



**PMHS PTSA GENERAL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
10/17/2023 at 7pm**

Meeting called to order by: Tiffany Watts at 7:02pm

Executive Board Members:

1. Tiffany Watts (President)
2. Jennifer Brotzman (1st Vice President)
3. Beth Eder (2nd Vice President)
4. Jennifer Stump (Treasurer)
5. Petrandia Simmons (Recording Secretary)
6. Taylor Blades (Corresponding Secretary)

Welcome & Introductions

- Ms. Perry (principal) & Ms. Lindsay (7th grade teacher/yearbook advisor)
- Board members

Speaker(s)

- Julie Henn – On the Board of Education District 5 (Perry Hall). Next year the new Northeast school on King Avenue will open and provide relief of 200-300 students. 10 schools total involved in redistricting; project started ~1yr ago but was discussed since ~2016. There will be an expansion of Pine Grove Middle School. Main goal was to relieve the overcrowding of PHMS. PH will be at 89% capacity when the new school opens next school year. BCPS is also moving their English language learners at their home school, instead of at different schools. This will increase enrollment at PHMS but will be offset greatly by the middle school opening. Golden Ring Middle School will close and the building will be repurposed, unknown for what. Each school affected will be 92% below capacity (this doesn't factor in new housing developments). Note: Virtual learning program funding ends after this school year. A permanent funding source hasn't been identified although Julie would like there to be. As of now there is no plan to fund it at the scale they have been. Has been used as an alternative setting for students that have thrived in that environment. Recommended by PTSA board member to survey families who would prefer virtual learning.
- David Marks – Baltimore County Councilman (the County approves funding for projects). He and Julie work together on a lot of issues. One of the focuses was on reducing new housing developments. New developments that are going up in our area are heavy on senior restricted housing. He foresees that PHMS enrollment will be under 100%. There is not much land left to add new developments. Apartments near White Marsh mall have limited # of bedrooms apartments, 1bdrm for example. This helps restrict overcrowding in schools as well. 2023 is a zoning year, will look at all the zones and see if more restrictions are needed. Currently \$200 million in projects. Many ask about a new HS (referring to PHHS). Capacity of PHHS is right at capacity. Towson HS is at ~130% capacity. Only a finite amount of money. It seems there are no plans for a new HS in our area in the foreseeable future. David would like to see a new HS where White Marsh mall is, large unused parking lot. // Traffic circle at Honeygo Boulevard and Cross has taken a long time to fund. It will be completed in 2024-2025. It will be very large and County engineers have deemed it safer than having a traffic light. // Gerst park will be the 5th new park opened in PH in the past 12yrs.

September Meeting Minutes Approval (Petrandia)

- 1st approval Beth Eder
- 2nd approval Abby McGrath

Treasurer's Report (Jennifer S)

- Balance as of 9/5: \$15,956.92
- Total receipts \$3,380.00; Total disbursements \$1,583.36
- Balance as of 10/5: \$17,753.56
- Paid State & National Dues for September
- Paid County Council dues \$15.00
- Organizational & operational expenses reviewed
- No fundraising expenses to date
- September Treasurer's report shared at meeting and viewable on Givebacks

Principal's Report (Ms. Perry)

- Likes the PTSA emails that she is receiving (from Givebacks)
 - 10/19 8th grade DC field trip
 - 10/20 no school
 - The play this year is Willy Wonka, all grades try-outs on 10/24 & 10/25 330p-530p. There will also be an understudy cast. Sometimes will have an extra show for the understudies.
 - 10/26 Truck or Treat, first time for PHMS
 - 10/27 Boo Bash
 - 11/2 Fall picture makeup day
 - 11/3 end of the 1st quarter
 - 11/13 Professional Day for Staff (Diwali holiday)
 - 11/14 – 11/16, 9-11am American Education Week (if you want to observe an afternoon class seek out the guidance counselor and a 1hr visitation is allowed)

Teacher Liaison Report (Ms. Lindsay)

- Parent volunteers are needed for the trunk or treat, trunk kits are sold online. \$5 cost as the school is supplying the candy. Will likely be in the bus loop
- 8th grade ads for the yearbooks will be out soon. Virtual cover session completed today. It's a surprise! Kids are excited about it

Student Council Report (Tiffany reporting for Student Council)

- Rebecca Hall heads the student council. Tiffany shared some notes on behalf of the students
"So far there hasn't been many fights during school"
"Well, there's a lot happening here at PHMS. Most of the time some students get their work done, while others tend to make bad decisions. So far there hasn't been any fights at school, but plenty of people try to make them. I see several people pushing each other in the halls, cussing, and just overall being annoying. Other than that, PHMS is a good school, with good teachers and educated students."

