

PRHS PTO Meeting Minutes 9/23/26 9:32am - 11:37

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Beuse 10/1/26

Attendance:

Jennifer Beuse, Rebeccah Hoffman, Julie Wojcik, Fernanda Ramirez, Louise Cashman, Frank Hernandez, Officer Kori, Dr. Barlak, Ms. Kuchnicki, Mr. Cawley, Ewa Bialobrzkeski, Sarah Marr, Zunaira Adeel, Katalie Gergo, Ashley Fortier

How heard of meeting? Instagram, fb, and 1 said Flash

Welcome:

2026-27 Officers: President - Rebeccah Hoffman, Vice-President - Julie Wojcik, Treasurer - Louise Cashman, Secretary - Jennifer Beuse, Social Media - Fernanda Ramirez

Principals' Report: Dr. Hernandez — upcoming events

Welcome Back 2 School - slides to staff & students

- * **Culture & Safety** - K&12 Graduation Photo
- * **Discipline code/student handbook** - Discipline AND Support
- * Policy 103 - direct language
- * **Celebrating Differences** - Kindness, Respect/ Integrity, phone policy & authentic work/ Hallway
- * **Eradicate Hate Global Summit** - sent students & staff (Pittsburgh one of only a few Teen summits in world). Speakers: Tree of Life survivors, Oil City WI pastor's son, hispanic survivor of hate crime. Powerful & Passionate speakers spoke to our kids
- * 9th Grade transition activities
- * **Jewish Fed Anti-semitism in sports** - 4 staff attended - Duquesne Bball player who doesn't participate in sports for family time Friday & Saturdays - his work to be seen & be able to play ball collegiately while respecting his faith. Themes of Excellence, Toughness, Respect. Presentation to our coaches this Fall.
- * **Driver Safety** - partnership with NJM Insurance - look out for Parent/Student presentations & Share the Keys events highlighted in the Flash
- * **Red Ribbon Week** - Live Drug Free & have friends' backs. Dr. Brophy possibility again. Kickoff with speakers. 45 mins each to 9th/10th and 11th/12th. Every day of week some stats & plant red tulips
- * **Open Gate** - used 5x arrival HS, at least once every school. Ideally, deploy at HS football games & Hoco dance. Continuing training & sensitivity of gates
- * **Vapes** - strategically popping into bathrooms. Seems to be down so far.
- * Continue to see belittling speech, slurs, questionable social media content
- * **TONS OF GOOD THINGS** - RAMS Way, teacher luncheon day after Open House, Academic Achievement
- * Grade 9 ELA Scores = 97% proficiency
- * AP test scores out of the park!
- * Keystone Results - expect late Fall

Guest Speaker: Officer Kori Phillips— Introduction/safety update

- * education background, served 2 years at MS so sees same kids
- * **Safety** - CARE first (Culture/Connection, Awareness, Relationships, Extra Support) Really focuses on increases proactive strategies so less reactive strategies necessary
- * **Preparedness** - REPORT DON'T REPOST - Officer Kori welcomes direct emails to him
 - * Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter
 - * Looking to coordinate Active shooter drill this summer at HS
- * blend in & gain rapport with kids

Treasurer's Report *report attached

Discussion — fundraisers/activities

**Motion by Jennifer to approve budget for 2026/2027. All voted in favor. Budget passes.

Fundraisers:

*FUNd the FUN - recommendation to Thank families who participate by name

*Directory ads/sponsorships - recommendation to name sponsorship levels on socials

*Spirit Wear sales — *Senior parent inventory & preorder *new T & stock hoodies *pj pants Nov.

*Yard sale sign

*Moe's boxes - November & another hopefully - need to coordinate so not same weeks as others at PRHS

Other Ideas? -

*restaurant nights discussed & historically no real participation - earned \$40 for a lot of work & money earned from executive board using.

* Discussion to add magnets to pre-order sales

Upcoming Events:

Class of 2027 Pep Assembly & class photo 9/25	Ram Fam/parade/football game (Stray Kat). 9/25 - Look for us!	HoCo dance (Rita's — volunteers) 9/26
PSAT & 3 hour delay for non-testing students. 10/6	Veterans' Day Assembly celebrate staff veterans 11/11	World Kindness Week (arrival handout) 11/9-13
Friendsgiving. 11/25 one attendee loves this event	Past Grad Day 12/23	Red Ribbon Week - last week in October

* Suggestion to Dr. Hernandez to move PSAT & 3-hour delay language to "**Testing Schedule**"

* Discussed handouts by Vols at drop-off for Kindness week - pencils (doesn't give - KIND), looking into stickers. Other ideas?

PTO contributions to date 2026-27

Bulletin Boards	Freshman Welcome bulletin board - Happy to see YOU
Cash Gifts	Student Directory: Cover art —Liana Delisio
Yard Signs	Welcome Back to School
Volunteers	Picture Day, Senior Kindergarten photo board, Open House - hand out directory
Students Celebration	Kona Ice for freshman/new student orientation, Restocked Ram's Way (Student & Staff), Senior Kindergarten photo board
Staff Appreciation	Snack & Decor in staff lounge, Restocked Ram's Way (Student & Staff), Staff Luncheon
Student Support Fund	

* Discussion requesting new **photographer** for picture days - can share with Dr. H

* **Ram Fam community HoCo** - talked about our booth with spirit wear, directories, & application for Small Games of Chance: raffle baskets 1) Picnic Basket, 2) Fall Feast with \$100 Feast G.C. 3) Fit & Fun ShelBeFit, and 4) Spirit Wear

**Administrative
Reports from VP/Secretary**

Questions/Comments

Next PTO mtg: Th 1/28/27

<Planned>

Rita's at HoCo dance	Candy for Halloween Pep Rally	Teacher lounge decorations & treats(Fall, Winter— incl. hot cocoa, Valentine)
Gift items for Ram's Way rewards, teacher birthday cart	Fund Your Future scholarship	Friendsgiving decorations/balloon arch, spirit wear table
Hearts with student names	Yard Sign sales	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 1/4	Utilize Student Support Fund (ongoing upon request	* 100 Days until graduation — countdown begins 2/25/27 (bulletin board & yard sign) * Solicit 3-5 photos for senior slideshow * Senior buletin board
*Share info via social media & Friday Flash		

What else PTO has recently supported!

*Volunteers / decor for Lip Dub prep, balloon arch (Woodside Lane Parties)

*Dec TBD outdoor winter decor (Best Buddies)

'26/'27 Calendar:

4/15 9th Awards

4/16 10th & 11th Awards

5/3-5/7 Teacher Appreciation week (yard sign, luncheon, daily events)

5/8 Prom

May TBD Senior bulletin board (yearbook photos)

5/28 Senior breakfast & speaker (decorate incl banner) — Seniors' Last Day (Breakfast, Speaker, Visit Middle & Elementary Schools)

Senior Dinner Dance TBD

6/1 Kona for seniors at grad practice

6/2 Senior Awards

Last week of school Treat for 10/11th (tickets to HR teachers)

6/3 Graduation (concessions, Stray Kat, & spiritwear)

(Ongoing: seasonal decor & treats for staff lounge, RAMs Way snacks/prizes for students & staff, coordinate with Student Govt for building decor, volunteers for school events)