

2022-2023 PPE PTO General Membership Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 24, 2023

A regular meeting of the PPE PTO General Membership Board was held in person on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 5:30.

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
 - a. Katie Agnew called the meeting to order.

- II. Principal's Report
 - a. Dr. Young welcomed everyone and talked about the great end to the year the school has had.
 - b. Dr. Young announced that after 8 years of dedicated service on the PTO Board, Ms. Cary will be rolling off and Mrs. Kate Allen will take her place. He intends to stagger the Teacher Representatives on the Board going forward so that they each serve 2-year terms. Miss Brumleve will stay on for next year and then will roll off.

- III. President's Report
 - a. Katie Agnew gave a presentation to the general membership explaining what the new building will include and what improvements to it the PTO Board is recommending.
 - b. She explained that the teachers have had a building committee that provided detailed feedback to MNPS in the fall and then again in February. Additionally, the PTO Board has explored what improvements are possible with MNPS, focusing on the "playtorium", the stage that will be in the playtorium and the playground and outdoor play space. The list of improvements that MNPS has agreed to has been priced and MNPS estimates that they will cost just short of \$800,000.
 - c. The PTO Board has talked at length about how much money has been saved over the past several years, how much needs to remain on hand, and how much the PTO can contribute to the improvements. The PTO Board is recommending investing up to \$400,000 into the improvements.
 - d. Conversations are ongoing with the City of Forest Hills about contributing to the project. Katie also explained that the estimates seem high and that some items may be set aside for later, so there is flexibility if all \$800,000 does not materialize.
 - e. Several parents asked questions about the funding timeline, the likelihood of investment from municipalities, how the playground will look, whether the trees will be saved, and what new playground equipment could include. Katie answered that all of these questions are open items that still lack clarity from MNPS.
 - f. After all questions had been asked and answered, Katie asked for a motion to approve investing up to \$400,000 of the funds the PTO has on reserve into the list of improvements that MNPS has agreed to, which list should be finalized over the summer. Jenny Alfrey made that motion and Nahed Zehr seconded it. All in attendance voted yes, with none voting none.

- IV. Adjournment
 - a. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Katie Agnew,

President, PPE PTO Executive Board