

## PHS PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

7:00 PM – via Zoom

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Christine Koobatian, Hollie Ward, Jen Nikolich, Colleen Brower, Dr. Paul Jones, Amy Raefski, Lisa Duhamel, Kristen & Matt Iseppi, Sue Dolan, Julie Cappuzzo, Jodie Maciolek, Kathy Green, Maureen Nee, Deborah Broadwater, Rebecca Mardorf (16 members)
- II. **President's Report: Christine Koobatian ([ckbtn@charter.net](mailto:ckbtn@charter.net))**
  - a. Budget workshops will be 3/17 (Dr. Jones will be presenting at this meeting), 3/24 @ 6:30, most likely virtually. Stay tuned for details.
  - b. BOE would like to hear from parents regarding the budget. Please email the BOE or attend the BOE budget workshops with your thoughts regarding the budget.
- III. **Vice President's Report: Hollie Ward ([ward24@me.com](mailto:ward24@me.com))**
  - a. Nothing new to report
- IV. **Treasurer's Report: Jen Nikolich ([jjnikolich@aol.com](mailto:jjnikolich@aol.com))**
  - a. Teacher grants are all paid out.
- V. **Recording Secretary's Report: Colleen Brower ([col52668@aol.com](mailto:col52668@aol.com))**
  - a. Nothing new to report.
- VI. **Teacher's Report: Jodie Maciolek ([jmaciolek@region15.org](mailto:jmaciolek@region15.org))**
  - a. Erin Burden: Equity and Inclusion newsletter: Please read this newsletter paying attention to the deadlines regarding STEM and the Tribury Reads Together opportunities.
  - b. Meghan Henion: PawPrints newsletter: Emily Clark's article on Unified Sports picked up by CIAC Special Olympics Facebook page. Check it out!
  - c. Kelly Pelitier: Helping the Homeless: Made \$262 in their "BINGO Board Fundraiser", with all proceeds going to the [Brian O'Connell Homeless Project](#).
  - d. Debate team: Finalists!
- VII. **Principal's Report: Dr. Paul Jones ([pjones@region15.org](mailto:pjones@region15.org))**
  - a. Dr. Jones will be presenting the PHS budget at the Board of Education workshop next Wednesday.
  - b. End of the Year events: info will be coming out this week pending approval and may be amended as the date of the event gets closer based on Covid restrictions at the time.
    - i. Graduation 6/18; for now it is being planned in a similar fashion as it was last year, but could change if restrictions were changed.
  - c. In Person Learning: see last month's minutes and Dr. Jones email from the other day regarding the questionnaire; parents choose either in person learning or remote learning if we returned to all students learning together. About ½ of the student population have responded. Parents: Please fill this questionnaire out ASAP. PHS needs to hear from you to make decisions and move forward. When will this change start? All dependent on parent's responses so the high school can plan.
  - d. The hope is that all staff will have at least one vaccination shot by the end of March.

- e. SAT and PSAT will be March 24: This SAT date is set by CollegeBoard and the state of CT. There will be an SAT make-up date given by the state for Juniors who are not able to attend.
  - i. SAT for Juniors
  - ii. PSAT for Sophomores
  - iii. No PSAT for freshman this year; PHS cannot accommodate 3 grade levels to take these tests and maintain social distancing guidelines.
- f. Schedules for next year:
  - i. Instructional leaders are meeting now to discuss this: issue is frequency of meeting time versus the meeting minutes.
  - ii. By May PTO meeting Dr. Jones should have more information for this.
  - iii. Counselors are meeting with students now; official schedules will be out in June pending the passing of the district budget.

**VIII. Committee Reports:**

- a. Hospitality: Julie Cappuzzo ([juliecappuzzo@yahoo.com](mailto:juliecappuzzo@yahoo.com))/Shanna Hampton ([shannakhampton@gmail.com](mailto:shannakhampton@gmail.com))/Maureen Kania ([mtkania@charter.net](mailto:mtkania@charter.net))
  - i. St. Patrick's Day: Apples and chocolates
  - ii. Staff Appreciation Week: Plans are underway.
- b. Fall Fundraiser: Colleen Brower ([col52668@aol.com](mailto:col52668@aol.com))
  - i. No new information to share.
- c. Teacher Grants: Hollie Ward ([ward24@me.com](mailto:ward24@me.com))
  - i. No new information to share.
- d. PTO Scholarship- Jeanne-Marie Hudson ([jmphudson@hotmail.com](mailto:jmphudson@hotmail.com))
  - i. Will distribute four \$500 scholarships.
  - ii. Applications will be evaluated on an essay prompt.
  - iii. Applications are due the end of March.
  - iv. Selection Committee will review all applications and choose their top four.

**IX. New Business/Discussion**

- a. No new business to discuss.

Adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Brower

**Next meeting April 20th 7pm.**

**Dates to Remember:**

3/17 BOE Budget Workshop 6:30  
 3/22 BOE Meeting 7:30 PM  
 3/24 BOE Budget Workshop 6:30  
 4/2 No School  
 4/12-16 Spring Break  
 4/20 PHS PTO Meeting

**All PTO meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, except April,  
 which will be 4/20/21**