

PHS PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 9, 2024
6:30pm AP Room

1. In attendance: Trista DiDonato, Mauneen Kania, Maureen Nee, John Baldelli, Jessica Clark, Chrissie McKeown, Cindy O'Connor, Michelle Goncalo, Holly Hennessey, Dr Paul Jones.
2. President's Report: Trista DiDonato (Trista_didonato@yahoo.com)
 - a. Homecoming tailgate review- thank you note from the student council, to the PTO for their contributions of the inflatables. Event was well attended- over 300 students.
 - b. School beautification by Sara Bordeaux and Maureen Nee refreshed planters and wreaths for winter decorations. Looks great!
 - c. 5 new PHS banners have arrived and are waiting installation.
 - d. Gate fees- BOE has been asked to review for 2025-26 school year.
 - e. Grad Nite-Committee is looking for a new chair. Contact Angela Holland angela.holland6@gmail.com or 203-509-3589 with any interest. Angela's youngest child will graduate this year. She is current chair and would like someone to shadow her and take over next year. We thank her for all her work with GradNite over the years.
 - f. Teacher grants- submissions are in, committee is meeting Dec 10. 8 grants submitted. They will be discussed and voted on tomorrow. Hoping results to go out by end of the week.
 - g. December Hospitality scheduled treats for Dec 16. Sign up genius was sent out to parents if you would like to donate.
3. Vice President's Report: Amy Raefski (amyraefski@yahoo.com).
 - a. Trista for Amy. No report.
4. Treasurer's Report: John Baldelli: (jb@baldellicpa.com)
 - a. See Financials.
5. Recording Secretary's Report: Mauneen Kania (mtkania@charter.net).
 - a. Please sign attendance sheet.
6. Teacher's Report: Teacher Representatives: Jodee Maciolek (jmaciolek@region15.org) and Cindy O'Connor (coconnor@region15.org). Cindy reporting.
 - a. Mrs. Belisle- Interact club collaborated with various other clubs, departments, students, & staff- Participated in CEA Holiday Bear Project, which is a gifting

project. We sponsored the most number of students we ever have. We sponsored 30 elementary students from a Waterbury public schools.

- b. Mr. Hull-Students in the English to Speakers of the Other Languages program at PHS created and read picture books aloud to elementary school students at LMES.
 - c. Mrs. O'Toole- auditions for Shrek this month. Mark your calender for March 21-23 whenwe will present our show to the public. Thanks for your support.
 - d. Mrs. Lamaro- (Career Center) See news letter
 - e. Mr. Gaipa- field trip with 2 Creative Writing classes to ACES International Preschool and Learning in Woodbury, CT. Students read aloud their original children's picture books to 6 different classrooms. And led them in an activity related to the book. It was an amazing experience.
 - f. Mrs. McCauley- The homecoming celebration was successful. Group of students went to the CAS-CIAC Athletic leadership conference. Well received. Great experience.
7. Principal's Report: Dr. Paul Jones (pjones@region15.org)
- a. Home coming was a huge success. Pomp Senate-Lots of student led activities (Kan jam, face painting etc).
 - b. Pomp Senate leadership – A group of students went to the CAS-CIAC Athletic leadership conference. Student (Luke Albino) presented at one of the break-out sessions, which was highly praised.
 - c. Positive use of social media/ and citizenship is the focus this quarter for Pomp Senate.
 - d. Pomp spirit winter week will be December 16th-20th.
 - e. Attendance is a priority for PHS.
 - f. End of January-program of studies will come out.
 - g. 8th grade open house is on January 17, 2025
 - h. Athletic council leader- Mrs. Swift will update website with what is happening this week's events at PHS. Will be coming in January.
 - i. Parents and former students can donate old PHS graduation gowns to PHS.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Report: Amanda Filippone. Trista DiDonato giving report for Amanda. See above.

Dates to Remember:

December 23 to January 1 (Winter recess- No School)

January 20, 2025 MLK Jr Day (No school)

Next PTO meeting- January 13, 2025, 6:30pm

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Meeting Adjourned 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Mauneen T. Kania