

PRHS PTO Meeting Minutes 1/15/26 9:30am

Respectfully submitted 2/16/26 by Jennifer Beuse

Welcome:

2025-26 Officers: President - Rebecca Hoffman, Vice-President - Julie Wojcik, Treasurer - Louise Cashman, Secretary - Jennifer Beuse, Social Media - Karen Baker

Attendance: Rebecca Hoffman, Jennifer Beuse, Louise Cashman, Julie Wojcik, Karen Baker, Ewa, Anthony Karabalios, Birgitta, Hailey Q Levin, Kati Gergo, Dr. Hernandez, PRHS principal, Dr. Barlak, Ms. Kuchnicki

Principals' Report:

Guest speaker: Dr. Barlak — scheduling presentation - 4 month process - student interests & goals, readiness, graduation requirements, teacher staffing, class size limits. Built by Early May

- * Major changes - Music, Business, Eng./Tech photoshop removed - now
 - * CHS Fundamentals of Information Technology, CHS intro to Cybersecurity. College in High School - Robert Morris is credit for these 2 classes. \$250 cost to families & get 3 credits - \$1000 yearly scholarship if go to RMU for cybersecurity and have taken these courses. Junior & Seniors atm
 - * Advanced Placement (AP) Music Theory
 - * CHS Advanced Video Production through Point Park University.
 - * Financial Literacy Required for 2030 grads through State Law. Looking at providing honors version, in person, cyber possibly, summer offering. Have 6 sections of personal finance now. Will required by all, will need 14+ sections. Flexible option would help with staff requirements
 - * 1/28 - CHOOSE WISELY POS meeting 6PM Auditorium *8th to 11th graders
 - * 1/29-2/2 - PRHS teachers share course recommendations for students
 - * 2/9 - Kids have met with teachers to discuss why recommendations.
- Recommendations available for parents to see & discuss electives & waiver possibilities
- * Every student will meet with counselor
 - * 2/9-3/6 - Course waiver process
 - * 2/18-3/6 - Counselors meet w/students to confirm choices
 - * 3/13 - verification forms in Sapphire - DUE March 20.
 - * 4/9 - District Staffing Day

Teachers instructed to recommend highest available option & that removes a lot of waivers. STEP DOWN just required a special request note in Sapphire. STEP UP requires a waiver. ** Conversation with counselor, teachers color code kids Green, (missed the 90% in POS, but will likely do really well in higher class), Yellow (missed class too much, struggled a bit), Red (discussion required to approve, if 4 waivers requested, might only approve 2 waivers, ie)

- * attendance, performance, assessment, PVAAS Projection Data (calculated success likelihood)
- * LEVEL CHANGE REQUEST - Once school starts
 - * 2-10 Days - freely make changes up or down a level
 - * 11-20 Days - No level changes. Can drop a class.
 - * 21+ Days - WP or WF on transcript

Early Feb - Special ED & Support Review - Case Managers go through every recommendation & make sure all IEP/ 504 Needs/Accommodation are addressed (co-taught class needed, etc) * spring - work with families early to help transition & connect with new case managers

Master Schedule starts being built 4/9

Principals Report - Middle States Accreditation - Jan 2026 - Self assessment & Site Visit Action Plan Implementation 2026-2029

- * Without accreditation school can't have some classes, ie JROTC
- **Need help: January 21 12:45-1:15 - 8-10 parents meeting diverse -**
- * integration of STEELS standards & Modified instruction help improve student' academic achievement, annual growth, engagement, and problem-solving skills as measured by Keystone Bio Exam results (achievements), PA Value Added. Assessment System (PVAAS) growth, and the annual stakeholder survey (engagement)?

AP Gold school for 3rd year in a row (have 2 Platinum and 1 gold)

Treasurer's Report *report attached

- * Fund the fun - low in that down \$2K of what our goal was. Trying to get the word out of what we do for the kids
- * Spirit wear - some inventory
- * Yard signs

Discussion — fundraisers (Moe's meal boxes, dine out nights), new ideas

*Looking for engaging/inspirational speaker for Senior Breakfast

Teacher appreciation May - yard sign, day with coffee & pastries, decoration one day, ice cream sandwiches, a luncheon... something every day. Joe from Jason's Deli - build your own station, nothing Bundt cakes

Student appreciation - senior, 10th & 11th graders get ice cream, 9th orientation Kona

Upcoming Events:

- *Hearts with student names (2/10: 3-6pm)
- *Yard Sign Round 1 orders due 2/25 (pickup early March, date TBD)
- *Winter Formal 1/31 (tickets for sale ...)
- *100 Days until graduation — countdown begins 2/26/26 (bulletin board)
- *Beattie applications due ...
- *Musical — Chicago 3/13 & 14, 3/20 & 21

Teacher Appreciation week 5/4-5/8/26

*Prom 5/9

*We are PR Scholarship — Opens March (dates TBD) NEED VOLUNTEERS

**Rebranding as Fund Your Future

*Program of Studies dates: see slideshow

*Graduation concessions (Ashley — committee lead)

Fundraisers:

*FUNd the FUN

*Directory ads

*Spirit Wear sales — Senior parent preorder

*Moes box tbd & Ram's Way support

*Other ideas

Administrative:

Audit completed

Changed payment vendor — PayPal

PTO support so far in 2025-26

*Freshman bulletin board - ombre stars & Sparkles

*Kona Ice for freshman/new student orientation

*Welcome Back to School yard sign

*Snack & Decor in staff lounge

*Restocked Ram's Way (Student & Staff)

*Volunteers for Picture Day

*Senior Kindergarten photo board

*Rita's at HoCo dance

*Candy for Halloween Pep Rally

*Student Directory: Cover art — Cadence Foote and Ariella Ruediger

*Teacher lounge decorations & treats(Fall, Winter— incl. hot cocoa)

*Open House -Th 9/25 - Spirit Wear, FUNd the FUN, Distribute Directory

*Teacher luncheon after Open House

*Friendsgiving decorations/balloon arch, spirit wear table

*Fun gift items for Ram's Way rewards, teacher birthday cart

*Past Grad & Former Teacher Day — hot cocoa bar for guests and Kat's Coffee & hot cocoa for teachers

*Bagels/coffee for front office & Principals to welcome back after break

*Share info via social media & Friday Flash

*Rebranded FUNd the FUN

*Utilized Student Support Fund (ongoing upon request)

Reports from VP/Secretary

Questions/Comments

Next PTO mtg: 4/15/26