

PHS PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, 9/8/2025

6:30pm AP Room

1. In attendance: Denise Ambrose-Arnauckas, Amy Raefski, Tarah Olsen, Amanda Filippone, Trista DiDonato, Michelle Goncalo, Michele Hankamp, Holly Hennessey, Sara Dawson, Ben Pavlock, Amy Pavlock, John Baldelli, Jodee Macidek, Paul Jones, Heather Gatesman, Megan Darraugh, Jessical Clark, Odette Scacco

2. President's Report: Trista DiDonato (Trista_didonato@yahoo.com)

- a. Freshman orientation lunch was a big success. Thank you to the volunteers, Jen Seislove, Sara Dawson, Melissa Mirabilio, and Pharell Williams.
- b. Thank you to the volunteers for the staff luncheon, Sara Dawson, Kathy Carballo & Amanda Filippone.
- c. Thank you to Jen Lynch for the flowers in front of PHS and also for painting the new paw prints on rambo.
- d. Thank you to Sara Bordeau for the planters at the front entrance of PHS.
- e. Homecoming celebration 10/24/25
- f. PTO purchased school banners and they will be installed shortly.
- g. Teacher grant applications will be out early October
- h. GradNite needs more volunteers! Email pomppto@gmail.com if you're interested.

3. Vice Presidents Report: Amy Raefski (amyraefski@yahoo.com)

- a. Welcome back! -No report.

4. Treasurer's Report: John Baldelli: (jb@baldellicpa.com)

- a. See Financials.

5. Recording Secretary's Report: Denise Ambrose-Arnauckas (deniseambrose73@yahoo.com).

- a. Please sign attendance sheet. - No report.

6. Teachers Report: Teacher Representatives: Jodee Maciolek (jmaciolek@region15.org) and Cindy O'Connor (coconnor@region15.org).

A. Auditions are underway for "The Greek," a night of Modern Greek one-acts that include dance and music. Mark your calendars for the weekend of Dec 5-7 to come see our amazing theatre company produce this play. :) Izzy Winer is Musically Directing this with Tooley Bergman and Sarah Sugden acting as Stage Managers and Addie Evans as Student Choreographer. So many kids take leadership roles in design as well! Don't miss it! :)

B. Visual Arts This year's theme is "Nature". We will be exploring the role of nature in the visual arts and how it is applied and represented in both 2D and 3D works of art. In addition, Video Production 1 and Ceramics and Pottery 1 are implementing curriculum changes that occurred this past summer. Curriculum work will hopefully continue next summer.

C) Student Council: Pack the stands initiative- flier attached.

The Student Council is looking to finalize plans for spirit week, including the homecoming celebration on Friday, October 24.

The Pomp Senate will have its first meeting on September 17. So far, we have a representative from almost 30 Pomp clubs and organizations planning to attend.

D. Upcoming Events in the Counseling Department:

All events will start at 6:30

10/23 - SchoolLinks Guardian Informational Session w/Hayley Horaz from SchoolLinks - Virtual

10/30 - How to Pay for College with Vaylark Financial Services - In Person, Auditorium

11/6 - College Planning Night w/ PHS Counselors - In Person, AP Room

*NCAA College Athlete Information Session currently being planned. Tentative Dates of 10/16 or

11/13

E. Welcome to all who are new to PHS! The College and Career Center is open from 7 AM until 3 PM every day, closing during Advisory and workshops or Rep Visits. All 9th graders have been invited to learn about the offerings, create a College Board account to receive their PSAT, SAT, and AP scores, and learn how to input Community Service hours in SchoolLinks, as well as where to see offerings. College and Trade Rep visits begin the week of 9/1, and we have over 60 schools coming so far. These are open to upperclassmen. Our monthly newsletters come out around the 15th of each month, and you can follow us on Instagram.

6. Principal's Report: Dr. Paul Jones (pjones@region15.org)

- a. NCAA - Please consider coming to the College Athlete Information Session to learn more about what NCAA means if you have a student interested in playing sports in college
- b. Parents/Guardians should download parent square- it's the main form of communication moving forward

- c. Students currently primarily use email for communication. Parent square has a student component that PHS will transition to in addition to email. All sports communication will eventually be through parent square for parents/guardians & students
- d. Events & rotation calendar are posted on the PHS site, you can subscribe to both
- e. Student life has a new initiative, "pack the stands contest". All students and staff get in free for this event.
- f. Wednesday 9/10/25 is Open House at PHS
- g. Thank you to the community for all of your generosity and support, there have been a lot of improvements around campus.
- h. Last years bond project: pool project is complete, new fire panel system is in, reupholstering the seats in the auditorium sending 50 seats at a time, new curtain, carpet, lights, stage, paint, and light strips on the floor

Committee Reports:

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

- a. Staff luncheon and freshman orientation were both a big success
- b. Amazon wish list for future celebrations and to restock items is:

Dates to Remember:

Next PTO meeting- 10/6/25 6:30PM
AP Room PHS

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by: Denise Ambrose-Arnauckas