

2017-2018 PTO

General PPE PTO Meeting  
Minutes for September 12, 2017

**Welcome and Call to Order:** A general meeting of the PPE PTO was held at Percy Priest Elementary School on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The meeting convened at 6:30pm. Co-Presidents Whitney Conyers and Courtney Evans presided.

**Co-President’s Report, Whitney Conyers and Courtney Evans:**

Important Upcoming Dates

* September 16th: Songwriters Night featuring PPE parent Chris Thompkins
* September 22d: Family Picnic, 5pm
* Food Trucks Include: Kona Ice, S’mores Love, Pizza/Mexican
* DJ Louis/Face Painting
* Event is free
* October 2nd: PPE Golf Tourney at Old Natchez Golf Club. Spaces still available as well as Hole Sponsorships
* October 4th: Walk to School Day
* October 30th: Dine-out for PPE at Green Hills Grille

**Principal’s Report, Melinda Williams:**

* Congratulations to Tina Atkinson, PPE Art Teacher, named TN Art Educator of the Year
* Current enrollment stands at 535 students
* Kindergarten classes are over projection
* Introduction of Guest Speaker, Dr. Craig Hammond, Exec. Director of School Support and Improvement (EDSSI)
  + Dr. Hammond works with 12 MNPS, K-8. His role allows him to work primarily with principals of these elementary schools.
* Dr. Hammond speaks to renovation and expansion needs of PPE
* Dr. Hammond shares a slide titled “Capital Spending” for all of MNPS
* In 2016, $278M was requested by MNPS to Mayor Barry’s office
* Mayor Barry reduced the requested $278M to $85M for approval from Metro City Council. $85M is a reduced amount from previous years.
* The entire Metro Government Budget is $288M for all categories
* $85M was approved and is divided by:
  + - Hillsboro Phase 2 ($48M)
    - Hillwood land ($10M)
    - Nashville School for the Arts Land ($9M)
    - Sidewalks ($3M)
    - District-wide projects ($14.8M) (Buses, smaller renovations)
* PPE is at 106% capacity. The capacity qualification is considered higher than building condition on the scoring chart.
* PPE is currently ranked #6 on the list for renovations needed within MNPS elementary schools
* PPE approximated improvement costs: $10,440,000. This includes 10 classroom additions and partial renovation
* Potential action from PPE Parents
* Appoint Capital Funding PTO Representatives (Katie Cameron is Chair from PPE)
* Develop a Fact Sheet
* Building Age (built in 1957)
* # of years PPE has been ranked on the condition chart
* What was the building condition score before privately funded library?
* Issues with building
  + - * No security vestibule
      * Restrooms aren’t up to code
      * No nursing mothers room
      * Lunch is served between 10:30am-1:30pm because the Café can’t support more than one grade at a time
      * No storage
      * No community room
  + Meet with Mary Pierce and Councilwoman Angie Henderson ([angie.henderson@Nashvillle.gov)](mailto:angie.henderson@Nashvillle.gov)). Russ Pulley is another rep. for the zone.
  + Meet with Mary Pierce and David Proffit, Director of MNPS Construction, re: condition score
  + Get Mayor Barry’s attention
  + Consider private capital campaign
  + What is happening in the meantime?
    - Restroom paint
    - Signage in hallways
    - Kindergarten/1st grade faculty restroom
  + Dr. Hammond addressed 5th grade coming back into elementary schools. The School Board has tabled the idea because of families’ current zones and re-drawing boundaries. The estimated cost is $300M

**Adjournment at 7:30pm**

Bonnie Paik

Recording Secretary

PPE PTO Executive Board