**PHS PTO Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

7:00 PM – via Zoom

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Christine Koobatian, Jen Nikolich, Colleen Brower, Dr. Paul Jones, Jessica Clark, Hollie Ward, Jodie Maciolek, Deb Broadwater, Julie Cappuzzo, Amy Raefski, Linda Hocking, Nora Hampton, Rebecca Bang, Shanna Hampton, Will Despres
2. **Pomperaug Impact (Student Athlete club): Student reps presenting today: Rebecca Bang, Will Despres, Nora Hampton**
   1. Social media:
      1. [www.pomperaguimpact.com](http://www.pomperaguimpact.com)
      2. Instagram @pomperaug.impact
      3. [pomperaugimpact@gmail.com](mailto:pomperaugimpact@gmail.com)
   2. What is it: A student-athlete led club aiming to "impact CT" by volunteering and fundraising for the Salvation Army. Their mission is to bring both our Pomperaug and neighborhood community closer together through our charitable actions as student athlete leaders.
   3. To date, they have raised $6,000 for Salvation Army
   4. Given over 100 volunteer hours
   5. Hosting a school wide event: Bonfire:
      1. Date: 5/14/2022 from 5 – 10 p.m.
      2. On the high school turf: Serve dinner, play games, watch movie, enter raffle
      3. Potentially looking to do a bonfire on upper field charging for s’mores and hanging out with friends if it gets proper approval
      4. Really great way to get the school community together
      5. Sent a survey to students to ascertain interest: 300 students said they thought this was a good idea
      6. Profit made from entrance and raffle tickets will be donated to the Salvation Army Family Homeless Shelter in Waterbury, CT
      7. Projected costs:
         1. Projector- $300
         2. Police- $1,656
         3. Utensils + Smores- $250
         4. Bonfire - TBD
         5. Pizza- TBD Food (pizza) Local places have said they would donate and/or discount pizza
         6. Wood: Teacher Rep Jodie Maciolek suggested they can get free wood in Washington, CT.
      8. Waiting on final word regarding the bonfire
      9. Looking to the PTO for adult supervisors for the day of the event and planning the event
      10. Christine asked the committee to put together a flyer or short paragraph about it so we cancirculate it to families and post it on social media
3. **President’s Report: Christine Koobatian**
   1. Noting new to report
4. **Vice President’s Report: Hollie Ward**
   1. N/A
5. **Treasurer’s Report: Jen Nikolich**
   1. $408.04 spent in December for a teacher grant
   2. **AmazonSmile**:
      1. It is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization (the PTO encourages you to select Pomperaug High School PTO, Inc.) every time you shop, at no cost to you.
      2. AmazonSmile is available at **[www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)**  on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.
      3. When you shop AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice (please select Pomperaug High School PTO, Inc.)
      4. Directions on how to use Amazon Smile:
         1. Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
         2. In the “Start by picking your charity” box, type in Pomperaug High School PTO, Inc. and click on “search”.
         3. On the next page, select Pomperaug High School PTO, Inc
         4. On the next page, check the box that says “Yes, I understand that I must always start at **smile.amazon.com** to support Pomperaug High School PTO Inc.”
         5. Start shopping!
   3. Dr. Jones will to send these directions to the staff and the PTO will post these directions on Facebook.
6. **Recording Secretary’s Report: Colleen Brower**
   1. N/A
7. **Teacher’s Report:** Cindy O’Connor/Jodee Maciolek
   1. National English honor society: 21 new members (junior and seniors).
   2. Best Buddies attended a holiday event with Watertown
   3. Chris-Anne Bennett passed the Biliteracy AAPL test; sparked interest in other students pursuing this as well.
8. **Principal’s Report: Dr. Paul Jones**
   1. Midterms start on Friday 1/21/2022 (pending snow days)
   2. Students must wear masks all the time while in a Region 15 building that must cover their nose AND mouth completely.
   3. Course registration information will be coming out soon including a virtual 8th grade open house;
   4. College planning process: Parents need guidance regarding the planning process:
      1. New college career counselor on staff at PHS (full time) Kim Randalut
      2. Paul reached out today 1/11/2022 to begin the ball rolling on this. Hollie and Shanna will meet with the school team on 1/21/2022
9. **Committee Reports:**
   1. Direct Donation: Colleen Brower
      1. To date, we’ve collected about $12,556 (as of 12/14/2021)
   2. Teacher Grants: Hollie Ward
      1. Teacher grants being purchased

Adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Brower

**Dates to Remember:**

1/17 - No School - MLK Day

**All PTO meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month**