

Speakers	
Shazia Manekia (PTO Co-President)	Kirsten Sharett, Guest Speaker
Sasha Weinstein (PTO Co-President)	Cecilia Birge (PHS Assistant Principal)
Betsy Baglio (BOE Member)	

Brief Description / Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome from the PHS PTO and general updates. Board of Education brief update. Guest Speaker Kirsten Sharett. Cecilia Birge to provide monthly update on behalf of Principal Frank Chmiel.

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Speaker	Items discussed
Shazia Manekia and Sasha Weinstein	<p>Welcome from the PHS PTO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder to please read the Tiger Tribune (produced by Diana Lygas). It is one of the primary ways to get PTO information circulated. Also available on the PHS PTO website if experiencing problems opening it on the phone. Double check you are receiving it by email – it often goes to email spam. Executive Board PTO nominations are open for next year. Check out the PTO website for positions that are open. Please vote – this is the last day that you can vote for the proposed 2022-2023 slate. New families committee is looking for more New Family Ambassadors. As an ambassador, you will be assigned to one or more families – just be a person to help / answer questions. Check out the website for more information. <p>BIG THANK YOU to SHAZIA for her service to the PTO! Best wishes!!!</p>
Kirsten Sharett	<p>The guest speaker is Kirsten Sharett, a consultant at Solomon Admissions Consulting and Founder of Crafting Your Story, who will share her insights into this year's college admissions and provide valuable advice to help your student at each stage of their high school career.</p> <p>Below are some brief notes of the discussion.</p> <p>Kirsten graduated from PHS! Worked in Princeton admissions for some years.</p> <p>What is your narrative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who you are, who you will become Your story, passion, purpose, plan <p>Data and trends of the last few years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feels unpredictable Landscape has been changing for a while but Covid has accelerated this. Test optional – about 1800 colleges Gap year and deferred students returning – increased applications in same year 22% increase in college applications due to test optional! Now more competitive due to the increasing numbers – will continue for another

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	<p>few years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who did submit scores were in the top 10% More students leveraging ED Waitlists got longer Demonstrated interest is important – yield is important for colleges. <p>This is the order of importance now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades Grades in college prep classes Rigor of school Tests – ACT etc. Essays Demonstrated interest – emails, webinars etc. <p>Path forward?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look for a college building housing – avoid Berkley situation. Demonstrated interest- sign up for newsletter in a department, open the emails, click on the links, sign up for virtual tours, follow digitally Essays – how you write it and what it reveals about you. If interested in STEM – do research pgm at PHS. Focus on meaningful community service. Bigfuture.com - Take a look at this for college matches Commondataset.com – look at college data Common app opens August 1 Get common app essay complete by July - Working summer for rising seniors!
Betsy Baglio	<p>Betsy Baglio provided the Board of Education update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They do meet over the summer. June 7 is the last school meeting No further updates. <p>Look at the board website https://www.princetonk12.org/board for meeting dates and agendas.</p>
Cecilia Birge	<p>Principal Monthly Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Chmiel is out today. Cecilia Birge, one of the 3 PHS Assistant Principals, provided the monthly update on Mr. Chmiel's behalf. School Schedule has a few changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Tuesday election day, no school Final exam week of June 13th Mon-Thurs Final exams – PHS has pushed for project-based learning rather than standardized 3 hour final exams in the past few years. Not very many final exams – Math and Science tend to have more than humanities Orchestra is currently on the west coast Band just came back from Florida Euro Challenge team came second in the nation Friday – Juneteenth Monday June 20th is last day of school – 12:33 dismissal Graduation rehearsal on June 16 (during school followed by picnic) and

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	<p>June 20 (at 9am). Students get a cover of the diploma during the ceremony – get the real one back at school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absences – State Law - miss more than 18 classes for a certain subject – lose credit! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PHS developed a process – Saturday Academy – 8:30-12:30 – Counselor reaches out to student if they have absences. This year, absenteeism has been high. Go to IDEA center, hand phone to supervisor, quite productive doing their homework. ○ There is also an after-school option but the kids tend to be exhausted after school. • Graduation – each family gets 4 wristbands
	<p>Next PTO meeting will be in September 2022.</p> <p>Notes of this meeting will be posted on the PTO website. http://princetonhspto.weebly.com/meeting-archives.html</p>

Meeting ended at 10:00 AM.