



Yonkers Council of PTA/PTSA
Monday, February 26, 2018 • 6:30 PM
Saunders high School Library
MINUTES

Welcome: Sally Pinto, YCPTA President started the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Introduced special guests: Special Guest included: Dr. Corey Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent Dr. and Dr. Andrea Coddett Deputy Superintendent.

Sally discussed updates:

- 3/14/18- First Month Anniversary of the Florida Incident in the High School. Yonkers's schools will be participating in the 17-minute walkout in remembrance of the 17 victims.
- 3/24/18- National March for Gun Violence and Gun Control. There will be a march in Washington DC and in NYC. Yonkers residents would like to do their own march and invite neighboring communities. The march would take place down North Broadway leaving from Executive Boulevard. This march is in its beginning stages and needs to have a committee to secure permits and other items. We may have to move this date to April as it may conflict with other city events.
- On 3/03/18 YMHS will be hosting the Excelsior Scholarship Program workshop.
- There is a new chart for PTA a unit that provides guidance as to when are PTA duties to be completed. It lists the items by the month due date.

Sophia Wu presented the budget. As of January 31, 2018 the balance on hand is of \$7, 811.43. She stated that many PTA units have not yet paid for their membership fee of \$60. The treasurer, Carlos Macias, will be contacting those units.

Sally Pinto presented minutes. Anne Marie Papanagnostou made a motion to approve the minutes. Mercedes Rios second that motion and all were in favor.

Committee Updates:

- Nominating Committee: Nomination letter request is ready to be sent out to the schools in a timely manner.
- Health and Wellness Committee: There was a professional wellness seminar in which two people from every school was in attendance, 78% of the schools were represented. The WOW grant program is now at Gordon High School and at Roosevelt High School. They are targeting the students with medical diagnosis and those with frequent



absences because the intention of the program is to reduce the risk of hospitalizations. Breakfast after the Bell Program, which is free for every student and they are hoping to implement it district wide.

- Scholarship Award Committee: The committee is moving along and that they are waiting on a couple more nominations.
- Scholarship Dinner Committee: Over 300 invitations went out already and that the committee is doing well.
- Advocacy Committee: No news
- Health and Safety Committee: They are fixing the lighting at in the parking lot of Saunders High School. The lighting at Roosevelt High School was done. Fermi and Family School 32 have been awarded a new playground grant. The custodial staff is fixing some problems with the kitchens at ten schools. School 22 has an apparent mold problem with their modular air conditioning system that is being looked into. The school aides and safety officers were trained in the use of fire extinguishers.

Guest Speaker, Kristen Orlando from Hope's Door provided an informative presentation on Teen Programs regarding teen dating abuse. They offer this program to high school students using audio-visual videos and open dialogue with the students.

Guest Speaker, Beverly Pierce from the Westchester Coalition for Drug & Alcohol, Free Youth Programs. Her office conducted a detailed workshop on how our youth can hide drug and alcohol abuse in plain sight. The workshop is called Hidden In Plain Sight. They offer these workshops to teaching staff and to parents. It's a hands on workshop with visual material to show the adults how easy drug and alcohol can be hidden without an adult being aware of it.

Sally Pinto thanked all of our guest speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.