



PHACT PTSA March Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 23rd at 6pm, via Zoom Video Conferencing

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

Agenda Items

1. Approval of February Minutes

- a. Motioned to accept by Cindy
- b. Second by Kathy

2. Treasury Report and Approval

- a. Motioned to accept by Kathy
- b. Second by Lisa
- c. Looking to spend money on students before the end of the year. Darcy will follow up with advisors to check on needs

3. Membership Report

- a. 78 members

4. Advocacy Report

1. DEI grant
 - a. Reaching out again on Friday and then will talk about setting date for listening session.
 2. Nat'l PTA Create with Kindness grant (Tik Tok grant)
 - a. Will have in person on Saturday, April 30 from 11am-1pm serving brunch
 - b. Lisa will fill out building use form for Cafeteria from 9am-2pm
 - c. Lisa send out info about student panel so we can recruit
 - d. Group will work on more details on the D.C. trip
 3. Cultural awareness activities
 - a. Table till next year-possibly new intern will take on
 4. Signage in multiple languages
 - a. Will work on over summer
 5. Health awareness activities
 - a. On hold
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6. Mental Health Advocacy
 - a. Counselors planning for this next week. May be combined with block party scheduled for May 6th.
 - b. Heather and Sherry offered giveaways from their agencies
 - c. QPR training discussed. Try to do in the fall for staff.
 - d. Zen Den complete and currently being used!

5. Reflections Report

1. Winners will be honored at a ceremony in Fairfield on May 10th.

6. Recent Accomplishments

7. New Business

1. FUNDrive referral bonus
 - a. Received one \$50 bonus. We can re share link.
2. Support Ukraine Collection
 - a. Darcy getting into Connect Ed
 - b. Lisa Friday 5:30-6:30, Saturday 10-1 Christy, Lisa, Kathy. Sunday Kathy, Sherry, Heather, Lisa
3. Inventory sheets will be put in PHACT mailbox
4. Empty Bowls
 - a. APRIL 29TH 5:00
 - b. Set up 1:30-4:30
 - c. Soft opening 4:30
 - d. End 7:00/ Clean up
 - e. PTSA help with raffles

8. Ongoing Business

1. Upcoming Budget Referendum
 - a. Public hearing before BOE meeting Tuesday April 5th. Will find out when Mr. Henrici will be talking to towns and doing Zoom so we can support. Lisa will edit flyer to be ready for when referendum date comes closer.
2. Special Education funding advocacy
 - a. Group has been meeting. Letter is being written to send to community to help get word to our representatives before bill #47 is voted on.
3. Science Bus PTA offering
 - a. Darcy looking further into this. If it's for younger students, consider inviting elementary school.
4. Veterans Base Camp
 - a. Will keep our eyes out for any opportunities to help

5. Chaplin's Bicentennial Events
 - a. No activity, difficulty recruiting students.
6. Spring Fling
 - a. June 4th
 - b. Cindy will check with Hampton regarding fire truck and safety activities.
 - c. There is a batting cage, we need volunteers to manage
 - d. Kathy will reach out to Goodwin Forest, Joshua Trust and Home Depot
 - e. Lisa will reach out to Woodwards
 - f. Joy Becker has contacts for dunk tank, cotton candy machine, etc if needed.
 - g. Charge vendors \$20 for a 12x12 spot
7. Outstanding Admin/Teacher awards (CTPTA)
 - a. Letters are in, waiting to hear about winners. Will likely go to phact email.
8. CVSH Grant
 - a. Christy is checking on the status
9. Updates from fall shadow visits
 - a. Sayles student recently shadowed.
 - b. A few students have come through from private schools or who have recently moved to the area.
 - c. Two more shadowing Monday.
10. Staff Appreciation Days
 - a. April 6th: Natl Paraprofessionals Day, April 16th: Natl School Librarian Day
 - b. Consider May 3rd for Potluck for all staff for Teacher Appreciation Day.
11. Teachers' Needs
 - a. None at this time
12. Fundraising
 - a. Cook book or
 - b. Calendar- Consider for next year.
13. Business sponsorship of PHACT (Fundraising)
 - a. Treehouse Comedy
 - i. Not able to contact company
14. DNB Memorial Scholarship
 - a. Darcy is getting President's contact. Consider taking care of things at the June 1st meeting.
 - b. Lisa to reach out to previous winners to let them know of opportunities (Empty Bowls & Create with Kindness grant program
 - c. Revisit language around length/recurrence of awarded scholarship
15. Booster Club Update
 - a. Spring Sports brunch-April 9th, 8:15-9:15
 - b. Senior Banquet: Tentatively June 6th
16. Open Discussion
 - a. Next meeting discuss nominating new officers

Next meeting date: April 21, 2022 @ 6pm