

2016-2017 PTO

General PPE PTO Meeting  
Minutes from May 16, 2017

**Welcome and Call to Order:** A general meeting of the PPE PTO was held at Percy Priest Elementary School on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:30pm. Co-Presidents Katie Cameron and Eileen Wright presided.

**Co-President’s Eileen Wright and Katie Cameron’s Report:**

* Introductions of outgoing/incoming Executive Board members. A full list supplied on the PPE PTO website.

**Principal Melinda Williams’ Report:**

* Staff changes for this upcoming fall:
  + Ms. Winter’s has resigned and will be starting grad school in the fall
  + Ms. Dunn is retiring after 45 years
  + New additions include:
    - Liz Strawn, 2nd Grade Teacher (Former school: Smith Springs Elementary)
    - Laurel Marchesoni, 3rd Grade Teacher (Former School: Cane Ridge Elementary)
    - Grace Davis, 4th Grade Teacher (Former School: AZ Kelley)
* Mrs. Williams’ spoke to the renovation needs within the school. Specific areas include:
  + One Faculty Restroom
  + The Assistant Principal’s Office is a former custodial closet
  + No PTO meeting room or community room
  + Stage floor has received no updates since the school opened
  + No Auditorium
  + No area for nursing mothers
  + Storage isn’t available
  + Main entrance has no security vestibule
  + Toilets have not been updated since the school opened
* **Guest Speaker: Mary Pierce, District 8 Metro School Board Member**
* Topic of discussion was renovation needs within PPE
* Renovation highlights include:
  + PPE is at the top of the list in asking for improvement money from Mayor Barry.
  + Scores for receiving money are based on over-crowding and building conditions.
  + Funding may come from the Public or Private sectors. PPE parents are welcome to start raising money on their own to assist with any School Board money.
  + December is when the capital meetings start within the School Board
  + $10M needed for PPE renovation. This includes eight classrooms and a full renovation.
  + Mary suggests PPE appoint building “reps” within the PTO to be her contacts. Additionally, she will help us with a letter writing campaign designed by the Metro Marketing Department to be geared toward Angie Henderson who is our area representative.
* The School Board received $135M for a budget in 2015
* The School Board received $150M for a budget in 2016
* The School Board approved $85M budget for 2017
* The School Board will be hosting four community meetings this summer in different districts to receive parent feedback.
* There is a possible vote this fall in bringing back 5th grade to elementary schools.

Mrs. Williams thanked the speaker and dismissed parents.

**Adjournment at 7:25pm**

Bonnie Paik

Recording Secretary

PPE PTO Executive Board