



PHACT PTSA April Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 5th, 2022, at 6pm, in PHMHS Student Services

Attendees- Judy Noel, Cindy Palmer, Heather Victoria, Darcy Baran, Kathy Freed, Michelle Salvas, Kelsey Waters, Karen McElroy, Alex Poletti, Heather Shedd, Lisa LaBelle

Agenda Items

1. Approval of February/March Minutes- Kathy Freed motioned; Karen McElroy seconded

2. Recent Accomplishments

a. PD presentation Feb 17th-CPAC

i. Very well received and eye opening. Heather S will survey staff/admin re what they learned, etc

b. Comedy Show

i. Amazing experience all around! Raised over \$9000

c. Outstanding Educational Leaders/Volunteers

i. Award ceremony will take place Wed, April 26th.

ii. Karen will sign everyone up over the weekend. Deadline April 10th.

iii. Lisa will check if Mr J can submit a video if he chooses to.

3. Treasury Report and Approval - reviewed and approved

4. Membership Report -

a. 72 members

b. No more membership pushes for the year.

5. Advocacy Report

a. YMHFA postponed due to weather, new date April 15th

i. Will do last push for more sign ups

6. Reflections Report

a. Scotia winner from PH

b. Award ceremony will take place on May 10th.

7. New Business

a. Budget Updates

i. None

b. Election of Officers

i. Vote in May or June

ii. Heather V to reach out to community for interested parties

c. Spring Fling

- i. Create meeting with advisors
- ii. Vendors have started applying
- iii. Acceptance Hill is a go
- iv. Need to meet soon
- d. SES PTO Easter Egg Hunt**
 - i. April 29th
 - ii. Darcy will solicit student volunteers to help that day
 - iii. Need about 1000 fillable eggs as well as candy. Darcy gave about 150 eggs
 - iv. A few of us will volunteer that day and help advertise
- e. Changes to DNB Scholarship**
 - i. One year only
 - ii. Maybe require a short essay on a personal connection to Koty's attributes
 - iii. \$500
 - iv. Meet to finalize soon
- f. Sign up for Outstanding Educator Awards**
 - i. Karen will sign people up this weekend. Sign up deadline April 10th
- g. Staff Appreciation (upcoming in May)**
 - i. Principal/Vice Principal, Teacher Appreciation (May 2nd Potluck), School Lunch Hero, School Nurse

8. Ongoing Business

- a. Staff Appreciation Days/Teachers' Needs**
 - i. Band is in need of assistance for funding for bus for Six Flags**
 - 1. Heather S will find out how much money is needed
 - ii. Cell phone use in school-Yonder program**
 - 1. Cell phone locked pouches. 2 year subscription. Grants available.
 - 2. For 220 students/ \$5000
 - 3. Mr. Poletti talked with the group about the benefits of this program that helps students control phone use during school. We talked about trying Ms. Shedd's new method first (phone storage in class with positive reinforcement) to see how it works. Will follow up with Yonder if there is no success with other free methods.
 - 4. Benefits include: more focused students, less in school bullying, curtail addiction
 - 5. Drawbacks include: students don't have immediate access to phones for an emergency or anxiety issues, cost
 - 6. Need more consistent school policy. Possibly write a letter to BOE regarding policy/consequence ideas as well as education for students, staff and parents.
 - iii. Science Trip (Costa Rica)**
 - 1. April 11-17, 2024
 - 2. \$3500
 - 3. Need fundraising. Kathy suggests keeping separate from PTA.
- b. Fundraising**
 - i. Mother's Day sale of travel mugs the weekend before Mother's Day
 - 1. Pre-order only. Will have #PirateMom on one side and pirate image on the other

9. Open Discussion -

- a. Empty Bowls**
 - i. There are enough bowls made
 - ii. Will take place April 28th
 - iii. Share flyer asking for volunteers for the day and to make soups

Next meeting will be on May 3rd, 2023. It will be a Hybrid meeting @6pm.