

Peekskill CSD PTO Committee/Building Report Form

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Month & Year: April 2017

Committee/Building: Peekskill High School

Items Requiring a Vote:

N/A

Items Requiring Discussion:

- None

Items for Information Only:

- The Peekskill School District is complying with the New York State Education Department mandate to promote good school attendance. The Board of Education of the Peekskill School District has approved attendance letters that you may receive and are in keeping with the enforcement of this mandate. Please help us to ensure that your child attends class regularly and timely. You are urged to sign up for the parent portal, in the guidance department, to monitor your child's attendance.
- On **Thursday, March 23**, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Cabassa and Mrs. Torres welcomed the parents of our freshmen class. We had an excellent turnout and the information shared was well received by parents. The presentation was scheduled for an hour (6 p.m. to 7 p.m.), but with the parents' interest, we continued to address questions well after 8 p.m.
- On **Friday, March 24**, the school counselors visited the middle school and provided the graduating class with a special presentation on the expectations of high school. The presentation was well received by students and staff. Thank you, school counselors, for making a difference!
- On **Saturday, March 25**, a basketball clinic was held for students with special needs. Special thanks to our student athletes who volunteered their time for a worthy cause. We had representation for the Peekskill High School Boys Varsity Basketball and the Girls Basketball teams. This one event created a special memory for the students with disabilities and their parents.
- On **Thursday, March 30**, we held our first senior day achievement celebration ceremony. The event was marked with students reflecting on their educational journey and the friendships they have developed along the way. The students highlighted their achievements and post-secondary plans.
- On **Friday, March 31**, the administration was informed that three PHS seniors have been accepted to New York University and received full scholarships. We have one student accepted to Georgia Tech University, which is the number two engineering school in the country; and another student is presently waitlisted for Harvard University.

- On **Sunday, April 2**, the Peekskill High School Robotics Team participated in the Rube Goldberg High School Engineering Expo at White Plains High School. This was a 7 hour event that started at 8 a.m. In preparation for this event, Mr. Vidrini worked with the students after school and on the weekends. From observing his commitment and leadership, the students felt inspired and developed grit. Because of their determination to succeed and willingness to beat the odds, they achieved their goals and came in first place in all three categories, receiving the *Creative Award*, *Teamwork Award*, and *Rube Goldberg Award*.
- On **April 4**, the freshmen students will be enjoying a performance of “Romeo & Juliet” performed by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. The following two shows are scheduled for students:
 - **9 a.m. show**
 - Students scheduled with an English class periods 1-4
 - **1 p.m. show**
 - Students scheduled for English periods 5-8

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