



PHACT PTSA October Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 21st at 6pm, via Zoom Video Conferencing

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Meeting ID: 929 1137 7036

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Attendees: Sherry Smardon, Kathy Freed, Cindy Palmer, Christy Andrychowski, Lisa LaBelle, Heather Victoria, Darcy Baran

Agenda Items

1. Approval of September Minutes

1. Motion to Approve: Cindy Palmer
2. Second Motion to Approve: Lisa LaBelle
3. Comments or abstentions: no
4. Motion carries via vote: approved

2. Treasury Report and Approval

1. Motion to Approve Christy Andrychowski
2. Second Motion to Approve Lisa LaBelle
3. Comments or abstentions: no
4. Motion carries via vote: approved

3. Membership Report

1. 39 active members
2. Update: Mike Smardon provided the membership report at the BOE meeting
3. Action – Kathy Freed or Dennis LaBelle to bring membership forms to the next BOE

4. Advocacy Report

1. Curriculum review committee (CRC) – Lisa sent email to Mr. Tedeschi to gauge teachers' interests (previous lead stepped-down)
 - a. Thought of potential change CRC to DEIB – Lisa will propose potential change
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2. Cultural awareness activities: Hispanic Heritage month was celebrated; how can we make this more of an item?
 - a. Signs for placement around the school
 - i. Can we use the boards (by the road and parking lot) as secondary signage?
 - ii. Lisa to check with Mrs. Connor
 - b. November – Native American Heritage month
 - c. Need to be aware of if we are over or under recognizing our community
3. For November meeting – Lisa to pull list together of all heritage months for review at PHACT meeting
4. Consider different approaches (one sign per month with multi-cultural/country flags)
5. Health awareness activities
 - a. Mental Health Awareness (May), Breast Cancer Awareness (October), Domestic Violence Awareness (October), Movember (November)
 - b. Potential guest speaker for various awareness topic
6. Nat'l PTA - Infrastructure bill – go to public schools; AC, heating, roof, etc.
 - a. Lisa to provide pre-written form for review/discussion

5. Reflections Report

1. PH winners have to be provided by January 17th
2. Will either need to get artwork to New Haven (pre-Covid) OR pictures of all art work (sent digitally during Covid)
3. More to come

6. Recent Accomplishments

1. Open Houses – Participation
 - a. Brooklyn School Choice Fair was September 22nd (530p-630p) – 8 students indicated their interest in coming to shadow at PH: all will be called week of 10/25 to set-up shadow visits
 - b. PH September 23rd – less attendance than usual
 - i. December – 8th grade school choice fair for PH students
 - c. Sprague School Choice Fair (Date to be clarified) – no updates yet
 - d. Canterbury – 8th grader onsite visit (happened 10/14); 45 students visited for 1.5 hrs. with panel (why Parish Hill?); may have some shadow opportunities

7. New Business

1. Poinsettia sale – opportunity for fundraising (use of local suppliers?)
 - a. Lisa will check with our local garden/nursery provider

8. Ongoing Business

1. Trunk-o-Treat – October 28th, 6pm
 - a. PHACT 5:15p arrival; 5:30p arrival for others to decorate trunks
 - b. Updated email from Ms. Griffin (Lisa read to the team)
 - i. 2 long tables and 4 chairs (pumpkins and cupcakes)
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- ii. Matt to provide flyers to CES and SES elementary schools (digital version); Lisa to check with SES parents
 - iii. Joy Becker made copies for HES (Joy is part of the emails)
 - c. Lisa to check for parking signs (Trunk-o-Treat Starts Here); need cones to block-entrance (after all drivers with trunks are parked); Christy to check with Andrew B. re: cones
- 2. Staff Appreciation Days
 - a. National Education Support Professionals Day (Nov. 17th) – Lisa to post message
- 3. Teachers' Needs
 - a. Heather to take charge of this; coordinates with membership ask
- 4. Inspirational Quotes Project (tabled from September meeting)
 - a. No update on where this resides
 - b. Ms. G would be our contact; also coordinated with Mr. Tedeschi and Andrew B.
 - i. Group was initially pulled together
 - c. Heather to pull Sherry into the conversation with the previous POCs
 - d. Previously collected Quotes spreadsheet – needs to be reviewed (Cindy has the spreadsheets)
 - e. Heather/Cindy/Lisa and Darcy – work with Andrew to move project forward
 - i. Target holiday break to get artwork done/posted
 - ii. Pull-in a class to act as a partner – to leave a legacy to PH
- 5. Fundraising
 - a. FunDrive – 1st drop-off slated for 10/22 at PH
 - i. U-Haul can't be delivered to PH on 10/22; need to transport collections to Columbia
 - ii. Sherry to get questions to Kathy re: U-Haul (size of unit, accessibility to unit, can we get it to PH ourselves, etc.)
 - b. Cook book or Calendar Updates – photography class isn't happening until next semester (consider this fundraiser for next year)
 - i. Consider prepping in-time for 2023 calendar for potential sales at next Fall's PH open house
 - ii. Sherry to email Darcy to check on which teacher is running the photography class
- 6. Business sponsorship of PHACT (Fundraising)
 - a. Sponsors have been on webpage for well-past the year; reach-out to current sponsors to re-up for 21-22 school year; reach-out to local/community businesses (RTS, Bagel One)
 - b. Original letter – can we lift some language out of the letter; special outreach to current sponsors - Lisa to provide original letter for review
 - c. Treehouse Comedy – interested in comedy night this year? TBD will on November agenda (Lisa to bring some history from previous comedy nights)
- 7. DNB Memorial Scholarship (Fundraising)
 - a. Name plate ordered for last year's recipient? Sherry will be placing the order; recipient name spelling confirmed
 - b. Flannel shirt day – Tuesday 10/26 at PH (in support of the scholarship)

9. Open Discussion

- 1. Next meeting date: Monday November 15th, 6p via Zoom (to avoid conflict with Fall Sports Awards on November 18th)