hefner, Assistant Principal Kelly Zielke. Joining also for specific presentations were Mike Leone, PCSD Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Susan Gould for PTSA high schools student directory and Vicky Roes for PTSA Super Sale. Approximately 20 additional parents.

Agenda: Welcome remarks, student directory, budget proposal, administrative update, new business and Q&A.

Dates to remember:

Super Sale drop off dates:	10/14	9 am – 12pm
	10/15	12am – 5pm
	10/16	9 am – 3 pm
Pre and Public Super Sale	10/17 – 10/21	
Guest speaker at CRMS	10/24	7 pm

Anna Griebel opened the meeting welcoming new and returning parents, highlighting PTSA work, and reminding attendees that membership contributions are very important to run all programs. She announced Lucienne Nicholson, outstanding scholar at SUNY Brockport will be guest speaker at CRMS later this month, presenting “Diversity, Inclusion, and Motherhood”. Please check CRMS website for details.

Laura Schultz presented the proposed budget. Membership and Super Sale are the only sources of income for MHS PTSA, we do not conduct fundraisers as there are so many booster clubs to support sport teams and specific activities. The only additional donation request is for Senior Bash, so seniors may not have to pay themselves.

Next, Susan Gould gave an update on the PTSA produced school directory. This year it is exclusively online for the first time. No printed copies are being made. It was discussed how to facilitate parents to find the directory on line. The website is myschoolanywhere.com . It is possible to form your own groups within the directory for clubs or teams. Please email Susan with any questions you may have.

Mr. Thielking announced he is retiring at the end of this school year. While he does not plan to leave education entirely he looks forward to a more flexible range of choices. Mr. Thielking has been with PCSD for 18 years. It will be an emotional departure, he thanked parents and the community. We look forward to enjoying his leadership for one more year.

Given this transition, Mr. Thielking invited Mr. Mike Leone, Assistant Superintendent for Human resources, to talk about the search process for the next principal. The first step is to gather input from stakeholders, reaching out to parents and teachers, to identify core values the community seeks to

uphold. A survey was presented and is included at the end of these minutes. This survey is intended for parents of 8th graders and up. Completed surveys can be returned to Anna Griebel or sent directly to Mr. Leone at his district office, or email to Michael_Leone@pittsford.monroe.edu. The position will be advertised after Christmas for a broad search regionally and statewide. The search committee will narrow the candidates to a pool, which will not be ranked, and the work of this committee will keep very tight confidentiality to avoid hurting relationship in the educational community. From this pool of candidates finalists will be chosen. These finalists will give a staff presentation and then the committee will visit their current schools. One committee member will represent PTSA. Once the finalists are chosen the process is no longer confidential. PCSD has refined the process to include changes based on issues that affected the search for SHS principal. The need for tighter confidentiality at the front end to encourage good candidates to apply that otherwise might be hesitant was one issue identified. The Superintendent will gather the input and make a recommendation to the Board. The goal is to have an appointment by May 2018 with a starting date of July 1st 2018.

Vicky Roes announced the dates for Super Sale, stressing how important this event is for funding all of the PTSA activities. She pointed out a change in times for drop off dates, as this year it coincides with the homecoming weekend and game. Please note that drop off on Saturday 10/14 ends at noon. For more details, visit the PTSA Super Sale webpage:
http://www.pittsfordptsanet.net/super_sale.cfm

The school continues with the focus on social-emotional learning. Freshmen continue to participate of freshmen seminars to help them with the transition. On the first day of school students were greeted and cheerfully received with “Viking Strong” bracelets, where “Strong” stands for Spirited-Together-Respectful-Original-Nurturing-Genuine . “Be Viking Strong” rapidly caught on with teachers and has been included by many as part of their email signature. The student council decided to unify the homecoming t-shirt design to be the same for the whole school, to stress the unity of the student body. Classes will be only differentiated by colors.

Also within the social-emotional learning, the school continues with Sources of Strength, expanding the number of students that are being trained. Ninth graders will get trained in November. (Please refer to last year’s minutes for details on the program).

New for this year is Roc Kids Connect. This is a buddy system exchange program that pairs 8th graders from PUC-Achieve, one of the Rochester City charter schools, with sophomores, junior and seniors at MHS.

The school is looking into finding an alternative space for lunch, for those students that need a more calm and quiet environment, not only for lunch but for other times too.

There are some technical problems with transmitting the morning announcements to parents. Temporarily Infinite Campus messaging might be use for that purpose.

Next Meetings: November 2nd 9 am. On the agenda: MHS 101
November 29 evening joint meeting (7 pm at SHS). On the agenda: Recent graduate survey.

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL
PTSA FEEDBACK FORM
MHS PRINCIPAL SEARCH

What are the most important traits we should look for in a new MHS Principal?

What are traits that might seem important but are actually less of a priority?

What is your expectation as to a Principal's visibility?

What is your expectation as to a Principal's availability?

What is the best way for the Principal to communicate?

Routine matters

Mid-year changes

Critical or extremely important matters

What other things is it important for the District to know in this process?