PTO Meeting 11/7/2022, 7pm

PHS Library

In Attendance-

Mauneen Kania, Michelle Rutledge, Jen Nikolich, Paul Jones, Michele Hankamp, Michelle Goncalo, Jodee Maciolek, Trista DiDonato, Brendan Merritt, Jessica Clark, Christine Koobatian, Maureen Nee.

President’s Report - Christine Koobatian (ckbtn@charter.net)

Welcome & Introductions

PTO Advisory- Learned that 2 Region bonds will be ending in the next two years, $600K this year and $1M next. The region is considering new bonds to address facility needs, including the pool, HVAC at PHS (heating, ventilation and air conditioning), and tennis courts, among many other much needed improvements with our facilities. These would have a neutral impact on our budget. I encourage parents to email Board of Education members or attend BOE meetings to voice their opinions regarding this.

Vice President’s report-Trista DiDonato (trista\_didonato@yahoo.com)- nothing to report

Treasurer’s Report- Jen Nikolich (jjnikolich@aol.com) - reviewed budget/balance

Recording Secretary’s Report- Mauneen Kania filling in for Colleen Brower (col52668@aol.com)

Teachers Report - Jodee Maciolek (jmaciolek@region15.org) -

* Science Bowl lots of student interest. Competition in March.
* FCCLA- collecting used dresses, gowns, dress clothes for proms. Donations can be brought to Room 115. Email Mrs O’Toole if in need of an outfit for prom (motoole@region15.org)
* PHS School Play- Dance at Lughnasa Dates Dec 2,3,4. 7pm Show Friday & Saturday, Sunday matinee. Jimmy Hunter will be a student director. Tickets for sale online.
* Hispanic Heritage month-November celebration.
* National French week- Nov 7-11. Franco, trivia. Hallway decorated with French culture elements.
* LatinX- hosted a cultural afternoon. Dances, food. Lots of students participated.

Principal’s Report- Paul Jones

* As a follow-up to the last meeting, many honor societies have sent information to students who are currently eligible to apply for admission – Students need to meet requirements, and will be inducted in Spring.
* Record Fall for PHS athletes. 4 SWC championships out of 9 sports. Plus a 2nd place State XC Girls win and Class LL champion. Impressive. Great Day to be a Panther!! Can feel the pride/ school spirit in the school.
* New flag pole installed by the turf field looks great.
* Next week Senior Semi and Junior Ring Dance. Separate events. Both at Grand Oak Villa, in separate rooms.
* Reports cards will be available for 1st marking period next week. They will be available on Powerschool. No hard copies.
* Budget discussions will begin soon.
* Students register for next years classes in February.
* Questions from the Group:
  1. Graduation date? When will that be set? Usually April.
  2. Group discussed purchasing an electronic bulletin board. Maureen Nee will review costs. Considering putting at entrance of school or on the corner Straits Turnpike & Judd Rd.
  3. Athletics- Discussion about parent concerns/complaints. Kids play sports through HS. Why do some leave early? Is there an exit interview? Discuss coaching & programs. How does PHS measure success? PHS athletic programs are working through gathering student and parent feedback in a more inclusive manner through surveys. Anyone who has concerns is also encouraged to contact the Athletic Director and/or building administration.

Committee Reports

Hospitality- Christine Koobatian for Julie Cappuzzo and Shanna Hampton

Halloween- Candy and coffee/tea/hot cocoa for staff. Well received by staff. Lots of generous donations from PHS families.

Fall Fundraiser- Exceeded goal. Still Accepting donations.

Teacher Grants- Maureen Nee. 8 applications for total $3,300. $7,000 budget available. Teacher Grant Committee will evaluate applications following the PTO meeting.

New Business- none

Dates to Remember:

11/14: Board Of Education Meeting, PHS Media Center, 7:30 PM

11/19: Senior Semi Formal and Junior Ring Dance - Grand Oak Villa

11/23-25: Thanksgiving Recess

11/28: Board Of Education Meeting, PHS Media Center, 7:30 PM

12/2: Early Dismissal, Professional Development Half Day

12/2-12/4: PHS School Play

12/5: PHS PTO Meeting, PHS Media Center, 7:00 PM

12/12: Board Of Education Meeting, PHS Media Center, 7:30 PM

12/13: Chorale, Symphonic Band & Orchestra Concert

12/21: Choir, Band & Orchestra Concert

12/26-1/2: No School, Winter Recess

Adjourn- 8:06pm