



PHACT PTSA April Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Sherry Smardon, Christy Andrychowski, Lisa LaBelle, Heather Victoria

Agenda Items

1. Approval of March Minutes

- a. Motion to Approve: Christy Andrychowski
- b. Second Motion to Approve: Heather Victoria
- c. Comments or abstentions: None
- d. Motion carries via vote: Approved

2. Treasury Report and Approval

- a. Motion to Approve: Lisa LaBelle
- b. Second Motion to Approve: Heather Victoria
- c. Comments or abstentions: None
- d. Motion carries via vote: Approved
- e. 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. No change from March

4. Advocacy Report

1. DEI grant
 - a. Listening session held April 10th
 - b. Met with all other grant winners
 - c. Action plan items due May 8th; final draft due June 5th
 - i. Can request implementation funding based on June 5th discussion
 - d. Review drafted goals
 2. Nat'l PTA Create with Kindness grant (Tik Tok grant)
 - a. In-person slated for Saturday, April 30 from 11am-1pm (serving brunch)
 - i. Will be moving to Sunday May 1st (based on sports conflict)
 - ii. Lisa will circle-back with those that have signed-up
 - b. Lisa will update and resubmit the building use form for Cafeteria from 9am-2pm
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- i. Food- bagels, coffee, eggs, bacon, etc.
 - c. Lisa send out info about student panel so we can recruit (prizes available based on participation)
 - d. Prizes determined; raffle process/distribution determined
- 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 – On hold
- 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; will need dates
 - c. QPR training discussed. Try to do in the fall for staff

5. Reflections Report

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

6. Recent Accomplishments

1. Ukraine supply drive

7. New Business

1. Nomination of new officers for the 2022-2023 school year
 - a. Need to circle-back to several folks who have expressed interest in being nominated
 - b. Official nominations to be made at May PHACT meeting

8. Ongoing Business

1. Upcoming Budget Referendum – checking on dates when BoE is speaking to the towns; Lisa to follow-up
2. Special Education funding advocacy – Lisa has spoken with Sarah O’Dell (CTPTA) to assist efforts (communications, messaging, etc.); will continue working over the summer
3. Science Bus PTA offering – date set for September 23, 2022
4. Veterans Base Camp - will keep our eyes out for any opportunities to help; consider continuing the tradition of hosting a 5K close to Veterans Day
5. Chaplin’s Bicentennial Events - No activity, difficulty recruiting students
6. Spring Fling (6/4) – 11a-3p: Reviewed overall project plan
7. CVSH Grant – checking with Central Office on status of check reissuance
8. Outstanding Admin/Teacher awards (CTPTA) – reception being held May 4th
9. Updates from fall shadow visits – ongoing updates
10. Staff Appreciation Days
 - a. April 16th: Natl School Librarian Day
 - b. Consider May 3rd for Lunch Potluck for all staff for Teacher Appreciation Day
11. Teachers’ Needs - None at this time

12. Fundraising
 - a. Cook book or Calendar- Consider for next year
13. Business sponsorship of PHACT (Fundraising)
 - a. Treehouse Comedy – consider for the Fall
 - b. Lisa is doing some research on other companies
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) – done
 - c. Revisit language around length/recurrence of awarded scholarship
 - d. Ask Darcy about scholarship applications for DNB
15. Booster Club Update
 - a. Scholarship: document to be updated and shared via PH website
 - b. Spring Sports BBQ: June 1st
 - c. Senior Recognition: June 6th
16. Empty Bowls (4/29)
 - a. Empty Bowls – check on who's running the raffle, tickets, baskets, who does the money go to

9. Open Discussion

Next meeting date: May 23rd at 6pm