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PHACT PTSA September 2022 Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 7th, 2022, at 6pm, via Google Meet

Google Meet Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gmy-augs-oaa>

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More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/gmy-augs-oaa?pin=9940858442876>

Attendees: Karen McElroy, Cindy Palmer, Joy Becker, Lisa LaBelle, Shyaina Poole, Heather Victoria, BrianTedeschi, Darcy Baran, Heather Shedd

Called to order at 6:01 pm

Agenda Items

1. Approval of June Minutes

- a) Motion to Approve: Heather Shedd
- b) Second Motion to Approve: Lisa LaBelle
- c) Comments or abstentions: None
- d) Motion carries via vote: Approved

2. Treasury Report and Approval

- a. Motion to Approve: Heather Shedd
- b. Second Motion to Approve: Lisa LaBelle
- c. Comments or abstentions: None
- d. Motion carries via vote: Approved

3.Membership Report

- a) Membership forms are updated
- b) Electronic link allows for membership application and donations to school
- c) Continuing to send emails to community members

4.Advocacy Report

- a) DEI grant – Looking into having a speaker discuss differentiation and tier 1 interventions
- b) Cultural awareness activities – Hispanic Heritage Month, looking to post signage
- c) Signage in multiple languages – still in the process
- d) Health awareness activities - tabled
- e) Mental Health Advocacy – support for suicide prevention around school (signs, hotline)

5.Reflections Report

- a) Moving forward with reflections, efforts to get involvement from multiple departments

6.Recent Accomplishments

- a) New Officers will be completing necessary PTA training
- b) Staff Breakfast for first day of school went smoothly and was greatly appreciated by staff

7. New Business

- a) 2022-2023 PHACT Budget Approval
 - a. Motion to Approve: Heather Shedd
 - b. Second Motion to Approve: Lisa LaBelle
 - c. Comments or abstentions: None
 - d. Motion carries via vote: Approved
- b) Open House – September 22nd – Membership Drive/Talk – Mental Health Piece
- c) Membership Drive – mentioned in membership report
- d) Trunk or Treat – Friday October 28th? Middle School council is reaching out to elementary schools and towns to verify that there are not any events already schedules that night
- e) PTA Grants – there will be a link shared with available grants
- f) ‘Meet our Government Representatives – no elections this year, move to next year’s agenda
- g) Community Calendar – looking to establish a community calendar between PHHS, the elementary schools, and the three towns to avoiding overlapping events
- h) Change Officers/contact info on Parish Hill website – updated info being sent to Mr Hudon to be posted

8.Ongoing Business

- a) Special Education funding advocacy – Lisa LaBelle speaking at the upcoming CT PTA symposium to advocate for small districts
- b) Science Bus PTA offering - September 23, grades 7-12
- c) Staff Appreciation Days/Teachers’ Needs – members will continue to communicate with PHHS teachers/staff
- d) Fundraising
 - a. Savers FUNDrive – not being continued this year
 - b. Brainstorming on more ideas for fundraising
- e) DNB Memorial Scholarship
 - a. New 13-month CD opened at Berkshire Bank (matures 09/16/23)
 - b. Formal change to language around length/recurrence of awarded scholarship
 - c. Treehouse Comedy Show
 - i. Judy to follow-up with her recently received email (Joe Tobin Presents)?
 - ii. Aiming for date in March

9. Open Discussion

- a) Discussion about working with Booster club to host a homecoming event/bonfire similar to the one held a few years ago
- b) Students have voiced interest in having a safe-grad event, may leave it up to the senior class to fund and organize
- c) Next meeting date: Wednesday October 5th (1st Wednesday of each month) – 6 pm – Google Meet
- d) Meeting called to end at 8:02 pm