

2023-24 Percy Priest Elementary PTO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2024

A regular meeting of the PPE PTO Executive Board was held in the school library on January 23, 2024.

The meeting convened at 5:05 pm. President Libba Alden presided.

Attendees: Russell Young, Principal; Libba Alden, President; Mary Grace Robb, Vice Treasurer; Marcy Burrige, Fundraising Chair; Chris Bradshaw, Communications Chair; Christine Brumleve, Teacher Liaison; Kate Allen, Teacher Liaison; Jenny Alfrey, Vice President, Jenny.

Jenny Alfrey taking notes.

- I. Welcome & Call to Order
 - a. Libba Alden called the meeting to order.
- II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. A motion was made by Katie Agnew and seconded by Marci Burrige for approval of the November 12, 2024 executive board meeting minutes.
 - b. The motion was passed.
- III. President's Report
 - a. Libba Alden provided the President's report
 - b. Auction
 - b.i. Tickets on sale and over 100 sold
 - b.ii. Still looking for businesses and some volunteers
 - c. Teacher appreciation week
 - c.i. Moved to V day week
 - c.ii. Good ideas from Jamie and Vickie
 - c.iii. Does everyone have mailboxes? Maybe not associates.
 - d. GrandFriends/Invest
 - d.i. Mary Grace to update in her report out
 - e. Spring events
 - e.i. Lots of new ideas coming up
- IV. Principal update
 - a. Great to be back. Everyone adjusting to being back
 - b. Music teacher update: interim through rest of year. Starting Monday. Blurb for newsletter coming. Laura Dietrich.
 - c. Parent Policy:
 - c.i. RY shared with leadership team today
 - c.ii. Now shared with Board
 - c.iii. Gather feedback and make changes if needed.
 - c.iv. We and them wording can change
 - c.v. Katie Agnew suggestions
 - c.v.1. What are the core things we are learning this year?
Curriculum overview. Especially with first children through.
 - c.v.2. Testing: details and schedules. What are they and why?
Clarity on what we will learn and what our testing looks like.

- c.v.3. Example: TCAP is only for 3rd grade
- c.vi. Libba
 - c.vi.1. Better clarity on spring teacher conferences and how they aren't programmed but how to get in touch
- c.vii. Brumleve
 - c.vii.1. All listed on MNPS website but can Jill H do a run down?
 - c.vii.2. They do a recording (Dr. Young) but can we also have a run down handout, calendar, etc.
- c.viii. Dr. Young
 - c.viii.1. Reminder that they do an overview and recording
 - c.viii.2. Help amplify this information
 - c.viii.3. Re-run in newsletter
 - c.viii.4. Add talk during Feb meeting for parents for Terry's talk and reading/based
- c.ix. Libba/Chris
- c.x. Chris
 - c.x.1. Add a website on this? JA to follow up
 - c.x.2. We post minutes but no email send out. That's ok
- c.xi. Jenny
 - c.xi.1. Is PTO open and accessible or do we wish more people came?
 - c.xi.2. Overall feedback is we do a good job of this
- c.xii. RY: wishes for more at parent series
- c.xiii. RY: goal is not ever about pressure. Just as involved as much as they want to be and that fluxuates
- c.xiv. Mary Grace
 - c.xiv.1. Incoming families struggling to get info (maybe even a metro issue)
 - c.xiv.2. Consistent feedback on this from new families
- c.xv. RY: buddy system could use some work
- c.xvi. JA: consider a chair of buddy program
- c.xvii. KA: not auto-enrolling is the biggest issue. RY to check on if still can't do this. Add to Friday folder instead?
- c.xviii. CA: can we trim down the newsletter?
- c.xix. JA: can we improve – work on this. Open house. QR code to newsletter sign.
- c.xx. LA: word cap? Some things in vs out.
- c.xxi. MGR: use remind text (ok to use) to sign up for newsletter
- c.xxii. CB: readiness page could be updated. Do we need an owner?
- c.xxiii. LA: can revisit readiness link/page

- V. Treasurers update
 - a. Invest is doing well
 - b. Details on savings and cash standings
 - c. Teacher supply fund
 - c.i. March 1 is plan
 - c.ii. RY: what is the plan?

- c.iii. MGB to look at how many are outstanding and make a more informed decision
- VI. Community events update
 - a. PRP: Kristin Gentry heading this up. Going on during read a thon. Multiple stations, free night, reading fun items.
 - b. Math Night: Raggio leading. Mathnasium coming in to run the show
 - c. Science Night: Maria leading. Stations in café, adventure science center, mega microbe, grad student help.
 - d. Art night recap: great success, good fundraising. Good ideas to improve upon.
- VII. Marci fundraising update
 - a. Sugar drop cookie kits v day
 - b. Brentwood skate
 - c. Parnassus spirit night
 - d. Wyndy new partner (babysitter)
 - e. Tennis update
 - e.i. Still finding a solution for courts
- VIII. Communications report
 - a. Auction page up
 - b. Rest is good to go
- IX. New Business
 - a. Katie Agnew: a few storytellers coming in
 - a.i. Lincoln
 - a.ii. Pacific Islanders
 - a.iii. Cinco de mayo celebration
 - a.iv. RY: Ukraine lead
 - a.v. Elise Gregory to chair next year
 - b. Building update (Katie Agnew)
 - b.i. Of the \$5M at \$2.38 – think we will make it
 - b.ii. CB: can a business put a name on the gym? KA: yes
 - c. Talent Show (Libba Alden)
 - c.i. No spring sing and no grade level musical nights
 - c.ii. Parent wants to do a talent show. Working on date and plan. Can we reallocate some budget money to make it happen?
 - d. LA: spring picnic
 - d.i. Fun run instead
 - d.ii. No playground to do this
 - d.iii. Would take place of spring picnic
- X. Adjournment
 - a. Libba Alden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brumleve.