

PHS PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 8, 2024
6:30pm Media Center

1. In attendance- Dr Paul Jones, Trista DiDonato, Mauneen Kania, Jessica Clark, Debbie Broadwater, Maureen Nee, Cynthia OConnor, Michele Macumber, Amanda Filippone, Amy Raefski,
2. President's Report: Trista DiDonato (Trista_didonato@yahoo.com)
 - a. Thank you to parents who donated to cookie walk.
 - b. Thank you Maureen Nee and Jennifer Lynch for planters in front of the school.
 - c. New mascot "Pawlie" the Panther unveiled. He will be at events coming soon!
 - d. New rug to be gifted by PTO for entry way into school with P/Paw logo. \$2,000 cost. Approved.
 - e. Staff room refresher planned for this year. Including a water cooler, mini fridge, fresh paint and more. If you would like to volunteer to help, please let me know. Approved \$750 budget.
 - f. Save the date for the prom. Sunday June 2, 2024. End of year dates are on PHS event calendar.
3. Vice Presidents Report: Amy Raefski (amyraefski@yahoo.com).
4. Treasurer's Report: John Baldelli: (jb@baldellicpa.com)
 - a. See Financials. Trista DiDonato for John.
5. Recording Secretary's Report: Mauneen Kania (mtkania@charter.net).
 - a. Please sign attendance sheet.
6. Teachers Report: Teacher Representatives: Jodee Maciolek (jmaciolek@region15.org) and Cindy O'Connor (coconnor@region15.org). Cindy OConnor reporting.
 - a. Unified sports received special Olympics Unified Champion Banner School national recognition status. This is a distinction given to only 200 select programs nationally for demonstrating commitment to inclusion by continuously meeting 10 standards of excellence set forth by the program year after year. Congratulations to Stephanie Bregman and Unified Sports athletes for their hard work and dedication.
 - b. Daniele McCauley- Student Council hot cocoa day. Had a Spirit week and raffled off 3 prizes to spirited participants. They also presented the first School Spirit Assembly of the year. Pawlie the Panther was unveiled! Was well received.
 - c. Daniele McCauley- A collaborative classroom with peer teaching between Peer Health Educators Elective and Adapted PE. Students from both classes partner up and choose an interesting activity. Then, they design a series of support activities

and teach it to the class. So far we have done: soccer, volleyball, basketball, and whiffle ball. Up next are lawn games and floor hockey.

- d. Mrs. Perault 17 new members inducted into National English Honors Society.
 - e. Mrs Lamaro- Career center. Bristol tech, Air Force, National Guard, Oxford Academy of Hair design, EMT/ PA (Alex Cieply, PHS '11), will be here in January. Please check out our pop-up with organizing and study technique tips and videos on the Career Center site.
7. Principal's Report: Dr. Paul Jones (pjones@region15.org)
- a. Course registration will be in February for continuing students.
 - b. 8th grade parent open house next Wednesday January 17, 2024, at 6pm PHS Auditorium. Information night.
 - c. NEASC self-reflection study update for March's Collaborative Conference.
 - d. PHS Budget to be presented to BOE at the budget workshop.
 - e. Midterms planned for January 16, 17, 18, 19, 2024.
 - i. Students need to be in school for ALL classes and midterms.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Report: Amanda Filippone (amanda.filippone@me.com)

- a. December Cookie Walk, coffee etc. Well received by staff.
- b. January candy treats for staff for the New Year.
- c. February candy and treats. Details to come.

Teacher Grants: Maureen Nee (pneeid@charter.net).

- a. All grants given and most items received.

Dates to Remember:

January 15, 2024- No School (MLK Day)

Next PTO meeting is February 5, 2024 6:30pm -AP Room PHS

Meeting Adjourned 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Maureen T. Kania