

Speakers	
Shazia Manekia (PTO Co-President)	Frank Chmiel (PHS Principal)
Sasha Weinstein (PTO Co-President)	Beth Behrend (BOE President, PHS Liaison)
Olga Barbanel (PHS Liaison Special Ed PAG)	Betsy Baglio (BOE Member, PHS Liaison)
Sandy Moskovitz (PTO Wellness & Sustainability Committee)	Lisa DiSciullo (Special Guest)
Mette Otte (PTO New Families Committee)	

Brief Description / Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome from the PHS PTO.</li> <li>Board of Education brief update.</li> <li>Presentation from Lisa DiSciullo (Special Guest).</li> <li>Introduction and updates from Principal Frank Chmiel.</li> </ul>

Summary of the discussion	
Speaker	Items discussed
Shazia Manekia and Sasha Weinstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome from the PHS PTO.</li> <li>Reminder to donate to the PTO which benefits the entire school community.</li> <li>Join the PHS PTO Facebook group.</li> <li>Visit the PTO website for useful information.</li> </ul>
Olga Barbanel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Olga is the Princeton Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) liaison for PHS.</li> <li>Next meeting is on Sunday Sept 26 from 3.30-4.30.</li> <li>Contact <a href="mailto:obarbanel@gmail.com">obarbanel@gmail.com</a> to receive the meeting link or check the website <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/princetonsepag/home">https://sites.google.com/view/princetonsepag/home</a>.</li> </ul>
Sandy Moskovitz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandy is the PHS parent rep to the district Health and Wellness Green Team.</li> <li>Check the PTO website for contact details and more information.</li> </ul>
Mette Otte	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mette is on the PHS New Families welcome committee.</li> <li>Check the PTO website for information on upcoming meetings and how to volunteer to be an ambassador for new PHS families.</li> </ul>
Beth Behrend and Betsy Baglio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A quick overview of the Board of Education was provided.</li> <li>Beth and Betsy are the BOE liaisons to the PHS PTO.</li> <li>BOE Monthly meetings are on zoom – 9/28 is the next meeting – the link can be found on the district website.</li> <li>Spoke briefly about current referendum projects – guidance suite renovated; grab and go facility; bathrooms and concessions outside; new second floor on old gym which will provide 4-5 new flex classrooms.</li> <li>Addressed the need to look forward to the next referendum and plan to fix the roofs of the school buildings as well as addressing the increasing enrollment.</li> <li>Also mentioned that there are open positions available due to the current labor shortage such as crossing guards and cafeteria workers – check the</li> </ul>

	district Human Resources link for open positions.
Lisa DiSciullo	<p>Lisa DiSciullo, certified parent coach/trainer, gave a presentation sharing her advice and insights on 'Supporting Your Teen in the New School Year'.</p> <p>The agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics – the good news and the bad news</li> <li>• What are teens worried about?</li> <li>• What are parents worried about?</li> <li>• What you can do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For your teens?</li> <li>○ For yourself?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Lisa offered a complimentary 30-minute call to families. Schedule at <a href="http://CallwithLisaD.com">CallwithLisaD.com</a>.</p>
Frank Chmiel	<p>Principal Monthly Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Dr. Kristina Donovan, the previous Director of School Counseling Services, left for another opportunity during the summer. A new Director, Dana Karas from Franklin Township Public Schools, has been hired and will join PHS at the end of September.</li> <li>2) The rules and regulations for advancement to higher level courses have been in existence for some time. 15 students on a 'Student Advisory' (not Student Council) are looking at what the average PHS student is going through. They plan to meet monthly and listen to students' thoughts on some of the restrictions to advance to other classes.</li> <li>3) A 'Solutions Committee' for teachers has been established to discuss different school issues such as looking at the level of homework for AP classes.</li> <li>4) School spirit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pep rally planned for October 15 which will be held outdoors at the PHS Tiger Stadium. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Will involve the PTO and Student Advisory Committee in the planning process.</li> <li>ii. Safe, well run and a lot of fun!</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Every Friday students are encouraged to wear Tiger gear - blue and white - to build a positive school climate and culture.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5) Lunch – trying to make the lunch process more efficient. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Confirmed lunch is free for this year.</li> <li>b. The new Grab and Go station will be a satellite serving area to help reduce the pressure on the cafeteria. Currently trying to staff it.</li> <li>c. A concession stand near the PAC lobby which will also help ease the congestion.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	Next PTO meeting is on Wednesday October 6 <sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. It will be outside in the tents on the front lawn. It will be an opportunity to 'Meet and Greet' Principal Frank Chmiel.

Meeting ended at 8:30PM.