

PHS PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 14, 2024
6:30pm AP Room

1. In attendance- Dr. Paul Jones, Mauneen Kania, Trista DiDonato, Maureen Nee, John Baldelli, Amanda Fillippone, Jessica Clark, Amy Raefski, Cindy O'Connor, Kris Szabo, and Megan Darragh.
2. President's Report: Trista DiDonato (Trista_didonato@yahoo.com).
 - a. Direct donation is down this year. Half the amount from last year. Thank you to all who have donated.
 - b. Thank you to Maureen Nee and Jen Lynch for planting mums outside PHS. Thank you to Sarah Bourdeau for updating the planters outside the school.
 - c. Bouncy obstacle course booked for the Homecoming Tailgate (Nov 15th).
 - d. New teacher grant applications going out this month. Anyone interested in being on the committee. Please email Maureen Nee at pneid@charter.net
 - e. Reminder- Fill out "Portrait of a Graduate" Survey.
 - f. Question- Can students go to Senior nights for FREE? Dr Jones to review with Athletics Department.
3. Vice Presidents Report: Amy Raefski (amyraefski@yahoo.com). No report.
4. Treasurer's Report: John Baldelli: (jb@baldellicpa.com)
 - a. See Financials.
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).
 - a. Mr. Gaipa- Class of 2027 is hosting the 9th and 10th grade dance Saturday October 19, 2024. Fundraising event for sophomore class. Thank you to those who have already bought tickets.
 - b. Mrs. Messina- Ring dance for Juniors. November 2, 2024 (6-10pm). Rings can be purchased. Paperwork sent home with information.
 - c. Mrs. Swift for PE. Daniella McCauley has been named HS PE teacher of the year by CTAHPERD (CT Association of Health, PE, Recreation and Dance.).
 - d. Mrs. Swift- Link crew is hosting a student leadership conference where other schools are coming to PHS to learn from a Boomerang Project motivational speaker on how to bring leadership into our schools and change climate and culture.
 - e. Yvette Lamaro for Career Center. Post secondary visits to PHS will continue through mid- November. 9th grade workshop for those students who missed, for creating a

college board account and onboard students to school links. Workshop for the special education dept to let them know our offerings and help them navigate School Links. Career Center space is exclusively for seniors to work on applications for secondary planning. Other grades can make an appointment., as needed. Please see newsletter for more information from the Career Center.

- f. Danielle McCauley- PHS Peer Health Educators traveled to MES and GES to teach PE lessons on 10/10. PHE students designed and facilitated lessons based around communication strategies, problem solving and teamwork.
7. Principal's Report: Dr. Paul Jones (pjones@region15.org)
- a. Student Council-goal to bring groups/ clubs together. Planning events together. Student leaders taking the initiative to create events and ways to share kindness and integrity.
 - b. Facilities improvement- Culinary room complete, Auditorium is progressing. Art tables in, Weight room upgrades in. Pool progressing-HVAC going in this week.
 - c. Check your child's attendance. We are at the mid-point of the quarter.
 - d. Attendance forms on-line. For missed days.
 - e. Parking and pay to play fees offsets costs in the budget.
 - f. Dr. Jones will present more information on gate fees at the next PTO meeting.
 - g. Currently working on a plan regarding stadium scoreboard.

Committee Reports:

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

- a. Fall Treats this week for staff appreciation.

Dates to Remember:

October 18 No School. Professional Development
November 27-29 Thanksgiving Recess

Next PTO meeting- November 11, 2024 6:30pm. AP Room PHS

Meeting Adjourned 7:46pm

Respectfully Submitted by Mauneen Kania