

PHS PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 3, 2022

7:30 PM – PHS Media Center

I. Welcome and Introductions: Christine Koobatian, Jen Nikolich, Colleen Brower, Dr. Paul Jones, Jessica Clark, Mickey Rutledge, Trista DiDonato, Deb Broadwater, Michelle Goncalo, Chris Fenn, Jen Lynch, Amy Raefski, Mauneen Kania, Maureen Nee, Michael Castiblanco

II. President's Report: Christine Koobatian

a. N/A

III. Vice President's Report: Trista DiDonato

a. N/A

IV. Treasurer's Report: Jen Nikolich/ John Baldelli

a. See financials.

V. Recording Secretary's Report: Colleen Brower

a. N/A

VI. Teacher's Report: Jodee Maciolek/Cindy O'Connor

a. Not present

VII. Principal's Report: Dr. Paul Jones

a. Club fair was held today and it went well. The club fair flyers will be updated, and info posted. Clubs are started, organized and led by students with a school rep overseeing the work and progress. The administration makes sure there is no overlap in new clubs that may want to form with already existing clubs.

b. PSAT's 10/12/2022:

i. Seniors don't have to be at school. Instead, they have the option to go visit a college or job shadow. In order for seniors to have an excused absence for this day, parents, be sure to complete and return the form on the next day. If no form is returned, students will receive as an unexcused absence and the student will not be able to play a sport that day.

ii. 9 – 11thgrade students take a version of the PSAT.

c. Progress reports: coming out this week; not a formal document; just a reminder to parents to check your child's progress.

d. Scholarships: PHS is working to improve how to inform and promote scholarships available to PHS students.

e. Questions for Dr. Jones:

i. Streamlining communications that come from the PHS staff:

1. Parents are getting numerous emails from various PHS staff. It's hard for parents to keep track of all of the information. Dr. Jones will continue to review ways to improve efficiency of communication.

ii. Ability for students to stay after school while they wait for their after-school activity to start. This was an option in the past but has since been discontinued for a variety of reasons:

1. Students had minimal PHS staff oversight which led to behavioral issues.

2. Currently working on program specific ways to allow students to stay after with a team or organization.

iii. Update on when the bleachers on the away side of the football field will be replaced if at all:

1. Small temporary bleachers there now.

2. See the BOE meeting notes where this issue was discussed.

VIII. Committee Reports:

a. Hospitality: Julie Cappuzzo/Shana Hampton

i. Amanda Phillipone and Harley Harley will take this over next year. They will shadow Julie and Shana this year and take over next year.

ii. Fall treats will be coming in late October/early November

b. Fall Fundraiser: Direct Donation: Colleen Brower

i. The vast majority of funds raised through the Direct Donation fundraiser pay for the Teacher Grants, which benefit all students at PHS.

ii. \$5885 = Venmo + \$1,700 = Checks (as of 9/8/2022) = \$7,585 total donated.

iii. We are close to our \$10,000 goal. It's not too late to donate. Here's how:

1. Direct Donation flyers are also posted on the PTO website (www.Phs-ptd.org).

2. Donations are check or Venmo. Venmo username is: @PomperaugHighSchool-PTO Type 3586 if you are asked to verify you are paying the correct account.

3. \$100 is the average amount families have given in the past, but donations vary greatly, and any contribution you can give will help us reach our goal of \$10,000!

c. Teacher Grants: Maureen Nee

i. Request letters were sent out with a return date of October 14th.

ii. Committee will review the requests and move forward with selecting grants to award.

iii. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please contact Maureen Nee directly at mpnee20@gmail.com

IX. New Business:

a. N/A

Adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Brower

Dates to Remember:

10/5 No School - Yom Kippur

10/10 No School - Columbus Day

10/12 PSAT Day - No Classes

10/17 No School - Professional Development Day

11/7 PHS PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM PHS Media Center

11/23-25. Thanksgiving Break