Committee Reports (Beth)

- Membership (Givebacks)/Contest (Beth)
 - Contest ends 10/31. Encouraged to join PTSA, can join today via membership form, online, etc. 162 current members. ~1700 students. Five Below spirit fundraiser. 12/17-12/24, PTSA receives 10% of sales. PTSA slide is on the morning announcements, grateful that was allowed
- Reflections (Mary Boehl)

- Reflections allowed students to create artwork based on one of the 6 themes.
 - Theme is I'm hopeful because ...
 - Deadline is ~11/20
 - 4 winners of each category will be selected. The winners go to the County ~12/20, 3 winners go to the State competition. State selects 1 from each category to go to Nationals.
 - Winning prize is \$1000.00
 - Recognition if winner was from PHMS
 - Technology – Mary needs assistance
 - Video submissions – PH has a visual arts class, Mr. Baldwin & Ms. Momenzadah may be able to assist. Literature category - Ms. Lindsay could help. Photography category - could go to Art dept teachers. Film category - Mr. Baldwin
- Restaurant Nights (Petrandia)
 - Ledo's Tuesday 10/24
 - Rolling Grill Wednesday 11/15
 - Chick Fil-A Thursday 12/14
 - Will post on FB and send reminders via Givebacks email
- Spirit Wear (Jen B/Kelly Hobbs)
 - Form at the meeting
 - Orders are starting to come in
 - Free S&H, will be sent home with student
 - Deadline first week of November
 - Will open up mid-January thru the Spring
 - Only order via form on website, FB, or paper form. It's not online via Givebacks yet
 - Payments – Check to school or PayPal (indicate what it's for)
- Red Bags (Leslie Zink)
 - For students that are recognized for something special
 - Nominations are already out
 - Contents of bag: snack, candy, highlighter, trinkets, etc.
- Paint Night (Leslie Zink)
 - Flier has been distributed and available at the meeting
 - 10/23, pumpkin art
 - \$30pp
- Color Run (Danielle/Michael Turner)
 - 4/12, rain date 4/19
 - Danielle needs help with submitting the "facilities request" as it was denied online. Seems to be a more challenging system since it's online. PTSA has to submit online for (AIM) insurance to use the custodial services, facility, etc.
 - Will look into food trucks (Jen B has resources)
 - Tiffany will get Fallon's last year sign-out to Danielle
 - Donations needed for T-Shirts (perfect opportunity for businesses to display their logo)
- Golden Scholars (Tiffany)
 - Chick Fil-A will give GCs
 - Tiffany and Nanette will meet and discuss

Old Business (Tiffany)

- Sharing PTSA information (Membership) - Information is only for membership. We post on Givebacks our meeting minutes, treasury report, etc.
- Council, State, Federal Fees – Our membership fees are set, we then pay fees \$2 to State, \$2.50 to National per membership
- Social Work Needs Closet Funding – Ms. Krick is PHMS SW. Has a small closet in her office, she is requesting toiletries for students in her closet. Tiffany made a motion to approve \$500.00 for SW needs closet. 1st motion approved: Michael Turner. 2nd motion approved: Jennifer Brotzman.
- Attendance Award – Ms. Perry suggests giving a certificate to the awarded students during lunch. Funding not requested by Ms. Perry at this time.

New Business (Tiffany)

- Virtual/Zoom Meetings – Suggested by a member at the last meeting. Microsoft Teams may be an option for members to virtually join in.
- Teacher incentives for joining the PTSA – Ideas suggested supplying teachers with a care package who joins (i.e. quarterly). Can supply a few things that they need (paper towels, tissues, hand sanitizer, wipes, etc.)
- Tiffany made a motion to approve \$500.00 for Teacher Membership Care Packages. The budget would come out of PTA objectives. 1st motion approved: Abby McGrath. 2nd motion approved: Nannette Polvinale.

Questions & Answers:

- Upgrade assignments – Can upgrade minor assignments, not major. Can upgrade 2 per quarter. Teachers should be re-teaching the skills/assignment. 1st quarter teachers likely gave 1 opportunity because there are less grades. 2nd quarter can use one earlier and then later in the quarter as there are more assignments. Upgrades are 45min (1/2 the period).
- AEW – Ms. Perry approves of having a table for AEW (can be in front area of the school or the library). Also welcomed at Trunk or Treat.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at: 8:12pm by Tiffany Watts

Motion 1: Petrandia Simmons

Motion 2: Jill Cherundolo

Next Meeting: November 14, 2023, at 7pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Petrandia Simmons