

Meeting Title	Princeton High School PTO Meeting		
Meeting Date	October 2, 2019	Meeting Time	8:35-9:35am
Meeting Chairs	Shazia & Sasha	Meeting Location	PHS PAC

Attendees			
Administration		Parents	
Principal Jessica Baxter		Shazia Manekia	Sasha Weinstein
Board of Ed candidate Gregory Stankiewics		Barbara Conforti, Special Ed PTO	
Board of Ed candidate Susan Kanter		Board of Ed President Beth Behrend	
Board of Ed candidate Debbie Bronfield		Sandra Moscovitz, Wellness & Sustainability	
Board of Ed candidate Dafna Kendal		Diana Lygas, Dean of Students	
Michelle Simborski, PHS Substance Abuse Counselor		Tim Charleston, School Safety Specialist	

Brief Description/ Agenda
Board of Education candidate introductions; Principal Baxter update; Substance Abuse counselor & Dean of Students introduction; School safety specialist report

Summary of the discussion	
Speaker	Items Discussed
Shazia Manekia	Request for donations to the PHS PTO and upcoming events
Beth Behrend	Update on hiring a planner for long term school facilities planning last week
Barbara Conforti	Special Education PTO events calendar shared
Greg Stankiewics	Standing for re-election to Board of Education after 3 years; currently Vice-chair of the Board; four main items on agenda - Equity & Inclusion (outside equity audit, 4 recommendations to be implemented); Student stress (later school time, homework free days); Finances (deficit- cut 3% staff); and Planning for the future
Susan Kanter	Co-president of PHS PTO for 5 years; 3 kids graduated from PHS; worked for 23 years in budgeting; Part of PHS Bell committee and PHS facilities tours for the referendum; Focus on student wellness and preparing for new students/ demographics at PHS
Debbie Bronfield	Have two kids and been in Princeton for 20 years; 3 main issues - Sustainable, smarter Budget, Student climate and culture, and Facilities, both referendum projects as well as maintenance and cleaning
Dafna Kendal	Two kids in Grade 7 & 10, special education son; Mentored a first generation PHS student; Worked on PHS Bell committee to implement later start time; key strength is relationships with all 3 unions especially teachers' union.
Principal Jessica Baxter	Students like the block days on the Bell schedule and later start time; Stanford survey administered again at the end of this year; Focus is on inclusion, engagement and wellness; Tardies have improved 29% September '18 over '17 and 40% reduction Sept '19 on '18; buses are safer with the new arrangement
Michelle Simborski	Came from Penn Medicine; background in mental health and substance assistance; Teach Big Brother Big Sister and Teen Pep
Diana Lygas	9th Grade orientation and student transition; Fall Club fair with 88 Clubs and fall Fest on October 11; Another Club Fair in Winter (early February); Yearbook advisor
Tim Charleston	Plan for active school shootings/ school based violence, weather, natural disaster, natural occurrences, national epidemics; School climate and safety culture is critical; social emotional wellness more important than procedures and gates/ entrances and physical, procedural measures; staff, parent and community outreach; training/ drills; new entrance vestibule and visitor entrance procedures updated

Meeting conclusion/ Action points
Next meeting on Dec 4, 2019; Location: PHS PAC; Time: 8:35am