

PHS PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 29, 2022
7:00 PM - PHS Media Center

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Christine Koobatian, Jen Nikolich, Colleen Brower, Dr. Paul Jones, Jessica Clark, Julie Cappuzzo, Shana Hampton, Hollie Ward, Trista DiDonato, Deb Broadwater, Michelle Goncalo, Michele Hankamp, Bill and Jen Seizlove, Alison Sokol, Rachel Drago, Anthony Drago, Heather Rogers, Michael Castiblanco, Maureen Kania, Jeanne-Marie Hudson, Harley Jablenski, Chrissie McKeown, Ghada Awada-Ghreadati
- II. **President's Report: Christine Koobatian (ckbtn@charter.net)**
 - a. Welcome to a new school year!
- III. **Vice President's Report: Trista DiDonato (trista_didonato@yahoo.com)**
 - a. N/A
- IV. **Treasurer's Report: Jen Nikolich (jjnikolich@aol.com)**
 - a. See financials.
 - b. Budget adopted
 - c. New Assistant Treasurer, John Baldelli, joined our PHS PTO Board.
- V. **Recording Secretary's Report: Colleen Brower (col52668@aol.com)**
 - a. N/A
- VI. **Teacher's Report: Jodee Maciolek (jmaciolek@region15.org)/Cindy O'Connor (coconnor@region15.org)**
 - a. Not present
- VII. **Principal's Report: Dr. Paul Jones (pjones@region15.org)**
 - a. Please read Dr. Jones emails sent today.
 - i. Website: calendar: subscribe to the calendar so you can be updated on current information of events held at school that links to your calendar.
 - ii. New app coming soon: that will sync with the calendar and your email. Stay tuned for more details.
 - iii. Student Handbook: Please read it for all of the current information on PHS.
 - b. Security updates:
 - i. PHS continues to have 4-armed security guards (former police officers) plus a school resource officer who is a Southbury police officer.
 - ii. New signage regarding security has been placed throughout the school.
 - iii. All student parking is in the front of the building now; no student parking in the rear of the building.
 - iv. Everyone must enter the building through the front main door during school hours (7:20-2:05).
 - c. Only seniors have the privilege to leave school early or come to school late when they have a study hall first or last.
 - d. PHS doesn't have a late bus yet. Stay tuned if this changes in the future.
 - e. 7:15 am is when the first bell rings; students have 5 minutes to get to class so school starts officially at 7:20 am. Plan accordingly. 2:05 pm is dismissal.
- VIII. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Hospitality: Julie Cappuzzo (juliecappuzzo@yahoo.com)/Shanna Hampton (shannakhampton@gmail.com)
 - i. Staff back to school luncheon

1. Senor Panchos catered; well received; Sign-Up Genius went out late because school messenger was down, but all slots were filled quickly. Thank you to all who donated!
- ii. Hospitality will provide Fall treats for PHS Staff around Halloween.
 1. Stay tuned for the sign-up genius
- iii. Families will be able to donate to Hospitality via Venmo now to make it easy for parents to contribute who aren't able to drop items off. Stay tuned for more details.
- b. Fall Fundraiser: Direct Donation: Colleen Brower (col52668@aol.com)
 - i. Direct Donation is our one time fundraiser for our PHS PTO. We are a 501(c)3 organization, so all donations should be tax deductible. The money we raise supports our operating budget, which funds Teacher Grants, Senior Scholarships, Freshman Orientation and Staff Appreciation events. Flyers will be distributed to students in Advisory during the first week, and will also be posted on the PTO website (www.Phs-pto.org).
 - ii. Donations are check or Venmo. Venmo username is: @PomperaugHighSchool-PTO Type 3586 if you are asked to verify you are paying the correct account.
 - iii. \$100 is the average amount families have given in the past, but donations vary greatly, and any contribution you can give will help reach our goal of \$10,000!
 - iv. The Fundraiser begins now and ends Friday, September 30, 2022.

IX. New Business:

- a. Hospitality:
 - i. We are in need of 1 or 2 people to fill this role next year as Julie and Shanna's children will graduate in June.
- b. Teacher Grants:
 - i. This committee will meet late October/early November to discuss possible recipients. Maureen Nee is the Chairperson.
- c. PTO Scholarship Awards:
 - i. Rachel Drago and Amy Raefski will chair this committee this year.
- d. Student Events:
 - i. We are renewing this event. It was put on hold during Covid. If you have any ideas for student events, please let PTO know. This could include an activity, guest speaker or workshop. If anyone is aware of a program that went well in another high school, please share that information, and maybe we can bring it to PHS.

Adjourned at 8:05 pm
Respectfully submitted by Colleen Brower

Dates to Remember:

9/5 No school - Labor Day
 9/12 BOE meeting - 7:30 PHS Media Center
 9/26 No school - Rosh Hashanah
 9/27 BOE Meeting - 7:30 PHS Media Center
 10/3 PHS PTO Meeting - 7pm PHS Media Center
 10/5 No school - Yom Kippur
 10/10 No school - Columbus Day
 10/12 PSAT (Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors)
 10/17 No school - Professional Development Day

All PHS PTO meetings will take place on the 1st Monday of every month, unless it interferes with a Board of Education meeting or school is not in session. Upcoming meetings include 10/2, 11/7 and 12/5.