

Speakers	
Sasha Weinstein (PTO Co-President)	Frank Chmiel (PHS Principal)
Susan Kanter and Beth Behrend (BOE Members)	Various members of the PHS Peer Group

Brief Description / Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome from the PHS PTO and general updates. Princeton High School Peer Group discussion. Board of Education brief update. Principal Frank Chmiel monthly update.

Summary of the discussion	
Speaker	Items discussed
Sasha Weinstein	<p>Welcome from the PHS PTO.</p> <p>Princeton Perks Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buy a \$30 Princeton Perks card today to enjoy discounts at more than 60 local shops and restaurants from January 1 through December 31, 2022. The discount card features great savings at a growing list of businesses, with most retailers offering 10% off. Visit princetonperks.com for information on each business's discount offer. Choose Princeton High School so that the proceeds go to the PHS PTO. <p>Diana Lygas, Dean of Student Life, shared the link to purchase PHS Tiger Gear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://princeton-threads.com/categories/princeton-high-school-store.html
Peer Group	<p>What is Peer Group?</p> <p>Seniors are selected and trained to serve as Peer Group leaders to work with the Freshmen class to help them manage the transition to High School.</p> <p>Some of the Peer Group Advisors introduced themselves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valerie Rodriguez – Peer Group Advisor Doug Levandowski - Peer Group Advisor Christian Gonzalez - Peer Group Advisor Joyce Jones – Peer Group Advisor Aaron Thayer - Peer Group Advisor <p>Some of the Senior Peer Group leaders introduced themselves and explained why they became a Peer Leader and answered various questions posed to the group to help explain how the program works and what the benefits are to both the Seniors and the Freshmen.</p> <p>As an example, the next outreach program is 'ILAC – I am lovable and capable'. The leaders will act out the story of a high schooler having her worst day and tearing off the ILAC sign and then reflecting on the message of the outreach.</p> <p>Some of the questions from the parents included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many freshmen are in each peer group? About 12-14.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many seniors in the program? 63-64. • Is there some supervision of seniors during these classes? Faculty supervisors are walking around popping into the classes which occur on F days.
Board of Education Susan Kanter Beth Behrend	<p>Susan Kanter provided an update on the January 25th 2022 Facilities Stewardship Referendum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to plan to fix the roofs of the school buildings, repair masonry, allow the roofs be solar ready for the future etc. This will be voted for in the January 25th Referendum – both in person in the elementary schools and by mail in vote. \$17.5 million dollars for certain facilities projects over the next few years. The State will subsidize the expenditure up to 34%. These are repairs and changes that need to be made anyway so having the state contribute is beneficial. • PHS will be allocated \$6.5 million of the funds.
Frank Chmiel	<p>Principal Monthly Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Chmiel talked about the Covid notifications. Contact tracing is very laborious. Teachers have seating charts. School nurses contact the students based on these. One email is sent to close contacts who are vaccinated and a separate email to unvaccinated close contacts. In addition, there is a general parent email through PowerSchool, an email to the faculty and staff and a notification to the student communication on Canvas! This logistical challenge is why the notifications sometimes take time to be distributed. • Mr. Chmiel is seeing a lot of school spirit and in general students seem happy. • All students have lunch at the same time. This avoids the temptation for students to skip class so they can have lunch which their friends if there are different lunch periods! • There has been a big turnout at student events. • Mr. Chmiel – Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goal is to ensure that the school is at the forefront of this movement. ○ Roof repairs will make them solar ready also. ○ Food waste bins in the cafeteria for composting. The vision is that we build a green team to take that responsibility. Have receptacles around the school to monitor so that non food waste is kept out of the receptacles. ○ Want to try to get the school Green Certified by Sustainable New Jersey. • Mr. Chmiel feels it is important to promote positive relationships with teachers, students, administration and families in the community. “Relationships, Rigor and Relevance lead to increased student learning.”
	Next PTO meeting is on Wednesday January 5 th .



Princeton High School PTO General Meeting
Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 7:00 PM, Virtual zoom

Meeting ended at 8:20 PM.