**PHS PTO Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 3, 2023

6:30 PM – PHS AP Room

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Christine Koobatian, Jen Nikolich, Colleen Brower, Dr. Paul Jones, Julie Cappuzzo, Deb Broadwater, Shana Hampton, Trista DiDonato, Cindy O’Connor, Lisa Coville, Jean-Marie Hudson
2. **President’s Report: Christine Koobatian ([ckbtn@charter.net](mailto:ckbtn@charter.net))**
   1. Superintendent presented the school budget to the BOE with a 5.9% increase due to the cost of everything going up (many surrounding towns have higher budget proposals). It is a maintenance budget.
   2. Budget workshop last week went very well. Boards of Finance from both towns and the Middlebury First Selectman overwhelmingly support the school budget.
   3. The Board will vote on the budget tonight, and it will go to referendum to both towns on Wednesday, May 3rd.
3. **Board of Education meetings:**
   1. **Monday, April 3, 2023, BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, PHS Media Center**  
      Adopt Budget
   2. **Monday, April 24, 2023, BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, PHS Media Center**
   3. **Tuesday, May 2. 2023 District Meeting 6:00 p.m, Location TBA**
   4. **Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Referendum Voting, 6:00 am - 8:00 pm**  
      Shepardson Community Center, 1172 Whittemore Road, Middlebury  
      Southbury Firehouse, 461 Main Street South, Southbury
4. **Vice President’s Report: Trista DiDonato ([trista\_didonato@yahoo.com](mailto:trista_didonato@yahoo.com))**
   1. N/A
5. **Treasurer’s Report: Jen Nikolich ([jjnikolich@aol.com](mailto:jjnikolich@aol.com)) / John Baldelli ([jb@baldellicpa.com](mailto:jb@baldellicpa.com))**
   1. See financials.
   2. Current balance = $15,819.35
6. **Recording Secretary’s Report: Colleen Brower ([col52668@aol.com](mailto:col52668@aol.com))**
   1. N/A
7. **Teacher’s Report: Jodie Maciolek/Cindy O’Connor**
   1. Link Crew is currently looking for Leaders (rising juniors and seniors) for next year's program, which includes Freshman Orientation, Freshman Tailgate, a year-long connection through Advisory, and other fun and meaningful activities and events! Applications from current sophomores and juniors are due Monday April 17. Potential applicants can see Mrs. Swift or Mr. Gaipa with any questions.
   2. Special Ed Department: Best Buddies will be having an Earth Day clean up after school on Thursday, 4-20-23 for all students who wish to participate. The volunteer hours count toward student required community hours.
   3. The PHS Art National Honor Society held a successful "Paint Night" on March 29th. Attendees painted spring flowers on a yellow backdrop with the instruction and help from PHS National Honor art students.
   4. Mrs. O’Toole: Come see PTC's Production of "Big Fish" April 21-23!
      1. QR code is on our posters in order to buy your tickets in advance. Support the incredible work of our students backstage and on stage.
      2. Here is the Youtube link to the PHS Big Fish Musical:  
         <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3cCddeUID0>
8. **Principal’s Report: Dr. Paul Jones ([pjones@region15.org](mailto:pjones@region15.org))**
   1. Bond referendum: Boards of Finance from Southbury and Middlebury toured the PHS campus and saw the issues needing repair (for example the away side bleachers in the stadium, pool, storage unit, etc.). In addition, the culinary classroom is really a home economics classroom built in 1971. It does not have any commercial equipment needed to meet curricular demands.
   2. PHS school budget is slightly increased from previous years. This is largely due to the increased cost of every day supplies.
   3. 43 days left in the school year. Watch your emails after spring break for end of the year events.
   4. Senior Experience Expo: It was amazing! Projects were amazing. We were able to see areas where we can grow for future years.
   5. Course registration complete; schedules will come out in June pending the budget passing.
   6. Musical, concerts and spring athletics: check them all out!!
   7. Booster club management:
      1. BOE revamped the policy last year.
      2. However, there remains a wide variation of functionality and management of Booster clubs.
      3. Booster clubs can operate in one of two ways:
         1. All monies go thru student activities account OR
         2. Club is a non-profit
9. **Committee Reports:** 
   1. Hospitality: Julie Cappuzzo ([juliecappuzzo@yahoo.com](mailto:juliecappuzzo@yahoo.com))/Shana Hampton ([shannakhampton@gmail.com](mailto:shannakhampton@gmail.com))
      1. Last event put on by Julie and Shana is Teacher Appreciation Week (Week of May 8): Grab and Go
      2. End of Year Staff Luncheon will be on June 5 and organized by Amanda Fillippone, the new hospitality coordinator.
10. **PTO Scholarship Committee Rachel Drago ([dragorachel1@gmail.com](mailto:dragorachel1@gmail.com)) & Amy Raefski (amyraefski@yahoo.com):** 
    1. $500 PTO scholarships will be given to four PHS students. The committee will meet this month.
    2. Scholarship Committee is comprised of PHS parents (who don’t have current seniors) who signed up on the PTO Volunteer form that was distributed in the beginning of the school year.
11. **Other Business: Say Yes, Everyone gets a dress!** Lisa Coville is the Coordinator
    1. Collections are being taken now for men’s suits, ties, men’s shoes; women’s prom dresses, shoes, jewelry, purses, etc. All will be donated to individuals who can’t afford these items. Donations can be used not just for dances but for Dress for Success Day that some sports teams require.
    2. Make-up application, hair and clothing alterations will be done by theater company.

Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Brower

**Dates to Remember:**

4/7-16: No School, Spring Break

4/24: BOE Meeting 7:30 PM PHS Media Center

5/1: PHS PTO Meeting 7:00 PM PHS Media Center

5/2: BOE District Meeting, 6PM PHS Media Center

**5/3: School Budget Referendum, Polls open 6AM-8PM**

5/8: BOE Meeting 7:30 PM PHS Media Center

5/15: Early Dismissal, Professional Development

5/22: BOE Meeting 7:30 PM PHS Media Center

5/29: No School, Memorial Day

6/5: No School, Professional Development

6/12: PHS PTO Meeting, **6:30** PM PHS AP Room (Note time)

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**Next meeting is Monday, May 1, at 7pm**