**PHS PTO Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

7:00 PM – PHS Media Center

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Christine Koobatian, Jen Nikolich, Colleen Brower, Dr. Paul Jones, Julie Cappuzzo, Jessica Clark, Hollie Ward, Cindy O’Connor (8)
2. **President’s Report: Christine Koobatian ([ckbtn@charter.net](mailto:ckbtn@charter.net))**
   1. Homecoming dance sold out quickly so thank you to the PHS administration for handling the ticket sell out well. Every student who wanted a ticket was able to go.
   2. Concern about staff morale: We know that staff are exhausted after a year and a half of COVID related issues. Please take the time to email, text, write and or simply say thank you to your children’s teachers, counselors and administrators. This simple gesture can really impact staff morale and is very appreciated.
3. **Vice President’s Report: Hollie Ward ([ward24@me.com](mailto:ward24@me.com))**
   1. N/A
4. **Treasurer’s Report: Jen Nikolich ([jjnikolich@aol.com](mailto:jjnikolich@aol.com))**
   1. N/A
5. **Recording Secretary’s Report: Colleen Brower ([col52668@aol.com](mailto:col52668@aol.com))**
   1. N/A
6. **Teacher’s Report:** Cindy O’Connor (**[coconnor@region15.org](mailto:coconnor@region15.org)**)/Jodee Maciolek (**[jmaciolek@region15.org](mailto:jmaciolek@region15.org)**)
   1. Homecoming dance was amazing and beautiful! 386 students attended.
   2. Mrs. O’Toole and the Fall play in November called “Hounds of Baskerville”: tickets are on sale now during lunch waves but no tickets will be sold at the door. An email will be sent out to families regarding ticket sales. Students are building the sets too.
   3. Best Buddies had their first meeting
   4. World language Spanish history month and the day of the dead decorated the hallways.
   5. French classes are celebrating national French week with a lot of fun activities
   6. We are proud to have our first student testing for the Seal of Biliteracy that when earned would be part of her diploma.
7. **Principal’s Report: Dr. Paul Jones ([pjones@region15.org](mailto:pjones@region15.org))**
   1. We have been excited to watch our fall athletic teams and wish all of those still competing the best of luck!
   2. Staff are working to help students build back into routines that will promote the best academic and social/emotional learning environment.
   3. Report cards will be available on the parent portal of Power School and a communication will be sent out regarding these.
   4. The PHS Theories of Action 2 and 4 were shared at the Board of Education meeting last night.
   5. Students in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades are working in Advisory to review Community Service requirements.
   6. SMART:
      1. Internet Safety Concepts: parents are encouraged to attend this virtual webinar on Wednesday, November 17th at 6:30pm. Region 15 middle and high school students will be participating in a student version of this program on 11/19, which is intended to educate and increase awareness of the possible consequences youth may face when not considering safety using technology.
8. **Committee Reports:**
   1. Direct Donations: Colleen Brower ([col52668@aol.com](mailto:col52668@aol.com))
      1. Accepting donations both in check format as well as Venmo (new this year). If you’d like to make a donation, here is the information regarding how to do so:
         1. Make checks payable to PHS PTO, INC. or use Venmo. Venmo username is: @PomperaugHighSchool-PTO Type 3586 if you are asked to verify you are paying the correct account.
         2. Please put your donation in an envelope marked: “PTO Fundraiser” and mail to: PHS PTO, Inc., 234 Judd Road, Southbury, CT 06488 OR drop off in PHS Main Office
      2. To date, we’ve collected $12,416 (as of 11/2/2021)
         1. $5,276 = Venmo
         2. $7,140 = Check
   2. Hospitality: Julie Cappuzzo ([juliecappuzzo@aol.com](mailto:juliecappuzzo@aol.com))/Shanna Hampton ([shannakhampton@gmail.com](mailto:shannakhampton@gmail.com))
      1. Fall treats: families donated generously
      2. December treats ideas: will communicate with Dr. Jones
   3. Teacher Grants: Hollie Ward ([ward24@me.com](mailto:ward24@me.com))
      1. Requests sent to staff
      2. 11/10 deadline for returns
      3. Early December for selection
9. **New Business/Discussion:**
   1. Student targeted event: working on it; Spring event is likely but we will have to take a wait and see approach regarding health restrictions, etc.

Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Brower

**Dates to Remember:**

11/17 -SMART Internet Safety virtual webinar at 6:30

11/18 - SMART Seminar on Internet Safety for students during Advisory

11/22 - BOE Meeting, 7:30 PM Media Center

11/24-26 No School - Thanksgiving Break

12/13 - BOE Meeting, 7:30 Media Center

12/14 - PHS PTO Meeting, 7 PM Media Center

12/24-10/2 - Winter Recess

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