

PHSO

Parents Helping Students Organization Minutes, February 9, 2011

Attendees: Georgette Wilson, Ann Larson, Anne Burns, Sue Burghouwt, Mary Fran Bauchspies, Doranne Borges, Susan Lewis, Karen Marshall, Beth Paolero, Guest Speaker - Colleen Jermain

1. The meeting was opened by PHSO President Georgette Wilson.
2. Introduction of Colleen Jermain, Assistant Superintendent Portsmouth Schools and Chairperson of Health and Wellness Sub-Committee.
 - Draft of Health and Wellness policy was distributed
 - Discussion about making healthy choices regarding diet and exercise
 - Committee meets 4 times per year and would welcome a representative from the High School community. Meetings start at 6PM and end at 7PM the first Monday of every other month. Next meeting is May 2nd.
 - Discussed food safety as it pertains to allergies and cleanliness.
 - Discussed food brought into Advisories. Committee is not looking to ban food items, just to create a healthy balance.
 - Policy does not apply to fundraisers or foods brought in by parent organizations (i.e. bake sales).
3. Secretary's Report – approved
 - a. Secretary was directed to forward minutes with changes to be posted on PHSO website
4. Treasurer's Report - Current balance is \$2032.22. Report approved.
5. Old Business
 - a. School Improvement Team (SIT) - Meetings have been poorly attended this year. The SIT is looking for more input from parents. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month in the PHS Library from 2:15PM to 3:15PM.
 - b. Other Old Business – *Nothing to report at this time.*
6. New Business
 - a. Committee Chair Reports
 - i. Conversations with College Freshmen: Barbara Russell-Willett and Doranne Borges
Doranne reported that the evening went well with excellent attendance. Five PHS alumni headed panel with a variety of college experience represented. Great input during Q&A section. Mr. Monahan was pleased with the event.
 - ii. Substance Abuse Awareness Night: Susan Lewis and Georgette Wilson
Georgette handed materials to Susan from Liz Morley. Agenda is set and participants are confirmed
 - iii. Book Awards-Sue Burghouwt and Mary Fran Bauchspies
Save The Date email went out to all teachers. Nominations will begin on 2/28 and teachers will have two weeks to submit nominations. Books will be ordered on 3/18. Budget was set at \$1,450 with \$1,400 for books and \$50 for supplies.
 - iv. Senior Project-Anne Burns
Anne needs an assistant this year to take over next year. She will double-check with Mr. Innis (in charge of senior project) to ensure the dates (5/24 and 5/25) are still the same due to snow days. Anne will send email requests for snack donations when time is nearer.

v. PHSO Scholarship: Ann Larson

Deadline for application submissions is May 13th . Applications are sent to our P.O. Box (Mary Fran Bauchspies has the key). We will select recipient at the June 1st PHSO meeting. Ann Larson will present scholarship at the Senior Awards Night (TBD).

vi. Faculty & Staff Appreciation Breakfast-Beth Paolero

Need to verify last day of school due to snow days.

- b. Other New Business: *PHSO website update*. Anne Burns receives emails coming in from website. Someone else needs to be selected to received the emails next year. A line item needs to be added to the budget for the website. The cost is \$35/year to maintain our domain name. PHSO voted to approve \$35.00 for this school year. We need an update from Linda Ujifusa as to whether she has found a replacement.

7. Remaining PHSO Meetings for 2010/2011, PHS Faculty Lounge-Door #13, 6:30 p.m.

a. Wednesday, April 6, 2011

b. Wednesday, June 1, 2011

8. Meeting was adjourned with thanks to all participants for a successful meeting.