

January 9th PFA Meeting.
Start time: 9AM End time: 10:45AM

Attendance: Stephanie Wang, Eileen Janowsky, Anita Bagdat, Maria Kist, Faye Kovner, Suzanne Nathin, Lynnda Colombo, Michelle Meisner, Sarah Van Gunten

President's Message: Due to a funeral, our guest speaker, Mark Kastan is unable to attend. He wants to relay the message that he looks forward to the March 12 meeting and will be able to bring more BOE news at that time. The opportunity to speak with the incoming freshman class will take place on Wednesday, January 11. A great input by all members to incorporate ideas was appreciated. The Cash for Gold fundraiser did not go over well. Only three people participated. Military Bridge was a fun night for those who did attend. This will be Barbara Willock's last time to run Military Bridge. Thank you Barbara for all your hard work!

Principal's Message: Scheduling season is well under way. The Junior class has begun their meetings with their guidance counselors. The budget talks have also begun. The 8th grade orientation for incoming freshman will be held on Wednesday, January 11. The tours begin at 6:30. This orientation concerns extra curricular activities and sports here at PHHS. The freshmen will view the film, "Sticks and Stones" with discussion groups held after. The teachers will be given a mid-term luncheon hosted by the PFA on Thursday, January 26th. PHHS will start an Open Grade Book policy viewed through Parent Access. This will start during the 3rd marking period and will be replacing progress reports. All teacher's grade books will be available for viewing via Parent Access for two weeks about the time when progress reports for the 3rd marking period were made available.

SGA: The results of a survey given to the students about open grade books indicate that they like the idea. All classes have begun fundraising.

Coalition: Presentation of Secret Lives of Teens will feature Tara Connors, former Miss America, speaking about substance abuse. This will be held at PHHS on May 9th. If parents would like a showing of the film, "Sticks and Stones", please contact Lisa Johnson at thejohnsonfive59@verizon.net to set up a committee.

Montvale PTO: \$7,000 was raised by the cookie dough fundraiser.

WCL PFA: A survey was sent out about the MLK holiday for the school calendar.

Committee Reports: Nominations will begin this month. The survey will go out to all Board Members. Please fill out the information and return it ASAP. Several key board seats, including the President, are up for nomination. The scholarship letter is ready for mailing right after Sarah Van Gunten mails her letter to the senior class. The Fashion Show committee asks for any help with soliciting donations. Please remember to ask your favorite salons and restaurants for gift certificates. Any corporate gift donations are also needed. The Non-Event Event has topped \$1,000! The donation letter is on the website for easy access!

New Business: An SAT and ACT boot camp will be hosted at PHHS and PVHS by a company called Catalyst. The first boot camp for the SAT March test will be held on March 3rd & 4th. It will be from 8 AM to 1 PM each day to simulate the test time. The cost will be \$165 each student. The ACT boot camp will be held March 31 and April 1 for the April 14th ACT test. This company comes highly recommended. Bergen Academy has hosted this boot camp for its students. The administration from

both PHHS and PVHS is impressed. This will be a fundraiser for both PFA and the PFO of PVHS. Based upon enrollment, Catalyst will give a certain amount of money which the PFA and PFO will split. No volunteers or any money from the PFA/PFO will be needed to host this event. The initial marketing will be through Parent Access to reach all the parents. Enrollment will be through Catalyst's own website.

Adjournment: 10:45 AM

Next meeting: March 12 at 9 am