

PRHS PTO Meeting Minutes 9/19/24 Final

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Beuse, secretary 9/23/24

Meeting started at 9:50am due to zoom issues.

Attendance: Jennifer Beuse, Pamela Swarmer, Julie Wojcik, Rebeccah Hoffman, Maria Ramirez, Samantha Fredell, Susan Hong-Bang, Louise Cashman, Pankaj Kumar, Angela Jones, Karen Baker, Ashley Fortier, Bethany Mitchell, Meredith Sweet, Pamela Swarmer, Sarah Marr, Marcy Hamilton, Heather Curtain, Karen Dudlowski, Rita Kastner,

Welcome:

2024/2025 officers:

Co-secretary/Social Media — Robin Tino

Co-secretary — Jennifer Beuse

Vice-President — Julie Wojcik

President — Rebeccah Hoffman

Treasurer- Pamela Swarmer

Principals' Report - Dr. H Day 20 of school

Least amount of discipline issues

High achievement & growth, more Beattie more AP students

Safety & Security - look at Dr. Miller's report

Proactive & reactive side of security (180 staff, 1500 students) - raptor

Communication (accurate & quick) parents & HS students from Dr. H

Video last week - reported ~40 people within 30 minutes.

Officer Brad - similar parent reports

Midnight to 5:30 am - threat assessed & deemed not - no bag no coat not realistic heard from parents

See something Say something — Safe to Say

Practice - mental health checks90

Upcoming - Safe Driving presentation MJM with Dave - Leslie Miller encouraged this. Virtual presentation - Sophomore in spring - reiterated at quarter assembly, again at Prom

Earlier language opportunities this year, German 4, 11th grade civics, Impressive Academic Achievement Bio, bringing up Angel of Greenwood soon & evaluating 6-9th ELA text options

EVENTS UPCOMING:

Ram HOCO community celebration

Oct. 15 - financial aid night for parents

PSAT Oct22 - juniors & sophomores can apply - National Merit Scholarships determined for Juniors based on PSAT Results

Neuropsychology doctor (Dr. Brophy) - 9/10

11/12 - THC & alcohol

Veterans Day assembly - cadets & vets afterwards - looking for help from parents to coordinate with local vets & identify vets/community outreach

Nov 27 - Friendsgiving - table decorations, Photo Booth opportunities - work with Sodexo to support further?

Student activities room - Ashley got ping pong table - get art station, eat, hangout

Ashley - solicited \$550 for Rams Way donations & activities room

Questions:

Safety - metal detectors? - trained law enforcement making threat assessments, Mars doesn't check every student every day... just some areas... Sensitivity issues

teachers can set off emergency mode & police get notified RAPTOR

School security officers in elementaries, SROs in HS, MS, EHUE

To our kids - Do not share concerns on social media - put on safe to say

Discipline after Dr. Brophy - stayed lower last year ... more end of last year... at lower end disciplinary drug concerns

Mrs. Whalen — college & career planning

Parents - read her emails please.

- There is no teacher/counselor/admin that will talk about grades on your kid's letters of recommendation. **THEY WILL TALK ABOUT CHARACTER!** THIS IS WHAT COLLEGES & JOBS WILL VALUE TOO.

- Use ELECTIVES, OUTSIDE CLUBS, to help kids decide on what might be a career or a hobby. * Forensics, Student Government, church orgs. **LOOK TO DEVELOP STRENGTHS UNKNOWN TO US**
- **Hearing Colleges starting to move back to SAT/ACT test required**

9th grade parents - look for child's 4-year grad plan (google doc) this year. & Freshman survey on Naviance

10th grade parents - Personality Type Assessment, and build a resume. PSAT maybe in 10th, but not for everyone. Test created for 11th graders who've had 11th grade math already.

* try to attend a college planning night (also available online recorded by Ms. Whalen) and a financial aid night.

11th grade parents - have kids attend 2 college visits @ HS to hear directly from college admissions, attend North Pitt College Fair @ LaRoche

* College visits - often get loads of emails... Mom Hack: create separate email for registering`

* Financial Aid night - CSS Profile, Institutional aid

12th grade - Be mindful that senior flex doesn't mean much to college admissions so including why/what it is might be useful in application writing.

* Naviance has loads of info on how many applicants to each college & number of PRHS student who were accepted/attended

* Consider letting kids further explore interests/hobbies/careers through electives

*** PRIORITIZE/CONSIDER CHARACTER

*Parent mentioned transition coordinator for child with special needs would be valuable to their family

Treasurer's Report

*report attached

- directory ads up by ~\$700

- looking to increase unfundraiser.. budget is \$5000. Today \$3170
- Open online store with awards and more - goal \$300 - opening Nov
- Pay \$100 for student artist of Directory
- Ritas Ice for HOCO - pay out \$900
- Staff Appreciation - May & lunch after Open House
- \$10K to start the year - not a funds of zero - Jen motion to approve budget, Julie second - budget approved

Motion to approve 2024/2025 Budget by Jen - 2nd by Julie - motion passes

Motion to approve May meeting minutes, 2nd, and approved
(on PTO webpage, under archives for previous school year)

Updates

Back to school:

*Freshman Bulletin Board — butterflies

*Freshman/New Student Orientation — Kona Ice

*Spirit Wear sales

*Welcome Yard Sign

*Teacher Lounge refresh & snacks/coffee

*New Para Lounge decorations & snacks/drinks

*Volunteers for Picture days

Fundraising

*UNfundraiser

*Directory Ads

Ram's Way

*Ping Pong Table

*Teacher bday & cart items

Upcoming Activities

*Ram's Way Rewards/Fundraising (all year) - PTO donating spirit wear

*Kindergarten photo board — 10/1 assembly

*Directory completion/publication — free copy for all who participated in UNfundraiser

- *Cover art — Charlie Ozelski
- *News from PTO area in lobby
- *Community RamFam event 9/26
- *HoCo Pep Rally 9/27
- *Homecoming game 9/27
- *Homecoming dance 9/28 — Rita's - look for sign up genius (didn't go out in Flash!)
- *10/10 Open House — Table/Spirit wear sales
- *Teacher luncheon 10/11
- *Spirit Week /Dip-off 11/8 prizes for teachers
- *Friendsgiving 11/27
 - decorate cafeteria before
 - Spirit wear sales during lunch
- *Graduates/past staff visit 12/20
 - Hot cocoa / cookies for guests

Reports from VP/Secretary - None

Questions/Comments

Next PTO mtg: 1/30/25
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