

Happenings

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Message from the President

Officers

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is behind us and we are into a New Year. I hope everyone is keeping warm through these freezing cold temperatures!

President: Regis Foster

PJTA Dues

1st Vice President:

PJTA dues that you paid in 2017 were \$752.03

Jenny McElroy

2nd Vice President: Salary Adjustment Form

Carol Brown

Recording Secre-

tary:

Debra Cassara

Corresponding/

Social Secretary:

Claire Dillon

Treasurer:

Joseph Becker

Grievance Chairperson:

Dawn Higgins

Once you have completed an approved graduate course or 45 hours of an approved in-service course(s), you must submit a salary adjustment claim form and an official college transcript to the business office by the end of February. There are two official months for submission. One is at the end of October and the other is at the end of February of each year.

Holiday Toy Drive

I want to thank you all for your generosity in contributing to the Holiday Toy Drive.

Food Drive

Our post-holiday food drive is coming to a close. Please be generous! Jenny McElroy will be collecting everything on February 9.

Elementary End of Student School Day

PJTA had filed a Notice of Claim alleging the District violated section 209.a.1 (d) of the Taylor Law when it unilaterally notified elementary members to cease and desist of having their children in the classrooms from the end of the student school day until the end of the elementary member's workday. PJTA believes there is a long standing past practice, the district knew about the practice, and the practice was consistent between both of the elementary schools. PJTA and the district will be setting up a meeting to hopefully, come to a resolve on February 1.

Political Action Committee

There will be a political action committee "PAC" being initiated on January 29 at 3:45pm in the HS library. The purpose of this committee is for our members to be actively involved and voice the issues to the community, by



getting community support, of the issues that we are challenged with as professionals.

Committee of 100

PJTA is looking for a member who would be interested in meeting with our local politicians in Albany. At the meeting, you would meet with our local politicians lobbying what we need as educators. If you attend, you will miss two days of school and will not lose any sick days. Normally, you would go to Albany once or twice a year for two days.

If you are interested in attending, please let me know. There is a meeting scheduled for March 5 and 6 in Albany.

PJTA Constitutional Revision

PJTA will be reviewing and updating our constitution. I would like to thank everyone who signed up to revise the constitution.

Audit Committee

The audit committee met, reviewed the books and found no mistakes. I would like to thank Stephanie Kellerman, Carrie Sarbello, Scott Spears, Austin Carroll, and Lindsay Wylie for taking their time reviewing the books. Thanks goes to Joe Becker for doing a fantastic job as our Treasurer.

Happy New Year!

Regis Foster



Correspondence

Get Well

Heather Robinson

Congratulations

Jacque Jenkins, on the birth of her son, Benjamin James

Laurie and Jared Kahmar, on the birth of their daughter, Angela

Jane