

Meeting Title	Princeton High School PTO Meeting		
Meeting Date	December 4, 2019	Meeting Time	8:35-9:45am
Meeting Chair	Shazia	Meeting Location	PHS PAC

Attendees	
Administration	Parents
Principal Jessica Baxter	Shazia Manekia
Steffanie Shoop, PHA Science Educator	Barbara Conforti, Special Ed PTO
Michelle Simborski, PHS Substance Abuse Counselor	Board of Ed President Beth Behrend
Assistant Principal Jared Warren	Sandra Moscovitz, Wellness & Sustainability

Brief Description/ Agenda
<b><i>Topic: Supporting the Whole Student</i></b>

Summary of the discussion	
Speaker	Items Discussed
Shazia Manekia	Request for donations to the PHS PTO and upcoming events
Sandy Moscovitz	Information on state law against idling for >3 minutes in order to not cause air pollution
Beth Behrend, Board of Ed	(1) Additional grant for preschool expansion from 40 to now 60 free PreK students. Plan is to increase to 75 students with ~50% low income; \$770k aid from State upto \$1M next year (2) Equity training for staff (3) Stanford Challenge success survey administered (4) Referendum projects update - 2nd floor on old PHS gym; full details in Dec 17 board meeting (5) Facilities planning update - hired consulting firm from CT; Phase I results expected end January; will offer forums for discussing alternatives to community
Barbara Conforti	Special Education PTO JW Round table discussion today
Principal Jessica Baxter	PHS staff activities focused on supporting students - (1) New visitor management system where license scans are used now; (2) Staff PD day on Monday where focus is on Equity with student panel case studies; (3) Trying to get approximate time commitment for HW for each class/ course so students can make an informed decision; (4) Analyzing APs
Steffanie Shoop	PEF Grant used for development of Homeroom activities which are driven by the need for school community-building; by students and mindfulness activities leads to better wellness, better school climate, and decreases chronic absenteeism. Making connections by 1) building a sense of community 2) addressing wellness 3) infusing fun into our students' lives are the goals of such a program and 4) providing similar experiences for ALL students by eliminating barriers and supporting opportunities. Activities that work towards this goal would include such activities as community circles, exercises in gratitude, teaching authentic mindfulness, and social and emotional learning through authentic peer interactions. The goals of this project include creating a positive school climate through intentionally building school community. A group of teachers and several administrators have worked to create lessons over the summer that scaffold the goals of creating a Community Homeroom Time. Every lesson has a pedagogical justification rooted in accredited research. These lessons are created to have the students actively engage in social emotional learning through establishing human connections.
Michelle Simborski	Teaches Big Brother Big Sister and Teen Pep; Lunch with friends on Thursdays for new students; ESL socialization initiatives through BBBS; Mindfulness activities for Seniors in BBBS to promote overall wellness

Jared Warren	Peer Group co-ordinator for 63 Seniors; Outreach Orientation & Freshmen Orientation completed; Family Night and Activity Day well received; Helps freshmen learn goal setting skills, how to avoid peer pressure and how to advocate for themselves; Will re-convene for Mid-year retreat
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Meeting conclusion/ Action points
Next meeting on Feb 5, 2020; <b>Location:</b> PHS PAC; <b>Time:</b> 8:35am