

PHS VPO General Membership Meeting Minutes

Spring - May 5th, 2021

(6:00pm – 7:39pm)

By Jasmine Myers, PHS VPO Secretary

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom due to Covid-19 and our inability to safely meet in person.

Meeting called to order at: 6:00pm by President Chery Graf.
Quorum established with sufficient (8) voting members in attendance.

In Attendance: Cheryl Graf, AJ Montgomery, Jasmine Myers, Anne Nesbit, Katie Henrickson, Principal Joe Potts, Danielle O’Leary, Deb Krishnadasan, Laurel Palagyi (Baseball), Vincent Sheets, Julie Cross, Link Bashaw, Elesa Schmidt (Football & cheer), Ray Palagyi, Carl Graf, Stephanie Muilenburg (has a Freshman), and Leanne Casey.

Welcome & Introductions: Cheryl introduced all VPO board members and communicated expectations for meeting and agenda.

Cheryl talked about our restructuring of BOD positions, current positions/roles, and those that will be open soon.

All BOD members introduced themselves.

We verified we had met our quorum to continue the meeting.

Cheryl talked about tenures of positions. She opened the floor for parents to self-nominate.

Katie Henrickson self-nominated herself.

AJ described, in detail, the tenures of each position and how we can appoint Katie tonight as she self-nominated.

Cheryl self-nominated herself to another 2 years. Board will hold official vote at our next BOD only meeting.

Official vote for election of Katie to position of Director for a 3-year term. 12 voted yay in favor. No votes in opposition.

AJ announced Katie Henrickson as elected into VPO Board Position #4. We will have one 3-year vacancy remaining after July 1, 2021 and we hope to get a volunteer for that position.

AJ described scope of work and time commitment of each position.

Jasmine & AJ asked everyone in attendance to help us spread the word. Please send emails to your teams, and talk to other parents, to help support our VPO.

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Joe Potts, Principal:

- Please have your students register for next year. 6 weeks of school left and it's hard to plan for next year without knowing which option students were selecting.
- Today was senior day. There were so many seniors on campus that it felt like a normal day again, for the first time in a long time. It was a really good feeling.
- Speaking for Ross. Ross provided notes for Dr. Potts to present.
 - We had strong sports seasons.
 - Season 3 is starting soon.
 - Wrestling will be outside; will be interesting.
 - Will start rapid covid testing for athletes before events.
 - Dr. Potts praised Ross for being an outstanding Athletic Director. There has been an unbelievable amount of changes and demands this past year.
 - Summer & next year: some athletic events will be tied to summer programs; contact Ross if teams want to do camps this summer.
 - The athletic department is appreciative of all the efforts of parents.
 - Cheryl and others echoed Dr. Potts praise of Ross Filkins and the PHS athletic department.

Deb Krishnadasan, PSD School Board Director:

- Art Jarvis is retiring end of June. Our new School Board Superintendent will be Krestin Bahr. Deb is really excited about her. She does a great job of partnering. She will develop a 100-day plan to present to the school board to include a strategic plan.
- Krestin Bahr has concerns about school buildings and commented on PHS. Deb thinks there will be plans to get multiple PSD schools updated.
- She is in support of opening schools 5 days/week next Fall; and following all safety standards. Planning for fall in-person learning will be part of her strategic plan.
- PSD would not have been able to open up schools last fall in person without our new schools. The new schools provided the required space to allow some students back safely. Thank you to our community for passing the school bonds.
- The new academies at Henderson Bay, there are 5 of them, will focus on helping students that have fallen behind to get back on track with their graduation requirements. These academies are in response to the changing needs of education. There are so many kids in different situations that need opportunities to be successful. The Global Virtual Academy will be the full remote learning program. PSD will still have CTE Academy certification programs. Also, homeschool Academy. PSD will partner will homeschooled kids in the district.
- Deb is happy to see the district able to provide these alternative learning opportunities because not all kids do well in a traditional 6 hr day, 5 days/week learning environment.

Cheryl & AJ thanked Deb, the school board, and PSD staff.

Cheryl talked about sports physicals. She and Wendy Wojtanowicz talked about doing this for the past few years and they were so happy to have it come together this year. They were able to provide 50-60 kids with free sports physicals. PLU donated faculty and nursing students to work the clinic. Wendy got PSD student volunteers to help. They identified 17 kids that needed mental health services and got a few of them in within 72 hours. They invited PSD middle and high schoolers, as well as South Kitsap High School students. It was a successful event and they are invited to do it again this year.

Danielle O'Leary:

- Excited that PHS is getting able to start celebrating some again, more than they could last year.
- All seniors got yard signs delivered today.
- PHS scholarships gave more than \$300k this year. Remote ceremony is May 19th, virtual
- Senior prom is May 22nd. Will look different, but kids can still get dressed up, go to an event, and make memories with friends. It will be in Kitsap County.
- Car parade for seniors will be Sunday June 13th at 1pm for PHS; Gig Harbor High School will follow.
- Two full weekends of graduation celebrations for seniors.
- Graduation ceremony will be at the Tacoma Dome. Administrators are still working through the details. There will hopefully be a traditional walking ceremony. They are still working through the logistics per the Covid guidance.
- Spring drama performance will be a go the first weekend in June. Live broadcast with limited live attendance.
- Yearbooks will be a summer pickup in July. This allows for the end of year events to be represented in yearbooks.
- June 2nd will be a virtual incoming parent night for middle school parents.
 - Cheryl asked if our VPO could join and have a few minutes to plug our positions and solicit recruits. Danielle said absolutely.

Cheryl said she loves Danielle's Hawk Newsletter.

BOD Reports: All BOD members read their reports.

Board Member Updates: See BOD reports

President report - Cheryl Ann Graf ([LINK TO REPORT](#))

Vice President & Community Liaison report - Anne Nesbit ([LINK TO REPORT](#))

Treasurer report – AJ Montgomery ([LINK TO REPORT](#))

Secretary report - Jasmine Myers ([LINK TO REPORT](#))

VPO Scholarships:

Cheryl talked about scholarship partnership and how we raised our money. It's really hard to pick students. Jasmine and I read through more than 30 portfolios. There were some awesome portfolios and kids with tremendous amounts of volunteer hours, upwards of 600-700 ours completed throughout their high school years. We were able to give x2 scholarships of \$750

each, despite Covid, so we are so pleased. Jasmine and I focused on the students that had a lot of volunteer hours. Recipients will be revealed in the upcoming virtual scholarship awards ceremony.

Approval of past general meeting minutes:

Cheryl motioned we forego the reading of the last fall meeting minutes.

Anne seconded the vote.

A vote by show of hands showed 11 hands raised in favor of voting to forego the reading of these minutes. No hands raised opposing the motion.

Motion is cast. There was no reading of our fall general meeting minutes and minutes were passed by all voting members in attendance tonight. These meeting minutes are posted on our website for the public to view.

Cheryl said VPO board plans to meet this summer to plan for more strategic initiatives. We will post on FB when we plan as all will be invited.

Cheryl thanked everyone for being involved & concluded meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Anne at 7:39pm.

Second by AJ Montgomery

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

Next General meeting date/time TBD