

2017-2018 PTO

General PPE PTO Meeting  
Minutes for February 13, 2018

**Welcome and Call to Order:** A general meeting of the PPE PTO was held at Percy Priest Elementary School on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. The meeting convened at 6:30pm. Co-Presidents Whitney Conyers and Courtney Evans presided.

**Guest Speaker: Emmie Stuart, PPE Librarian**

Miss Stuart spoke to the parents regarding reading at home with/for children and how to make a space conducive to children enjoying this special quiet time.

* “R.E.A.D” - Ritual, Environment, Access, Dialogue
* Ritual: Read a book before bedtime, have books available at the breakfast table. Books can be read for major life events (sibling joining the family, taking a vacation, going to the dentist). Have the same books out for holidays no matter how old the child
* Environment: Have books everywhere. Read in the car on the way to swim practice.
* Access:
  + Uphill Challenging…this is where the book stretches a child but isn’t frustrating
  + Level Books…just right at their reading level, children can read independently and self-selected
  + Downhill Books…appear easy, re-reads and self-selected
* Dialogue: Ask children questions about what they’ve read and learned.
* Develop Shared Values
* Build Comprehension (discuss concepts, vocabulary words)
* Learning the Power of Story
* Be Exposed to a Variety of Genres
* Find Comfort in Books
* Build Critical Thinking Skills
* Visit Many Worlds, Hear Many Stories
* Shape a Lifelong Reading Identity

**Upcoming PPE Read-a-Thon:**

* Paddington Bear is the theme for this year

**Adjournment at 7:05pm**

Bonnie Paik

Recording Secretary

PPE PTO Executive Board