**Nathan Hale High School PTSA**

Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2012

**Call to order** at 7:03 pm by Laura Weaver, WA-WM PTA Council President

**Introductions**, Laura is filling in as we are still looking for someone to take on President, VP & Secretary.

**Guest Speakers:** ***F.O.R. Community Representatives*** *– Ms. Kulenbeck, Ms. Hansen*

Attended the conference held by Friends of Rachel over the summer. Brought back wonderful ideas for guiding the Friends of Rachel club which they have decided to change the name to the F.O.R. Community because a club sounds restrictive and the essence of this club is inclusion, kindness, and compassion. Hale held a pep assembly yesterday to highlight the extra-curriculars that are available to students (outside of sports). Also working with staff to bring together and build community. Currently working on Peace Day 2013 and include a parent night a few weeks before the student activities. Open to any ideas for speakers or activities.

***German-French Trip (Summer 2013)*** *– Ms.Theresa D’Haeze, French Teacher @ Hale*

About 30 students from Nathan Hale & W.A. Central will be traveling to Germany, Switzerland, & France over 10 days in June/July 2013. Ms. D’Haeze is asking for $150 mini-grant to help with the cost of buses that is not included with the student cost of the trip. This was tabled for a vote at the October meeting.

**Secretary Report –** *OPEN OPPORTUNITY* - Minutes from May were read and filed with “92nd Street” correction.

**Treasurer Report *–*** *Joyce Drews*

2012-13 Budget was presented line by line. Lori Palessi moved to add a donation to the newly formed SEPTA in the amount of $50. Diane Schumitz seconded and motion was approved. Diane Schumitz moved to approve the budget with the addition of the $50 SEPTA donation, Mike Drews seconded and the budget was approved by a majority vote of members in attendance.

**President Report** – *Laura Wever, WAWM PTA Council President*

All officer positions are open except Treasurer. Council Training is October 12, 2012 from 6pm – 8:20pm. Everyone should try to bring one new person to the October meeting and Mr. Lesar will add the PTSA meetings to the Robo-calls.

**Principal Report** *– Mr. Lesar*

* Expecting each department to show up at PTA meetings throughout the year.
* Thanks so much for all PTA does.
* October 9 is Parent-Teacher Conferences, Mr. Lesar is covering the fall dinner and PTSA will be covering spring.
* Safe & Sober Night was on Monday, September 17th, over 100 students attended.
* An anti-smoking campaign was held during the assembly on Tues, September 18. Corey Piper, a former Hale student now rapper attended the assembly to rap positive messages.
* School improvement – college and career readiness focus including Reading & Writing for career readiness; Math = Problem Solving
* ACT Composite Score dropped last year, working on getting it back up
* Parent-Connect Meetings will be held again this year in the mornings (9am) in the office conference room.

**Council Report** *– Lori Palessi*

* Training on October 12, 2012
* Talked about need for officers

**Membership** – *Lori Palessi*

* 32 teacher memberships
* 300 (approx.) total memberships
* Down a little from last year

**Homecoming** – Diane Schumitz will get punch but need volunteers to serve. Sonya Williams & Jan Sullivan?

**Volunteer Coordinator** – Cindy Ray

**Announcements:**

* Need someone to run the next meeting & a secretary.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:40 pm by Laura Weaver, WAWM PTA Council President

Respectfully submitted by,

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