

**PHS PTO Meeting
November 13, 2018**

Attendance: Cara Spath, Hollie Ward, Chrissie McKeown, Gabby Addison, Christine Koobatian, Paul Jones, Paul Doniger, Yvette Lomaro

Principal's Report

First quarter has finished. All grades should be there.

Athletics has been great. Boys soccer team plays tomorrow. Girls soccer lost on Saturday. Football plays the last game next Wednesday. XCountry we have a New England champion, Kate Wiser. First time a PHS student has won the State and New England. The winter season starts December 1.

Please look at the *superintendent's e-mail about inclement weather*. He understands the impact of these calls on families.

The *December PTO meeting* will have a member of the *scheduling committee presenting on the daily schedule*. A group of teachers was given the task of looking at the concerns on our current schedule. This is a group of teachers from every department and an administrator. The next step is a group of students and then a group of parents (PTO) to illicit feedback. The students will be comprised of student government and other students. We are looking to build a schedule that supports the variety of needs represented in a comprehensive high school.

Veteran's Day went really well. Pies and Pints helped provide food for veterans. The photography class presented a signed photo and there was a ceremonial flag raising by the VFW. The band played two selections. There is a video online. The ceremony included those who brought a veteran and the hope is to increase it next year.

A shout out was given to "*Radium Girls*." The empathy given to the story line was incredible.

The *Homecoming dance* is Saturday from 6-10 and is semi-formal attire. It will be held in the cafeteria.

The *Homecoming game* is next Wednesday. Festivities begin at 5:00 and game at 6:30. This is Senior night for both the band and players. There will be food trucks near the snack shack as a fundraiser for GradNite.

Career Day is next Wednesday morning. A few careers are still needed. E-mails can be sent to phscareerevent@gmail.com.

Teacher's Report

Paul Doniger praised the students involved with the play.

He reached out to the staff and the feedback is that teachers are happy with the way things are moving this year.

Committee Reports

Halloween Snacks - The staff was so happy with what was provided.

Thanksgiving - Munchkins and apples will be provided for the staff next Wednesday in the resource room and the staff lounge.

Coffee Corner - To make things a bit more inviting in the staff lounge and the resource room area there will be some decorated back drop. The little touches make a big difference and make it a happier place.

Cookie Walk - Looking to do this in December for the staff. A sign up genius will be created.

Teacher Grants - Christine went to the staff meeting and spoke about the grants. The applications are due on 11/15. The committee will meet to review them on 11/28.

Other

Lifetouch - There was a broken camera and negative feedback from parents about the cancelled date. Paul will look into the contracts for Lifetouch and Herff Jones as students have to use them to be in the yearbook.

Fun Activity for Students - Cara Spath will do a survey about what students want in place of Field Day. After this is done we will meet with student council to get more feedback.

501 (c)(3) Status - Mr. McLiverty said it is scheduled to be completed in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Matching gifts cannot be done without this.

Recycling -It would be great if there can be more of an effort in this building. The Ecology club is looking to purchase a recycling bin for the field. It would be nice if there could be more of an effort toward this end for both paper and plastic. The PTO will be supportive of this club's efforts to improve recycling.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7 PM in the AP Room

(All of our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month.)

Respectfully submitted,
Yvette Allen-Lomaro