

Peekskill CSD PTO Committee/Building Report Form

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Committee/Building: Peekskill High School

Items Requiring a Vote:

N/A

Items Requiring Discussion:

- None

Items for Information Only:

On **Monday, April 24**, Minh Uong, a New York Times illustrator, visited Peekskill High School and presented to students scheduled for Advanced Art classes from 10:10-11:45 in the library. This was a unique experience for our students.

The regent review classes commenced on **Tuesday, April 25th**. In an effort to encourage student participation, each of the teachers assigned to work in the regent prep academy met on **Thursday, April 20th** and agreed to offer students the following incentives for attending classes on a regular basis:

- **Students will receive a 100% as a test/project grade for every 10 hours they attend.** Students will be provided with an attendance log sheet signed by teachers working in the regent prep academy to confirm their attendance. The students will present this document to their subject area teacher as evidence that they have earned extra credit.

The students have responded extremely well to this incentive. We have had, on average, 130 students attend each of the four sessions. Please be sure to encourage your child to attend regularly.

Mr. Ameer Baraka, national speaker, author and actor visited Peekskill High School on **Friday, April 21st** and delivered a spirited message to students and faculty. In the coming days, we will make Mr. Baraka's video presentation available to staff and the community to view.

Advanced Placement Exams will commence on **Tuesday, May 2nd** and will conclude on **Friday, May 11th**. Dates and times are provided below. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Naima Moore at nmoore@peekskillschools.org or contact your child's school counselor. Please remind your child to leave their cellular phones at home and arrive on time for the test. The AP exam schedule is as follows:

AP Exam	Date	Student Arrival Time
AP Spanish Language and Culture	Tuesday, May 2 nd	7:30 a.m. PHS Library
AP English Literature and Composition	Wednesday, May 3 rd	7:30 a.m. Admin Bldg - Gym
AP US Government and Politics	Thursday, May 4 th	7:30 a.m. Admin Bldg - Gym
AP US History	Friday, May 5 th	7:30 a.m. Admin Bldg - Gym
AP Calculus AB	Tuesday, May 9 th	7:30 a.m. Admin Bldg - Gym
Spanish Literature and Culture	Tuesday, May 9 th	11:30 a.m. PHS Library
AP English Language and Composition	Wednesday, May 10 th	7:30 a.m. Admin Bldg - Gym
AP World History	Thursday, May 11 th	7:30 a.m. Admin Bldg - Gym

May 10th, we will showcase the students' artwork at the **Young Docents Event** at Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, May 22nd** the district-wide Annual Art Show at Westchester Community College will start promptly at 6 p.m. The artwork will be on display for the entire week, from **May 22nd to May 26th**.

On **Thursday, May 25th from 7 to 9pm**, the Peekskill Science Research Symposium will be held. The Symposium is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their culminating research via posters and presentations. This year, the symposium will commence in the cafeteria where parents and students will enjoy light refreshments, and then move to the library for the presentation and poster session.

On **Thursday, May 7th**, four PHS seniors (*Miss Samantha Robinson, Mr. Birch Maxwell, Mr. Jose Pimentel and Mr. Aldaine Heaven Jr.*) were selected by the Turner Construction Company to participate in an internship. There were many hands involved in helping our students to achieve this goal. They include Mr. Dan Callahan, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Mr. Carlo Vidrini, Robotics Teacher, Millie Rivera, Technology Teaching Assistant, and Mrs. Janice Reid, Director of Technology. This five week internship will run from **Monday, May 15th to Friday, June 9th**. The students will travel from Peekskill to 375 Hudson Street in Manhattan from Mondays through Fridays and intern from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will be required to wear business attire and purchase their own lunch.

On **Thursday, June 1**, the senior prom will be held at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, NY. The prom starts at **6:00 p.m. and ends at 11:00 p.m.** **Students are required to take the charter bus to the prom. The busses will leave from the Riverfront in Peekskill at 5:15pm.** Students and guests must wear the wristband they received, and non-PHS guests

must present a picture ID also, to board the bus. Bus assignments and wristbands will be given out after school in the **library on Wednesday, May 24 and Friday, May 26 from 2:30pm to 3:15pm**. The consumption or possession of illegal drugs and or intoxicating beverages at the prom, even if a participant is of legal drinking age, is strictly prohibited. If a student is caught using alcohol or drugs, or appears to be under the influence, parents will be notified and disciplinary measures will be taken. **PHS students are responsible for their guest and students will be removed from the prom.** If a student or guest appears to be under the influence of any illegal substance, prior to getting on the bus to the prom venue, they will **NOT** be permitted to attend the event. The student's parents will be contacted and asked to accompany their child home for the evening; parents and students will not be reimbursed. **Additional prom guidelines, along with a prom contract, will be presented at the Mandatory Parent Prom Meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2016 at 6pm in the PHS library.**

The Senior Award Night will be held on **Wednesday, June 21** at the Paramount Theater at 7 p.m. If your child has received an award/scholarship, you will receive an invitation by mail with additional details.

Graduation will be held on **Sunday, June 25** at 2 p.m. at the Paramount Theater. The ceremony will last approximately 2 hours. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. and we ask all guests to be seated by 1:45 p.m., so we may begin on time. Once the ceremony begins, the doors will be closed and will not be reopened until **AFTER** the graduates have processed. Students are to arrive at 12:00 p.m. and report to the Elks Lodge, which is located next to the Paramount Theater.

Submitted by: Rodney Arthur, Principal