

Speakers	
Shazia Manekia (PTO Co-President)	Frank Chmiel (PHS Principal)
Sasha Weinstein (PTO Co-President)	Dana Karas (Director of Student Counseling Services)
Sandy Moskovitz (PTO Wellness & Sustainability Committee)	Cecilia Birge (PHS Assistant Principal)
Mette Otte (PTO New Families Committee)	Stephanie Greenberg (PHS Assistant Principal)
Betsy Baglio (BOE Member, PHS Liaison)	Rashone Johnson (PHS Assistant Principal)
	Diana Lygas (Dean of Student Life)

Brief Description / Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome from the PHS PTO and general updates. Board of Education brief update. Introduction of the PHS Administration team and updates from Principal Frank Chmiel.

Summary of the discussion	
Speaker	Items discussed
Shazia Manekia and Sasha Weinstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome from the PHS PTO.
Mette Otte	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mette is on the PHS New Families welcome committee. Shared a flyer for next meeting on November 17th at 7pm via zoom.
Sandy Moskovitz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandy is one of the PHS parent reps to the district Health and Wellness Green Team. Check the PTO website for contact details and more information. Also asked attendees to help support the Choir Flower Sale.
Betsy Baglio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beth Behrend and Betsy Baglio are the Board of Education liaisons to the PHS PTO. 'Bagels with the Board' meeting Wednesday Nov 10th after school at 3.20 on the front lawn – an opportunity for parents, staff and students to meet BOE members. There is a need to look forward to the January Referendum and plan to fix the roofs of the school buildings. This will be voted by the Board at the next BOE meeting on Nov 16th to include this item in the January Referendum. The December 14th BOE Meeting will include an update from Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent of Schools, on her 100-day plan. BOE Monthly meetings are on zoom – the link can be found on the district website.
Dana Karas	<p>Dana Karas, Director of Student Counseling Services for Princeton Public Schools K-12. Dana introduced herself and gave a brief overview of some of the activities her team is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intervention Services – help children with various difficulties Hoping to refine the process around 504s, home instruction etc. and help improve communication and provide more information to parents.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just finished AP registration (over 1500 exams!). Coordinating 'Instant Decision Days' with some colleges – next week is Rider for example – students who have applied will be given an acceptance letter, scholarship money etc. on the day.
Frank Chmiel	<p>Principal Monthly Update Principal Chmiel introduced his Administration team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 3 Assistant Principals. Parents should go to the Assistant Principal assigned to their child to help resolve issues rather than go to Principal directly. Students are assigned to Assistant Principals by alphabet. Assistant Principal assignments are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last name A-G: Cecilia Birge Last name H-O: Rashone Johnson Last name P-Z: Stephanie Greenberg Dana Karas, the new Student Counseling Services Director, joined PHS at the end of September. Diana Lygas, Dean of Student Life. Brian Dzbenski, Athletic Director - not present as National Signing Day was going on at the same time as this meeting. Crystal Riddick, Supervisor of Special Education – not present. Joy Salmons, Executive Secretary – not present - contact Joy if you need to meet with Principal Chmiel. <p>Principal Chmiel also provided an update on various school assemblies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hispanic Heritage Month – gathered a team of Hispanic teachers and students to plan the assembly which was held on Nov 3rd. There was a home room door decoration contest, with the first prize of a lunch from Tortugas and a Pinata for second place. There will be other assemblies planned to honor other heritage months during the year. Also planning a Winter Music Assembly as well as a Pep Rally for Winter Sports. <p>Teacher and Support Professional awards are being planned. 1 teacher and 1 support professional can be nominated by parents and students.</p> <p>Questions from Parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student IDs – Diane Lygas reached out to LifeTouch School Photos to get a status on when these will be delivered. No answer yet. Main intersection – can anything be done to reduce the bottleneck and crowding? Discussed that part of the issue is due to ongoing construction. Communicate via the daily 'PHS Canvas Page' to avail of the nearby staircase as an alternative route. 'Grab and Go' food station should be ready mid-December. How to address teacher inconsistency, homework load, difficult of tests etc.? Discussed that further Professional Learning and meetings to share best practices could be implemented to help resolve this. College Counselor Support – need more resources. Is there budget to add another resource that could focus of G9/G10?

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Cecilia Birge	Cecilia Birge, Assistant Principal, responsible for students 'A-G'. She is also the liaison to other departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Languages • Sciences • ESL • Special Ed
Stephanie Greenberg	Stephanie Greenberg, Assistant Principal, responsible for students 'P-Z'. She is also the liaison to other departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanities – English and Social Sciences
Rashone Johnson	Rashone Johnson, Assistant Principal, responsible for students 'H-O'. He is also the liaison to other departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE • Athletics • Arts • Safety and Security • Facilities and Construction
Diana Lygas	Diana Lygas, Dean of Student Life. Organizes a variety of events from Prom, Friday evening bingo, School Dances etc.
	Next PTO meeting is on Wednesday December 1 st at 7:00 PM via zoom.

Meeting ended at 10:00 AM.