

PHS PTO Meeting  
November 12, 2019

Attendance: Christine Koobatian, Yvette Lomaro, Hollie Ward, Jen Nikolich, Colleen Brower, Paul Jones, Mary DiPerna, Debbie Broadwater, Mickie Rutledge, Chrissie McKeown, Jodee Maciolek, Cindy O'Connor, Shanna Hampton, Jessica Clark, Mauneen Kania, Amy Parrot.

President's Report - Christine Koobatian ([ckbtn@charter.net](mailto:ckbtn@charter.net))

The new teacher reps, Jodee Maciolek and Cindy O'Connor, were introduced and thanked for volunteering their time to serve in this capacity.

Treasurer's Report - Jen Nikolich ([jjnikolich@a.com](mailto:jjnikolich@a.com))

The budget is listed on the back of the agenda. There was a \$9000 balance as of the end of October. A deposit was made from the 172 families who purchased Panther cards adding \$15,505 to the budget, including a matching gift.

Teachers' Report - Cindy O'Connor ([coconnor@region15.org](mailto:coconnor@region15.org))/Jodee Maciolek ([jmaciolek@region15.org](mailto:jmaciolek@region15.org))

Cindy spoke about the successful Spirit Week, Pomp in Pink and Pep Rally. Pep Rallies are 100% student run. ESPN came in to present our Unified Sports a national award. Spanish Honor Society had an induction. The band performed two half time shows. There was a Homecoming dance, Senior Semi Formal and the Junior Ring Dance is this weekend.

Practical Law classes have been taking field trips to the courthouse. PB&J is making sandwiches and collecting supplies. The Spanish Honor Society is collecting hygiene products for the homeless shelter. Christine asked that something be written up so it can be shared on our website and Facebook page.

Advisories meet 4 of every 6 days. Goals are discussed, community is being built, and it has been a great addition. This week's discussion was about school psychologist week and awareness of what they do. Posters were made. We will invite Brian Jehning to the meeting next month to talk about Advisory.

Principal's Report - Paul Jones ([pjones@region15.org](mailto:pjones@region15.org))

First quarter just ended. Please check powerschool. If you see that your child's grades are not being updated regularly, please let him know.

AP sign-ups without a late fee have ended on Friday. Reminders were sent to students and parents. More students are signed up to take the test than last year. The fee is set by the College Board. There is an opportunity to input in that system if you have financial need (if you have free or reduced lunch). If a family doesn't have this and needs assistance, please talk to a guidance counselor.

PSAT results will be coming out soon. Look for the information that indicates which courses should be taken next year. He encourages students to try at least one AP course.

Calls will start being made with attendance. When your child is out, you will get a phone call. The message will indicate to check power school. There will be one call a day.

Graduation requirements went before the board and will go again on Monday. They bring us in line with the majority of the DRG and what the state expects. An increase of one math, 1 credit of world language. The 26th credit is a senior experience that will be pass/fail. Some schools call it a capstone. This will begin with the class of 2023 and will happen during Advisory. Community service hours will also be required. The addition of Italian has been well received. They are looking to broaden the upper level French classes.

Thank you for the Halloween treats. Everyone appreciated it.

Volunteers are still needed for the Career Fair. In the Spring we will be doing an International Day.

#### Committee Reports:

Hospitality - Mauneen Kania ([mtkania@charter.net](mailto:mtkania@charter.net))/Chrissie McKeown ([chrissie\\_26@att.net](mailto:chrissie_26@att.net))

Pictures were posted to show what the Halloween event looked like and to thank families for donating. There were even gluten-free and sugar-free items available. The math and science department sent a thank you note.

We are planning something for Thanksgiving that won't require parent donations, and we will provide holiday cookies and treats in December.

Chrissie and Mauneen will meet with the teacher reps to discuss what is needed to update the teacher space (Staff Lounge and Resource Center).

Teacher Grants - Hollie Ward ([ward24@me.com](mailto:ward24@me.com))

Grant requests are coming in and are due on the 15th. Dr. Jones will review them and there will be a meeting on 12/3 at 7pm to review them. Hollie will send out an invitation to the meeting to the parents who volunteered to be a part of this committee.

Student Event - Hollie Ward for Tara Coelho ([taracoelho@yahoo.com](mailto:taracoelho@yahoo.com))

Some ideas were shared about creating an International Day for our students, which will be held in the Spring. The intent is to prepare the students for more global issues, and it will be led by teachers and students. Tara Coelho, a parent and teacher at a Fairfield high school, has been spearheading this. Looking to have this after AP exams in May.

Dates to Remember:

11/20 PHS Music Pie Distribution

11/27 Early Release

11/28-29 Thanksgiving Recess

12/6 Early Dismissal

12/6-8 PHS Fall Play "Almost Maine"

12/10 PHS PTO Meeting, 7 PM AP Room

12/12 PHS Jazz and Chamber Concert (Snow Date 12/16)

12/18 Buche DeNoel Competition

12/18 Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Chorale Concert (Snow Date 12/19)

Next Meeting is Tuesday, December 10th at 7 PM.

All PTO Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, except for April, which will be 4/21/19.