**PHS PTO Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

8:30 PM – Zoom

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Christine Koobatian, Jen Nikolich, Colleen Brower, Dr. Paul Jones, Jessica Clark, Cindy O’Connor, Deb Broadwater
2. **President’s Report: Christine Koobatian**
   1. Referendum is May 4. Local businesses are giving discounts if you mention “Referendum Day”. Press release will go out tomorrow. Please remember to vote and remind all members of your household that are eligible to vote.
3. **Vice President’s Report: Hollie Ward**
   1. N/A
4. **Treasurer’s Report: Jen Nikolich**
   1. See financials.
   2. Teacher grants bought and are being delivered.
   3. GradNite contribution has been received.
5. **Recording Secretary’s Report: Colleen Brower**
   1. N/A
6. **Teacher’s Report:** Cindy O’Connor: EMAIL CINDY FOR THE INFO
   1. From Dr. Birden and Mr. Garr:
      1. The Asian Student Union took informed action in planning and hosting a fundraiser event open to all of PHS on 4/7.
      2. Elected student officers carefully researched and selected four worthy nonprofit organizations to consider focusing their efforts on and posed the organizations to the ASU club members.
      3. Members selected Heart of Dinner as the organization they'd like to focus on; the mission of Heart of Dinner is "to combat food insecurity and isolation within NYC’s elderly Asian American community. We do this by delivering care packages of hot lunches and fresh produce every Wednesday, lovingly paired with a handwritten and illustrated letter in their native language to bring warmth and comfort."
      4. ASU students wrote handwritten notes in a variety of languages, decorated bags, and held a potluck event and video game tournament to raise money for the organization.
      5. Many students made Asian dishes that are cherished by their families to offer to event attendees.
      6. The students raised over $300 and over spring break the ASU Vice President hand-delivered the notes, bags, and funds to the Heart of Dinner org in NYC!
      7. vii.The Asian Student Union's faculty advisors are Mr. Garr & Dr. Birden.
   2. From Mrs. O’Toole:
      1. Halo Awards will be in person at the Palace Theatre in Waterbury on June 1. PTC awaits notification of nominations that are likely to come Mid May. We will be performing one number from Wizard of Oz for the awards night itself which is exciting!
   3. The PTC seniors are jumping in and putting on a short one act play entirely on their own to end the year doing some theatre! They are going to be part of our Acting 2 and Sketch Improvisation class showcase night on May 23rd at 6pm-8pm performing outside the black box on our outdoor stage.
   4. From Andrea Jakiela:
      1. 34 Annual Art show. Friday, April 29, 6-9 Saturday April 30, 10-2
   5. From Heather Iannone:
      1. Eco Friends/ Ecology Club will be at the Energy Fair this weekend in Southbury
   6. Best Buddies
      1. They will be participating in the CT Best Buddies Friendship Walk on May 1. Many students are walking and volunteering at this event. We are currently selling Naugatuck Duck Day Tickets for $5. Please contact us if you would like to purchase a raffle ticket.
   7. From Marge Griffin:
      1. World Language- 2 more students have earned the Seal of Biliteracy by passing the AAPPL exam in Italian!
   8. Seal of Biliteracy in Italian and English
   9. Spanish and French National Honor Societies will be having Induction Ceremonies soon (it was scheduled for on April 20. Stay tuned for the date)
7. **Principal’s Report: Dr. Paul Jones**
   1. AP testing starts in 2 weeks. AP exams will be taken at the Wyndham Hotel to best support the needs of students.
   2. Next Wednesday is the SAT make-up day. This is the state mandated SAT exam.
   3. Awards season: Awards will be given at the BOE meetings over the next month or so.
   4. Senior walk through the elementary school: A new favorite tradition will occur again this year.
8. **Committee Reports: Julie Capuzzo**
   1. Sign Up Genuis’s fill so quickly. A big thank you to all the parents who continually contribute their time, energy and supplies to honor the PHS staff!
   2. 5/12: Staff Appreciation Week: still deciding on a grab and go type snack
   3. 5/16: full luncheon for staff with catering from Julio’s. Maybe do a raffle of gift cards as well.
   4. End of the Year appreciation celebration being planned. Brainstorming ideas.
9. New Business:
   1. Counseling/Career Services: PHS counseling and career services partnership:
      1. The PTO will be partnering with the PHS counseling and career services team to ensure greater connectivity between PHS and the parent community.
      2. Debbie Broadwater and Kathy Green graciously stepped up as parent volunteers to lead this effort.
      3. Two wonderful, local summer opportunities for juniors. For questions, please reach out to Ms. Randalot at krandalot@region15.org or 203-262-3224.
         1. The American Legion host The American Legion State civic leadership programs each summer for outstanding high school juniors.
            1. This non-partisan program is a six-day, hands-on experience in the operation and fundamentals of government. There will be opportunity to campaign, review charters, create a party platform, and draft and vote on bills. If you’re interested in having the experience of being a lawmaker, this is a great opportunity for you.
            2. Event Date: June 25-30, 2022
            3. Event location: The Trumbull Marriott hotel in Trumbull, CT.
            4. Apply:

Visit the [Connecticut Boys State website](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ctboysstate.org%2Findex.html%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR18Zt22L1636XsPTe6zVb1v_dOFQM61XuZyZ4rtZq3BWSxVWMq9Wos-amg&data=05%7C01%7C%7C74d2af8b4be14c028b7108da27fbb0fc%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637866259212103510%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KWIlvWdLkjpdp7VldVS%2Be8FULeSlykjUU%2BITri%2Bg8jo%3D&reserved=0) to learn more and access the [application](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fl.facebook.com%2Fl.php%3Fu%3Dhttps%25253A%25252F%25252Fctlegion.org%25252Fwp-content%25252Fuploads%25252F2022%25252F02%25252F2022-Boys-State-Application-2.pdf%25253Ffbclid%25253DIwAR0-qOg0NNP84_UbUjznfnl0FK4rBVZv_Uuanegn6JaTVs1HNDAqc8DOveE%26h%3DAT0w0fylMbcCl55JU_8mwoPBo5WReVrVM3F7em7h21eQZXahB6HSXDA_qcjaELQivaZv_fm1Uq9ltEc-iLvFXKpVGuG7RtUmkxOjmiOOwh1-5OdKh9P_QG9D3HD71BjjF2QsK5NlkY7bvQ44uUYc%26__tn__%3D-UK-R%26c%25255b0%25255d%3DAT2eTv6_3nDCDZ-5bxSslnHiwRFefjE8VNROd2SnmBYpXgvkuGcdWARgng0ycDeWOps1BE4kTDUXLxM4zjNRzccn6EIkD595CzQoxLIIgZ35WtBtaJZj_clGt-TDhJEODbQJANlORZEzzgZHx8Tns03e_cwOzNZ2kxo2EcDuYT8iVDBy6Ri2uY4hfX7pIRNHCUntKdzj81gviZtOMw8b5ggVJvjwJJq2&data=05%7C01%7C%7C74d2af8b4be14c028b7108da27fbb0fc%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637866259212103510%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DqVdeo9IMUFmLt6bde9eYDsJHjct0v7EQjXFh%2BFtaUo%3D&reserved=0).

*The Legion generously covers the program cost.*

Applications must be received by June 10, 2022.

Applications must be mailed directly to our local Legion: Att: Bob Riendeau, 23C Heritage Crest, Southbury, CT 06488.

* + - * 1. Please note: The CT American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is postponed this year, unfortunately, but will be back next year.
      1. CT State Police Youth Week is a co-ed program patterned after police recruit training. Students will have the opportunity to participate in criminal and accident investigation, patrol techniques, and other police officer skill training. If you’re interested in a career in law enforcement, this is a great opportunity for you.
         1. Event Date: August 7-13, 2022
         2. Event location: The State Police Training Academy in Meriden, CT.
         3. Apply:

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* 1. Volunteer Appreciation: An all volunteers reception before the Monday May 9th BOE meeting instead of selecting 1 volunteer from each school as the volunteer of the year. Please make sure volunteers are notified.
  2. Teacher of the Year and Para Educator of the Year will be recognized on 5/8: Look for information posted on the Region website. Parents AND students can write letters of recommendation.
  3. PTO Board: Seeking new board members! Opening next year for Vice President, with hopes of eventually becoming President the following year. Also openings for Treasurer and Secretary in two years, and ideally we would like to start getting new board members involved next year for a seamless transition in 2023. If you’re interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Christine Koobatian at ckbtn@charter.net

| **BOARD MEMBER POSITION** | **WHEN NEEDED** | **NOTES** |
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| Vice President | 2022 – 2023: | Ideal person would take over this position next school year with the intention of moving into the President position in 2023-2024. |
| President | 2023-2024 | Ideal persons would hold these positions for the next 3-4 years while their child(ren) are at PHS. |
| Treasurer | 2023-2024 |
| Secretary | 2023-2024 |

Adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Brower

**Dates to Remember:**

4/29 Art Show 6-9PM

4/30 Art Show 10AM-2PM

5/4 Region 15 Referendum

5/6 Nominations Due for Teacher of the Year

5/9 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM, PHS Media Center

5/10 PHS PTO Meeting 7:00 PM, PHS Media Center

5/11 PHS Jazz Band, Chamber Singers & Chamber Orchestra Concert, 7PM

5/16 Early Dismissal & PHS Staff Lunch

5/17 National Art Honor Society Induction, 5:30 PM

5/18 PHS Chorale & Symphonic Band Concert, 7:00 PM

5/19 Science and Math Honor Society Induction, 6:00 PM

5/25 National English Honor Society Induction, 2:15 PM

5/25 PHS Concert Choir, Band & Orchestra Concert, 7PM

5/30 Memorial Day - No School

6/2 Scholarship & Awards Night, 6PM

6/3 Senior Yearbook Banquet, 12PM

6/5 Junior/Senior Prom

6/6 No School

6/7 Tri M Induction, 7PM

6/8 Senior Trip, 8AM

6/9 National Honor Society Induction, 6:30 PM

6/13 BOE Meeting, 7:30 PM, PHS Media Center

6/14 Senior Walk and Graduation Practice, 8AM

6/14 PHS PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM, PHS Media Center

6/16 Graduation Practice, 8AM

6/18 GradNite

6/20 Graduation Practice, 8AM

6/20 Graduation, 4PM

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