

## PHHS PTSA Minutes- October 20, 2021

*Interim* President, Cindy Stavrou - Present

Vice President, Laura Sostak - Present

Recording Secretary, Yohanny Nguyen - Present

Treasurer, Mary Ellen Iradi - Present

Scholarship Coordinator, Hilary Ververs - Present

Membership Chair: Akta Patel - Present

**Meeting Began:** 6:31 p.m.

### **President's Report:**

- Board members introduction
- Welcome Back Breakfast for teachers -Grab & Go breakfast was provided by the PTSA and Wegmans. Maria and her volunteers coordinated it. Wegmans donated a bag-one teacher won
- Need committee for Teacher Appreciation in May. Last year we received many donations from parents. 135 teachers got gifts. Lunch was donated by Applebee's. Every teacher and staff received a teacher appreciation gift.
- 222 memberships so far (\$8 for teachers and \$10 for parents and students).
- We will send a Welcome Back letter (will look into using Memberhub) to each grade level, including membership information and explaining scholarship incentive. Will include QR code and link
- Only the current seniors and a least one family member needs to be members of the PTSA for at least 2 years to apply for scholarship. PHS requires students to be members for all 4 years. Starting with class of 2024, students will be required to be members for 4 years to be eligible at PHHS
- Daily Bulletin on school website-list of activities, club meetings and fundraisers happening at the school. We will keep PTSA information updated.
- Upgrades to bathrooms are not a PTSA responsibility, but suggestion to school administrators might help students want to use them.
- Need a volunteer for PTSA president-Cindy no longer has kids in the school but still helping out.

### **How to increase membership and participation:**

- Post on Genesis -Need to complete form before getting access to student's academic information.
- Promote membership through sport teams
- Join freshman year and make a one-time payment for 4 years (maybe give a discount).
- PTSA mandatory meeting-to get parents to volunteer
- Use scholarship as an incentive
- Better communication- create a PTSA newsletter or share minutes from the meetings-post on school website.

### **Student Council/Senior Report-** Jalen and Amogh

- Mrs. Mejia, Student Council Advisor-Student Council organized the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Fun Day. Planning to have one for 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the Spring. There are 2 senior advisors and each grade has a class officer
- Back to School Night can shake raised \$243 (1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser in 2 years)
- Had first pep rally—it was fun
- Teachers and students dodgeball game
- Spirit wear almost ready to be shipped out
- Homecoming game – Dominic Verducci and Missy Lalo were crowned King and Queen
- No Shave November – shave on November 1<sup>st</sup> and do not shave until end of November. Person with longer beard wins
- Toy drive for Battered Shelter will start soon. This year collecting for teenagers
- Restaurant fundraisers such as Chick-fil-A and Shake Shack-TBD

**Principal's Report** – Not present

**Financial Report:** see attached. Budget was approved.

### **Project Graduation**

- Looking for class of 2022 Committee Chairperson
- Mrs. Mejia will put us in touch with senior class advisors to reach parents to volunteer
- Branchburg Sports Complex on 6/24/2022-PTSA provides food and entertainment. Safe place for students to go after graduation.
- Cost \$25,000. We have about \$8,000 in the budget now. Need to fundraise to offset the cost. Class has about 274 students.
- We hope the Board of Education continues to support us with buses
- We do a town wide mailing in January requesting donations
- Previous fundraisers – umbrellas and first aid kits
- Current fundraisers -Lawn signs and clothing drive
- Always looking for NEW fundraisers

### **Fundraisers**

- Amazon Smile – does not cost anything. Reminder on how to sign up will be sent before the holidays. We collected about \$200 last year.
- Lawn signs for class of 2022-first order being printed (22 signs) – benefits Project Graduation
- First clothing drive on December 4 from 9am-2pm at PHHS.- benefits Project Graduation. Will ask seniors to help out. Clothing goes to lower income families in the US.
- Restaurant fundraisers-will ask Indian restaurants -we promote their restaurants and they give us a percentage.
- Need more ideas

**Meeting ended at:** 7:49 p.m. Next meeting November 18 at 7:00pm -email Laura Sostak at [lgsostak@yahoo.com](mailto:lgsostak@yahoo.com) prior to the meeting to request the Zoom link.