

PHS PTO Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Attendance: Ron Plasky, Paul Jones, Jen Nikolich, Karen Harper, Christine Koobatian, Mauneen Kania, Chrissie McKeown, Yvette Lomaro, Gabby Addison

Ron Plasky, Athletic Director

There is a belief that there are not enough students at the games and we should find ways to allow more students. There is the thought to afford the opportunity for the student to buy a student spirit pack which will have a t-shirt and a pass into games. They are trying to estimate how much money is made from students at the gate in order to see what would be possible. They want to promote bigger crowds but cannot let everyone in for free. The suggestion was made to reach out to the younger teams of the same sport to try to get them to attend games and have support and spirit. There is no cheerleading team so the younger town ones may cheer at a game. The big thing is to try to get more student involvement. The Facebook postings by Alyson Dembski has been very helpful. There is now a PHS Athletic Twitter account. It is @PomperaugSports under the Athletic page. Principal Paul Jones' Twitter is @PJones2001.

There is a move to have a uniform logo and color to have a consistency in branding. It needs to be across the board from the arts, to athletics to the academic groups.

Teacher Grants

The principal sends out the application forms and are due back within a month of distribution. The principal reviews and forwards to the PTO. We ask the principal to review and prioritize them and we like to provide grants for things that will impact a large number of students. It is hoped that they will be distributed within the week. There was a request to print the past grants so that it can be referenced by the Grant Committee. Paul will forward Christine's e-mail with an attachment to the staff.

There are two needs currently. There is a volunteer list that needs to be input as a spreadsheet. Gabby Addison has volunteered to do that. (Thanks!)

Angela Holland has resigned as the *hospitality chairperson* and we are in need of someone to help this year. We have several parents willing to be on the committee (Mauneen Kania, Chrissie McKeown, Shanna Hampton & Maureen Nee), but we are looking for a point person. The current hospitality chairs at RMS have agreed to step up next year when their children move to the high school.

Treasurer's Report

We have taken in \$17,400 from the Panther card.

Principal's Report

Paul met with Jeromy Nelson to find out about the AP Art kids being able to submit a proposal to create murals and be able to put something up after AP exams. They will

lean toward something that is inspirational and speaks to their experience here. Some of the department chairs have requested subject specific artwork on the walls of their areas.

The club fair went well and there was a lot of positive feedback. Some kids were disappointed not to have a fun day event but understood and were happy to be told that the PTO is working on something for them for the spring. Kids were able to come during their lunch waves.

PSATs are tomorrow and it is a half day on a later release so that afternoon preschool can meet. Freshmen are also doing a career inventory. Sophomores and Juniors are doing personality assessments following their exam. All seniors will be marked as present and it will be changed to absent if they don't bring a form on Thursday. The form will be shown to the coaches if they are athletes and turned into the school on Thursday. The college board assigns the date to each region for the entire state. It is a great way to help improve the SAT score and also for AP registration.

Dates:

The *Homecoming Dance* date had already been set and there is awareness for next year. It will be held in the cafeteria on Saturday, November 17 and is "smart casual".

The *Senior Semi-Formal* is Saturday, November 3 at the Amber Room.

Ring dance is Saturday, January 12 with a snow date of Saturday, January 19.

Prom is at the Amber Room on Sunday, June 2.

Graduation will be held at PHS.

Advisory is being looked at. Currently it will only be run when there is something that needs to happen pending schedule revisions. It needs to allow for a clear structure.

School Store

There can be a mobile kiosk to showcase the items and move it to where it needs to go. There is the hope to use the same company for this as we do for the athletic department for clothing for consistency. There will be the ability to size and/or return items. It would be locked and secure when not used and there will be a schedule of when it will run. FBLA Future Business Leaders of America or DECA Distributive Educational Clubs of America may be the ones to run it. We have had an FBLA and are starting a DECA. A local printer can do the pencils, school supplies, etc. It will take some time to implement it the right way.

Teacher Meetings

Paul has met with every teacher for about 10 minutes each. We have some amazing teachers that every student should be able to find at least one to connect with during their years here.

Survey about the musical being every year went out to students and data came back. It will go out to the parents in the future.

Teacher Representative Report

The fall play is "Radium Girls," by D. W. Gregory. It's a very powerful true story about the young women who were hired to paint radium dials for watches during WWI and who later suffered both the terrible illnesses that it caused and the irresponsible attempts of their employers to evade responsibility.

There will be six performances in the black box theatre: Nov. 9, 10, & 16 @7:30 p.m. and Nov.11, 17, &18 @ 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 (regular) \$5.00 (students, staff and senior citizens). Seating is limited to about eighty, so reservations are highly recommended - black box productions are often sold out.

PSAT Snacks

All PSAT participants are being provided with granola bars, Nutrigrain bars and water for the test. Water can be brought in and put on the floor so that it doesn't spill on the test.

Halloween Treats for Staff

What are the thoughts on providing something for the staff? We decided to ask for donations of candy to be in bowls for the staff in the Resource Room.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 13 at 7 PM in the AP Room

Respectfully Submitted by Yvette Lomaro, PHS PTO Secretary