PHS PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, October, 2 2023

6:30pm Media Center

1. In attendance- Trista DiDonato, Mauneen Kania, John Baldelli, Brian Jehning, Debbie Broadwater, Amy Raefski, Michelle Dunn, Marnie D’uva- Zalewski, Cynthia Winer, Odette Scacco, Alketa Deokj, Michele Haukamp, and Kathy Green.
2. President’s Report: Trista DiDonato (Trista\_didonato@yahoo.com)
3. Thank you for direct donation donors. Thank you for Jen Lynch and Maureen Nee for planting flowers in the front of the school. They look great!
4. Thank you to the PHS staff for in person open house and all those parents who attended.
5. Electronic sign for PHS. Application was denied by the Town of Southbury. Due to the no dynamic sign restriction. We can appeal. Will look to obtain sponsorships for cost. Discussion- do we want to pursue this? Voted and group voted yes we should continue to pursue this and research options, cost, etc.
6. Student events sponsored by PTO. Have done events in the past and would like to bring them back. Need ideas. Please bring ideas to PTO. Dr Jones to ask teachers for ideas as well.
7. Athletic department is looking for corporate sponsors to raise money for a new electronic score board for the PHS turf field. Will redo sponsorship signs above bleachers. Applications will be posted on the website.
8. Vice Presidents Report: Amy Raefski (amyraefski@yahoo.com)
9. Thank you for open house. Was nice to meet teachers and advisors in person.
10. Treasurer’s Report: John Baldelli: (jb@baldellicpa.com)
11. See Financials. Noted- $11,781 taken in for Direct donation.
12. Recording Secretary’s Report: Mauneen Kania (mtkania@charter.net). Please sign attendance sheet.
13. Teachers Report: Teacher Representatives: Jodee Maciolek (jmaciolek@region15.org) and Cindy O’Connor (coconnor@region15.org). No Teachers present.
14. Yvette Lomaro sent note regarding Career Center. The Career Center hosted 264 senior student visits during “September for Seniors” for support with post-secondary paperwork, primarily the common application, Naviance assistance to register for college visits and college essay brainstorming and/ or editing. 24 college or university representatives spent time with interested junior and senior students on a sign-up basis throughout the month. Check Naviance daily for new signups.

Lincoln Tech- East Windsor came to talk to students 9/12/2023.

The US Coast Guard and the US Navy will be tabling one day for seniors and one day for juniors during lunch waves.

October’s focus in the center is “Not-So-Scary October” where our freshman will be invited for a portion of their study hall (or another time if they don’t have a study hall) to come into the space to meet me (Yvette Lomaro)and Mrs. McGroarty (a school counselor who is part of the programming team for the center), have an overview of the services offered and set up an account for things like receiving the PSAT scores.

1. Principal’s Report: Brian Jehning for Dr. Paul Jones
2. Open House was a success.
3. Club Fair for students held last Thursday at school in the auxiliary gym. There are 47 active clubs and organizations at PHS. Pictures and videos of event to be posted on website soon.
4. Freshmen Tailgate Party was a huge success. 150 freshmen and 40 Link Crew attended. Drum line led students down to field before game. School store donated raffle prizes. Mr. Gaipa and Mrs. Swift are the advisors for link crew. Link Crew to continue to work with freshmen during advisory throughout year.
5. PSAT scheduled for Thursday October 5, 2023.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Report: Trista DiDonato for Amanda Filippone.

1. Custodian Appreciation Day 10/1/23- Pizza & cookies brought in for our custodial staff.
2. October- Sweets/ Halloween treats for staff. Sign up Coming soon.

Dates to Remember:

10/5/2023 PSAT

10/6/2023 No School- Professional Development

10/9/2023 No School- Columbus Day

Next PTO meeting 11/6/2023 6:30pm

AP Room PHS

Meeting Adjourned 7:10pm

Respectfully Submitted by Mauneen T. Kania