

2021 - 2022 PPE PTO General Membership Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2021

A general meeting of the PPE PTO was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at JT Moore Middle School.

The meeting convened at 6:05 pm. President Nahed Zehr presided.

Attendees: See attachment.

I. Welcome and Call to Order:

Nahed Zehr called the meeting to order. She introduced Dr. Gary Hughes and Dr. Russell Young, principals of JT Moore and Percy Priest, respectively. She explained that the PTO had been approached by a number of current 4th grade families who wanted to learn more about JT Moore and asked if the PTO could help. Some of these families had already toured JT Moore but they wanted a deeper dive into their neighborhood school than what is possible on a tour. More specifically, they wanted to learn more about the school's culture, vision, academics, extra curriculars, and its community. And so, the idea of meeting at JT Moore for this conversation and so that parents could take a tour afterwards was born.

Dr. Hughes and Dr. Young answered questions related to:

1. What is the culture – mission and values – at each school?
2. What are expected academic outcomes and goals for 4th – 6th graders?
3. What factors does each school prioritize in order to ensure that our parents, teachers, staff, and students stay connected to the school and advocate for it?
4. How do you recruit and keep good teachers?
5. How does PPE prepare kids to go from a main classroom teacher to subject teachers in middle school?
6. Who is a kind of “point person” at JTM, “puts it all together” for parents regarding their child's academic and social emotional development?
7. What will be the new responsibilities that our children will have in middle school that they did not have in elementary school?
8. How does PPE prepare our students for the new middle school responsibilities coming their way?

Nahed Zehr concluded the discussion with an announcement that plans are underway for a follow-up parents coffee among Percy Priest and JT Moore parents later in the month. More details to follow.

II. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Katie Agnew
Vice President, PPE PTO Executive Board