

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2017 AGENDA MEETING

The March agenda meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, March 2, 2017. Mr. Sanderson called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Hilty, Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Redner, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Waldorf and Mr. Sanderson.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Kannan and Mrs. Wachspress.

Administrators Present: Dr. Gretzula, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Dorsey, Dr. Dunar, Mrs. Godzieba, Mrs. Langtry, Mr. Millward, Mrs. Morett, Mrs. Rarrick, Mrs. Spack and Mr. Taylor.

Others Present: Mr. Clarke, Solicitor.

Others Absent: Miss Camara and Miss Mix, Student Representatives.

Mr. Clarke, Solicitor, reported that prior to this meeting the Board held an executive session to discuss personnel, litigation and collective bargaining matters.

RECOGNITION: LYFT PENNSBURY CHARACTER AWARD FOR PEACE-MAKING

Pastor Vicky Allen, Executive Chair of LYFT, shared that there are three great students being recognized tonight. This month's trait is the character asset of "peace-making." She further explained that this award recognizes the recipient as one who seeks to resolve conflicts peacefully and understands the benefit of peaceful conflict resolution. The recipient considers the resource in facilitating amenable solutions and he or she uses peer mediation or just being a friend to aid others through difficult interpersonal situations. The young person stands up nonviolently in the face of bullying, discourages others from bullying and/or is able to dialogue about differences.

Mr. Philpot, Pennsbury's LYFT Project Director, announced this month's awardees: Sonny Meszaros, a senior at the high school, Miranda Newton, a Pennwood Middle School 6th grader and Olivia Piccinotti, a Fallsington Elementary 5th grader.

Mr. Sanderson congratulated the three honorees.

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RECOGNITION: ODYSSEY OF THE MIND – MRS. MCCORMICK-MILLER

Mrs. McCormick-Miller thanked everyone for recognizing the hard work and efforts of the students and parents involved in the Odyssey of the Mind Program. She asked the members of the teams present along with their coaches to stand and be recognized. She thanked them for being there so close to their competition weekend. Mrs. McCormick-Miller announced that there are 16 teams representing the District from elementary, middle and high school competing this weekend at the Regional Competition hosted by Pennsbury. Each Board member was presented with an Odyssey of the Mind shirt with the logo “We Run on Creativity” to show appreciation for their support of the program. Mrs. McCormick-Miller thanked Mr. Jim Howarth, President of POMA, for keeping the momentum going and for all of his volunteer time.

Mr. Howarth shared and appreciated that Mrs. McCormick-Miller has been the OM Liaison for many years. He recognized and thanked the OM sponsor, Glenn Davis of Davis Acura, for his generosity in sponsoring Pennsbury’s program for the past four years. Mr. Howarth then introduced students to share their OM experiences with everyone.

Kathryn (Katie) Rosta, an 11th grade Pennsbury Odyssey of the Mind student, spoke about creativity and thinking out of the box with her involvement and appreciation of the program. Katie’s brother, Kindergartner Daniel Rosta, provided a little dance as a Rainbow Lizard from his OM skit.

Olivia Hitchingham, an 8th grade student at Pennwood Middle School, shared that her tee-shirt design was selected this year for the OM shirts. She talked about her inspiration for creating the shirt’s logo and the six pictures added to the shirt that corresponds with each of the six OM problems. Olivia talked about the program strengthening teamwork skills.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sanderson opened the floor to public comment at 8:29 p.m. The following people came forward and public comment was closed at 8:44 p.m.

Robert Abrams, Lower Makefield Township	Bus Lot; Enrollment; Employment and Facilities
Doug Marshall, Lower Makefield Township	Chromebooks
Frank Carr, Falls Township	Cost of Education and Chromebooks

Dr. Gretzula addressed public comment regarding enrollment and Chromebook costs.

Mr. Dorsey addressed public comment regarding Chromebooks.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

Mr. Clarke commented upon public comment regarding the teacher contract negotiations.

Mr. Sanderson reported that enrollment totals are included in the Board Book each month.

SET AGENDA FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A motion was made by Mrs. Redner, seconded by Mr. Schwartz and unanimously approved with no abstentions to approve setting the agenda for Items I through VIII for the regular monthly meeting.

- I. Old Business
- II. Math Counts
- III. Forensics Team Tournaments
- IV. Junior Prom
- V. PTO Partnership Proposal
- VI. Contract Awards
- VII. Educational and Other Leaves
- VIII. Personnel

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

There was no further Board Discussion and Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Redner, seconded by Mr. Schwartz and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Rodgers
Board Secretary