

PHS PTO Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 11, 2024  
6:30pm AP Room

1. In attendance- Mauneen Kania, Trista DiDonato, Dr Paul Jones, Amy Raefski, Maureen Nee, John Baldelli, Jodee Maciolek, Rachel Drago, Kate Friedman, Holly Hennessey.
2. President's Report: Trista DiDonato ([Trista\\_didonato@yahoo.com](mailto:Trista_didonato@yahoo.com))
  - a. Homecoming Tailgate Friday, November 15th. PTO sponsoring an inflatable. DJs, food trucks, games, Can Jam, face painting. Free event for the whole school. 250 students registered. Registration closes Wednesday Nov 13th.
  - b. November Hospitality treats for staff last week appreciated. December -week of the 16<sup>th</sup> will provide treats for staff. Information coming.
  - c. "Portrait of a Graduate" Virtual Community Group
    - i. Nov 14- evening
    - ii. Nov 19 – 3 daytime sessions
    - iii. Sign up required
  - d. This week in Sports
    - i. Girls Swim State Class M Finals-Tues Nov 12, 1-4:30 pm Cornerstone Aquatics Center, West Hartford
    - ii. Girls Field Hockey State Class M Semi-finals -Tues Nov 12, 5:30 pm at Amity HS
    - iii. Boys Soccer State Semi-finals-Wed Nov 13, 7 pm Municipal Stadium in Waterbury
    - iv. Tickets must be purchased online using the GoFan App.
  - e. Later this month
    - i. PHS Play "Teach Me How to Cry" by Patricia Joudry
    - ii. Nov 22, 23 @7 pm and Nov 24 @ 2 pm
3. Vice Presidents Report: Amy Raefski ([amyraefski@yahoo.com](mailto:amyraefski@yahoo.com)).
  - a. Update on tailgate/ Inflatable obstacle course for Homecoming.
4. Treasurer's Report: John Baldelli: ([jb@baldelliecpa.com](mailto:jb@baldelliecpa.com))
  - a. See Financials.
  - b. Update on Direct Donation Campaign this year. Donations are down from previous years. Remind people to obtain company match if applicable.
5. Recording Secretary's Report: Mauneen Kania ([mtkania@charter.net](mailto:mtkania@charter.net)).
  - a. Please sign attendance sheet.
6. Teachers Report: Teacher Representatives: Jodee Maciolek ([jmaciolek@region15.org](mailto:jmaciolek@region15.org)) and Cindy O'Connor ([coconnor@region15.org](mailto:coconnor@region15.org)). Jodee Maciolek giving report.
  - a. Mrs Keane from Culinary. Our kitchen is open. Starting to serve breakfast for staff. Made light snacks for Veterans Day. New kitchen is great. Reach out if you would like to the students cater your event.

- b. Madge O'Toole- Please support the entirely student run play "Teach Me How to Cry". Purchase tickets via this link or at the door.  
link: <https://our.show/gz1tdwu8w1>
  - c. Career Center. 76 Post-secondary schools visits this fall. See Career Center Newsletter for more information.
7. Principal's Report: Dr. Paul Jones ([pjones@region15.org](mailto:pjones@region15.org))
- a. Banners around the campus will be up soon. Hoping before winter break.
  - b. New scoreboard- utilizing the sports gate fees and sponsorships to pay for this. We are obtaining price quote. Baseball and softball scoreboards are up and running.
  - c. Cost for \$45,000 to pay staff to work all 3 seasons of sports. Discussed gate fees. Discussed allowing students to free access to home games.
  - d. Swatting Incident- met with the staff after the event. Once the lockdown is called the building is locked. No one in or out. During an emergency event, we are not able to answer phone. Need to be in classroom away from windows. Our staff acted quickly and supported our students.
  - e. Play November 22, 23 @ 7 pm and 24 @ 2 pm.- Encourage people to come and see this student directed play. Very proud and impressed with the work that the students are doing for this play.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Teacher Grant ([Pneeid@charter.net](mailto:Pneeid@charter.net)). Deadline for applications 11/22/2024.
- 2. Hospitality Report: Amanda Filippone ([amanda.filippone@me.com](mailto:amanda.filippone@me.com)). Report given by Trista DiDonato. See above.

Dates to Remember:

November 27-29 No School -Thanksgiving Recess

Next PTO meeting- December 9, 2024 6:30pm  
AP Room PHS

Meeting Adjourned 8:04pm  
Respectfully Submitted by Mauneen T. Kania