

**Peekskill CSD PTO
Committee Report Form**

Submission Date: 3/1/2018

Month & Year: February 2018

Committee: Advocacy

Items Requiring a Vote: None

Advocacy Report:

- Senator Murphy
 - Visit scheduled in December but then postponed until January after his office changed the date with little notice
 - Is it worth finding another date? Other chances to invite Murphy? Will he visit schools again this spring for photo op?
 - Should we just send letters we have?
 - Potential

- Foundation Aid
 - Report back from 2/3 meeting with Maria Bautista; did anyone attend?
 - Proposed 1/16/18 budget has slight (2%) aid increase statewide; question is how it's meted out
 - NYS still owes close to \$2 billion according to AQE
 - Should PTO/PCSD participate in a press conference to announce equity assessment? Invite Murphy?

- BOE's Candidate Forum
 - Will take place Monday, 5/7 at 7 pm in the Ford Auditorium
 - Seek a moderator from the League of Women Voters (Lisa Cohen did a nice job last year)
 - Soliciting questions beforehand from the community via PTO meetings, website, Facebook, et. al; submit questions to secretary@peekskillpto.org to help ensure all questions will be written
 - Connect with Isabel and Laura Belfiore (PCSD) to coordinate questions and the advertisement of the forum
 - Marissa will reach out to Debra McLoed (PCSD clerk) to provide names and contact info for all candidates; some petitions, however, may not come until late April

- Uriah Hill Donations
 - Carmen Vargas willing to take most anything, as lots of Peekskill families are in need
 - Is there a way to coordinate drop-offs?

