**PHS PTO Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

7:00 PM – PHS Media Center

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Christine Koobatian, Christopher Koobatian, Jen Nikolich, Colleen Brower, Dr. Paul Jones, Jessica Clark, Jodee Maciolek
2. **President’s Report: Christine Koobatian (ckbtn@charter.net)**
   1. Region 15 school budget passed on May 4th in both towns.
   2. Next year’s budget reflects a reduction in the cost of student parking from $175 to $100 next year.
3. **Vice President’s Report: Hollie Ward (ward24@me.com)**
   1. N/A
4. **Treasurer’s Report: Jen Nikolich (jjnikolich@aol.com)**
   1. See financials. No expenditures this month.
5. **Recording Secretary’s Report: Colleen Brower (col52668@aol.com)**
   1. N/A
6. **Teacher’s Report: Jodee Maciolek** (**jmaciolek@region15.com**)
   1. CTE/ Family & Consumer Sciences: Amanda Stirgwolt
      1. The Exploring Childhood II class of 12 students are completing an internship this May at Long Meadow Elementary School. Students are shadowing teachers and using what they have learned in the PHS classroom to support LMES teachers in their lessons. Many of the Exploring Childhood II students are interested in social work, medicine and education for their future careers. This opportunity is giving them some hands-on experience toward their future goals. The LMES teachers and staff have commented about how wonderful it is to have extra helpers in the classroom. Students will be going to LMES once a week for 5 weeks.
   2. Unified Sports: Stephanie Bregman
      1. Some of our team members took an icy swim at the Penguin Plunge at the end of February raising money for the Special Olympics. As part of the team's fundraising efforts, PHS principal and assistant principals took part in a Pie-a-Principal event. Mr. Jehning graciously took a pie to the face for bringing in the most money votes from PHS students and staff.
      2. Pomperaug hosted 5 area high schools for a Unified basketball tournament on March 1. Our basketball team was then invited to play a halftime game at Mohegan Sun during the CIAC basketball championship. 9 players traveled to Mohegan Sun and competed against Oxford High School's Unified team.
      3. On April 3, a group of Unified Sports players competed in the first ever Unified Cheer tournament held at Oxford High School and won the award for Best Dance.
   3. The new M&M club (Media and Movement) is off and running, walking and rolling. Funded by a grant by Special Olympics, this new club has provided Fitbit trackers for students to wear with the intention of encouraging each other to make and meet healthy lifestyle goals and connect students through the Fitbit platform for social interaction. The club has additional Fitbits and is looking to find more students to participate.
7. **Principal’s Report: Dr. Paul Jones (pjones@region15.org)**
   1. Graduation info will be coming out soon. Stay tuned for details.
   2. End of the year events: All scheduled in the calendar of events on the Region 15 website.
   3. Check Power School to check your child’s grades now before the last few days of school.
   4. Special thank you to the PTO for their support on the budget passing.
   5. Schedules will come out in June.
   6. Teacher Appreciation Week: Great week; thank you!
8. **Committee Reports:**
9. **Hospitality: Julie Cappuzzo (juliecappuzzo@yahoo.com) and Shanna Hampton (shannakhampton@gmail.com)**
   1. Last week our PHS staff was treated to a “grab and go” for staff appreciation week.
   2. The year-end luncheon will be next Monday and will be catered by Julio’s. A Sign Up Genius for supplemental items was emailed this week and almost slots are filled. Thank you to our generous families!
10. **Scholarship: Jeanne-Marie Hudson (jmphudson@hotmail.com)**
    1. PTO Scholarship Awards: Jeanne-Marie Hudson led this committee, which included Irina Mulla, Valerie Guerin, Chen Shu, Amanda Farren, Rachel Drago, Amy Raefski, Shanna Hampton, Christine Koobatian, Denise Ambrose, Lori DePalma, Lori Keefe, Leslie Nagy, Jessica Bisceglia, Mauneen Kania and Cristen Weber. Four students will receive $500 scholarships, and the recipients will be announced on Awards Night on June 2nd. 31 students applied this year, which is low compared to the 80+ applicants we have typically received. Dr. Jones mentioned that the low application level was consistent across the board. Next year we will communicate the scholarship application information to parents to encourage their kids to apply. Thank you to Jeanne-Marie Hudson for a job exceptionally well done, and thank you to Rachel Drago and Amy Raefski for agreeing to chair this committee next year.
    2. **New Business**
    3. **Succession Planning**: Seeking new PHS PTO board members! 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 2-4 years while their child(ren) are at PHS. |
| Treasurer | 2023-2024 |
| Secretary | 2023-2024 |

Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Brower

**Dates to Remember:**

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.**