

General Percy Priest Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2018

Welcome and Call to Order: A general meeting of the PPE PTO was held at Percy Priest Elementary School on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. Co-President Heather Chapman presided.

Facility Update, Katie Cameron & Jeff Casella

Capital Funding Chair/PTO Representative Katie Cameron & Jeff Casella of Gllbert, McLaughlin & Casella Architecture provided a facilities update for PPE.

A multi-phased project is planned for PPE renovations. Children will stay in the building as the renovations are happening.

A list of renovations that need to occur have been presented to Metro Schools:

- 20,000 additional square feet are projected to be added to the existing school
- An addition of 8 classrooms, plus support spaces to be added
- A security vestibule needs to be addressed
- Teacher restrooms need to be added as currently, teachers share one restroom
- Larger central STEAM area
- The Vice Principal needs an office
- A mother's room nursing
- Storage rooms for assistants, enrichment, Encore, etc.
- A larger gymnasium is also on the list of wants

Mrs. Cameron & Mr. Casella met with Mary Pierce and Councilwoman Angie Henderson to discuss renovations.

- 13 additional metro schools are targeted for major renovations
- PPE is 4th in line on waiting list within metro for renovations
- Metro schools requested a \$235,000,000 budget for building renovations and received \$60,000,000, therefore PPE renovations will continue to be postponed until funding is available.

Introduction of guest speaker, Dr. Gary D. Hughes, Executive Principal, JT Moore Middle School

Dr. Hughes shared the following information:

- JTM's goal is to raise students to be critical thinkers, to be good human

beings and citizens of the world.

- JTM's current enrollment is 770 children -the most in the history of the school
- Enrollment is 46.04 % female & 53.96 % male students
- 223 students are 5th graders
- Elementary schools that feed into JTM are PPE, Julia Green, Glendale, Carter Lawrence, Waverly-Belmont
- No out of school zone students are currently being accepted at JTM due to enrollment capacity. JTM will have to address overcrowding and is considering options such as additional land, rezoning, etc. PPE will remain as a feeder to JTM if there is rezoning.
- JTM ranked as a Level 5 school overall in 2017-2018
- Parental involvement is key in continuing to make JTM a strong school. Parents are welcome to participate and volunteer at school
- Many athletics program are offered, as well as a spring drama performance & art programs
- Dr. Hughes' goal is for there to be a club for everyone
- JTM won a Mayor's reading challenge this summer
- Literacy scores showed improvement last year
- The JTM PTO purchased 30 new laptops this year
- 7 periods are in each school day with an average class size of 25 students
- Prospective students are invited to shadow a 5th grader for the day
- A JTM school orientation is provided in July for 5th graders prior to the start of the school year
- Tours are offered every Thursday for prospective families

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Recording Secretary
PPE PTO Executive Board