

PHS PTO Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 9, 2025  
6:30pm AP Room

1. In attendance,- Mauneen Kania, Trista DiDonato, Dr. Paul Jones, Kate Friedman, Kris Szabo, Jodee Maciolek, Jessica Clark, Amy Raefski, Maureen Nee, John Baldelli, and Amanda Filippone.
2. Teachers Report- Teacher Representatives (Jodee Maciolek and Cindy O'Connor). Jodee Maciolek giving report.
  - a. Mr Guipa-Pomperaug Ink and Paper Society, the school's literary and arts magazine, has published an annual issue of Epycyte. It is poetry and short stories from students. Students Ada L, Zia M, Makeen and Emma O worked tirelessly to finish the magazine before the end of the year. Any student interested in joining this club contact Mr. Guipa. Meetings will resume next school year.
  - b. Career Center- wrapped up the year with a college essay writing workshop for Juniors, presentations to the Practical Law classes about careers in law and varied entries to law school, field trips to CT State Community College and recruitments during lunch waves for Middlebury Volunteer Fire Dept and the CT Army National Guard. We encouraged rising seniors to write their essays (or at least 1st draft) by the end of the summer and input the information into the Common Application which will significantly lighten the load during the Fall semester of Senior year.
3. President's Report
  - a. Senior Scholarships awarded Thursday June 5, 2025 to Addison B, Josie D, Marina G, and Jacob F.
  - b. Freshmen Orientation- in August
  - c. Teacher Luncheon- Well received. Teachers are grateful.
  - d. Thank you to the junior class for planning Junior/ Senior prom. Good food, and music. All had fun.
  - e. Direct donation fundraiser. Will be our main fundraiser for PTO.
  - f. Thank yous from Mrs Iannone, Yvette Lamaro, and Jean Hawley.
4. Vice Presidents Report -Amy Raefski ([amyraefski@yahoo.com](mailto:amyraefski@yahoo.com)). No report.
5. Treasurer's report- John Baldelli ([jb@baldellicpa.com](mailto:jb@baldellicpa.com)). See attached financials.

6. Recording Secretary- Mauneen Kania ([mtkania@charter.net](mailto:mtkania@charter.net)). Please sign the attendance sheet. Denise Ambrose Arnaukas will be the secretary next year.
7. Principal's Report: Dr Paul Jones ([pjones@region15.org](mailto:pjones@region15.org)).
  - a. Graduation this Saturday June 14, 2025. Rehearsals this week are mandatory for students.
  - b. Summer renovations- pool will be completed this summer. Fire alarm system being upgraded as well.
  - c. New Communications Tool- Parent Square rolling out this summer It will replace school messenger. One communication tool for all things.
  - d. We are recognizing four PHS teachers at the BOE meeting who are retiring.
8. 2025-2026 Committee Reports
  - a. Senior Scholarships (Amy Raefski) - 61 submissions. 4 recipients-Addison B, Josie D, Marina G, and Jacob F.
  - b. GrandNite- Angela Holland - Grad Nite will be June 14, 2025 11pm to 5am on June 15, 2025. 170 kids signed up so far. Amazing time for kids! Looking for volunteers for 2nd shift 2am-5am for gradNite. Also need 2 balloon arches assembled.

Dates to Remember

June 14, 2025 PHS Graduation.

Next PTO Meeting

September 2025.

Meeting Adjourned & 7:27pm

Respectfully Submitted by Mauneen T. Kania