**PHS PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 4, 2023**

**6:30pm Media Center**

1. In attendance- Dr. Paul Jones, Mauneen Kania, Amy Raefski, Trista DiDonato, Jessica Clark, John Baldelli, Amanda Fillippone, Odette Scacco, Sandra Lounsbury, Maureen Nee, and Jodee Maciolek.
2. President’s Report: Trista DiDonato (Trista\_didonato@yahoo.com)
3. Paper Store Fundraiser raised $525 for PTO Advisory; funds will be used for dues.
4. Panther Mascot costume has arrived. Stay tuned for its first event.
5. Staff Lounge Update coming in January. Looking for volunteers, more info to come.
6. Thank you to the Career Center & counselors for hosting the college event for parents last month.
7. Community Conversation well done and informative. In November Social Emotional Health was discussed. January (date pending) will discuss Social Media and Technology in Everyday Life.
8. School beautification- Sarah Bordeaux has offered to update planters by the main entrance. Flower bed out front will be maintained by Maureen Nee and Jen Lynch
9. BOE- discussing tennis court bids. Decision/ Voting at the 12/11/2023 BOE meeting. If you feel strongly, send an email to BOE members to express your opinion.
10. Vice Presidents Report: Amy Raefski (amyraefski@yahoo.com). No report.
11. Treasurer’s Report: John Baldelli: (jb@baldellicpa.com)
12. See Financials. $17514.54.
13. Recording Secretary’s Report: Mauneen Kania (mtkania@charter.net)
14. Please sign attendance sheet.
15. Teachers Report: Teacher Representatives: Jodee Maciolek (jmaciolek@region15.org)
16. Mrs. Belisle for Impact Club- participates in the CEA Holiday Bear Project. Students and Staff will be sponsoring 32 children in need.
17. Mx. LeClerc- Classes will be growing bonsai trees. Will be used to cover basic principles of math and biology, work on speech/ language goals and take responsibility for jobs around the building. These skills will be a part of the future leisure skills toolbox.
18. Mrs. McCauley- Student council has 3 upcoming school events.
* 12/5/23 School wide free hot cocoa during lunch waves.
	+ 12/20/23 hosting a school-wide spirit assembly.
	+ January will be hosting a sock drive.
1. Mrs. Lamaro- Career Center –
	* Thank you for the grant to buy the mug racks and yoga ball chairs.
	* Thank you to Jessica Clark for redesigning our Career Center webpage. Please check it out. [**https://phs.region15.org/counseling/college-visits/college-career**](https://phs.region15.org/counseling/college-visits/college-career)
	* 1st newsletter went out and we expect to mail out the 15th of each month.
	* Career Center continues to host many colleges and universities to PHS to meet with interested students. (recently Naval Academy, Virginia Tech, Culinary Arts Institute and Bristol Tec).
	* 12/8/23 ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test) will be administered to interested students. Result will be available in January.
	* 12/21/23 at 11am- a presentation on EMS/EMT will be given by the Southbury Ambulance Association.
	* Thank you to Jane White and the McKeown Family for your donation of hot chocolate, candy and tea donations.
2. Principal’s Report: Dr. Paul Jones (pjones@region15.org)
3. 12/20/23- School-wide Spirit assembly/Pep Rally- will spot light Unified Sports.
4. 4 weeks until end of 2nd marking period.
5. 8th grade parent open house 1/17/2023 6pm. Information to be sent out soon.
6. End of January PHS students will receive the updated Program of Studies for 2024-25 school year.
7. New courses to be presented by Dr. Jones at the next P&C meeting.
8. We have begun working on budgets for next school year.
9. Committee Reports:
10. Hospitality Report: Amanda Filippone (amanda.filippone@me.com)
* November- muffins and coffee for staff.
* December- Cookie Walk and Gift Card Scavenger Hunt for PHS Staff. Parents, please sign up to donate if you can. Signup genius will be sent out this week.
1. Teacher Grants: Maureen Nee (pneeid@charter.net) $5,000 and 14 grants gifted thus far. Teachers and staff are happy.

**Dates to Remember:**

December 25-29, 2023Winter Recess

January 1, 2024, Winter Recess

**Next PTO meeting- January 8, 2024, 6:30pm AP Room PHS**

Meeting Adjourned 7:20pm

Respectfully Submitted by Mauneen T. Kania