

Brooklawn Middle School 11th General Assembly

Minutes of the meetings held on Monday December 17, 2007

Your Student Council President Cara called the first session of this split session meeting to order at 11:18 AM. The sixth and seventh grade members were in attendance.

<i>MOTION to suspend the regular order of business</i>	Thomas (B-12)
<i>SECOND above Motion:</i>	Dana (C-11)

The motion carried with more than the required two-thirds majority, and the regular order of business was suspended. At this time, Parsippany-Troy Hills Mayor Michael Luther spoke to the General Assembly...

Mayor Luther talked about the government in Parsippany and his role in it. There are three main branches; executive (which he belongs to), legislative and judicial. He talked about how the three branches all should have the same amount of power, and that our municipal government of Parsippany is similar to the state and federal governments. He also talked about the state government, and some local issues both in Parsippany and Denville. Every four years there is an election for the office of mayor in which to run you must live in Parsippany, be at least 18 years of age, and be a citizen of the USA.

During this meeting, Cara had to leave the room and handed the gavel over to Vice President Julia. She adjourned this session of the meeting at 11:54 AM.

Your Student Council President Cara called the second session of this split session meeting to order at 11:59 AM. The eighth grade members, as well as guest students nominated by their club or activity advisors were in attendance.

<i>MOTION to suspend the regular order of business</i>	Areta (C-20)
<i>SECOND above Motion:</i>	Michael (B-19)

The motion carried with more than the required two-thirds majority, and the regular order of business was suspended. At this time, Parsippany-Troy Hills Mayor Michael Luther spoke to the General Assembly...

Mayor Luther started off asking the General Assembly who skateboards in the basketball court down at the park. He told everyone that it is his job to make sure that everybody is safe, so he asked all of the skateboarders to put away their materials, including their pads and helmets, when they are done with them. Mayor Luther also talked about the idea of creating a new skate park in Lake Hiawatha, but it will depend on the budget and the Town Council.

Mayor Luther then talked about the government to the assembly. He talked about how the Parsippany municipal government started and how it was changed under the Faulkner Act in the early 1960's. He also talked about the line of leadership; from president, to vice president etc. Finally, he talked about the recall process and explained that if an elected official is not doing his

or her job well the voters can start a petition to ask for a recall vote. He mentioned how this was happening now to a councilman in Denville, with the positive and negative consequences of doing this.

*This session of the meeting was adjourned by your President Cara at **12:36 PM***

Your secretary, Eleazar, respectfully submits these minutes.