



Attendees	
Sue Evans, PTO Co-President	Frank Chmiel, PHS Principal
Sasha Weinstein, PTO Co-President	Corey Laramore, PPS Coordinator of Student Health and Safety
Betsy Baglio, BOE	Dr. Joy Barnes-Johnson, Science Supervisor 6 - 12

Brief Description / Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome from the PHS PTO and general updates. Board of Education brief update. Corey Laramore, Update on Student Health and Safety at PHS. Dr. Joy Barnes-Johnson, Adopt-A-Kitchen Campaign. Monthly update from Frank Chmiel, PHS Principal.

Summary of the discussion	
Speaker	Items discussed
Sue Evans (PTO Co-President)	<p>Welcome from the PHS PTO and February update. Approximately 15 people attended this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessica Viera, PTO Co-Treasurer gave an update on PTO funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$19,000 income so far this year compared to \$24,000 received last year at the same time. \$11,000 in expenses this year compared to \$5,000 last year. \$63,000 bank balance. Reminder that 501c donations are tax deductible. Staff Appreciation Treats in March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Fitzgerald is the event coordinator. We need more dessert donations please - signup for parent donations at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044caeaf28a5f85-faculty1/6005269#/. This event is fruit and desserts only. A lunch event is held later in the year. PTO open positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trying to finalize the open positions this month. We are currently seeking candidates for the PTO Executive Board for the 2023-2024 school year! We have open positions for Co-President (2 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), Secretary (1 year term). Please fill out the PTO Interest Form if interested in a Board position or any other one-time Event Coordinator positions that are open. More information can be found here: http://princetonhspto.weebly.com/about-us.html. PTO Interest Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nFFwAp3E4BoNJWHa5cxHUndm7KrzE3rg7q6tMzvkn94/edit.
Betsy Baglio (BOE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for attending the State of the District meeting on February 27th. March 14th – tentative budget adoption (in person). March 21st – long term planning after demographic information has been presented (via zoom). March 28th – monthly meeting (in person). Board Meeting Schedule: https://www.princetonk12.org/board/meeting-schedule



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Corey Laramore, Coordinator of Student Health and Safety	<p>Safety and Security measures</p> <p>Corey shared some of his background including that he was previously the Dean of Students in a Trenton school district and that he is an author of a dual language book, "It's all about you!".</p> <p>Some of the topics covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Princeton has its own identity. • Lanyards and IDs – would like them linked to PowerSchool and attendance to help with fire drills etc. A future enhancement perhaps. • Corey meets with the safety team at each school with the district. • Communication – parents and students like real time updates on what is happening. But the update can change so this can create anxiety. Therefore, the team waits for confirmed information before providing it to staff, students and parents. • Wearing IDs helps with safety and security. • Free period – want kids in particular locations rather than roaming the hallways. Looking at implementing this for next year. <p>Questions/comments from parents included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your thoughts on metal detectors? • Could Walnut be made a bus lane so the school becomes a 'campus' – this would involve town planning. • School violence among students is more of an issue rather than external threats. Other schools in the area have Class Three Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO). Parents, staff and students have to be involved with any changes. • Any thought to implementing a corporate like scan of IDs when students come into school? • Is there a way to check who you are before you are let into the school? This exists at other schools.
Dr. Joy Barnes Johnson, Science Supervisor 6 - 12	<p>Dr. Joy Barnes Johnson is the Supervisor 6-12 for science. Trying to reimagine post pandemic what the curriculum should be and connect middle school to high school.</p> <p>Here are the notes that she would like to share from the PTO meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing season is upon us! The NJ Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) for 11th graders is a state mandated assessment that must be passed in order to graduate. Testing at PHS will begin March 13th. • Vision for STEM engagement is interdisciplinarity. We are excited that the teaching kitchens at PMS will re-open to the Cooks & Gardens club for middle schoolers. Thanks to the Princeton School Gardens Cooperative, we are looking forward to reviving programs that teach students about healthy eating and garden-to-plate living. That program starts on March 14th. • We are hoping to stock every kitchen for the programs. This level of investment will hopefully make room for us to use the kitchen as a lab environment across the district. We will be piloting programs with a new position: Food Systems Literacy Coordinator. This will allow us to imagine new ways to fulfill our promise of preparing all students to lead lives of joy and purpose as knowledgeable and skilled citizens of a global society—with think food is the perfect place to start. • Our M.A.P.P.ing vision is designed to help us place every student appropriately and according to their passions. We aspire to fulfill Dr. Kelley's promise outlined in Focus Forward and engage every student in authentic research by the time they graduate that presents sound understanding and promotes creativity, innovation, collaboration and celebrates our



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	<p>shared experience as PPS community members. This includes restoring opportunities for students, educators and families to socialize and engage in intellectually challenging conversations and problem solving.</p> <p>We believe we are on the cusp of great things! If our Robeson Day of Play (here is a podcast with Principal Burr and PPS student Asma Qureshi) is any indicator of what teamwork can do, we have so much to look forward to in the years ahead.</p>
Frank Chmiel (PHS Principal)	<p>Principal Monthly Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frank spoke briefly about the recent student fight. The issue is being addressed.• Some schools have teachers on bathroom duty where bathrooms are locked when no teacher is available. Trying to balance PHS open environment and more security.
	<p>Next PTO meeting is April 12th – evening at 7pm – zoom or in person is still TBD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some seniors from PHS have developed a Mental Health presentation which will be presented at this meeting as well as given to all health classes at PHS.

Meeting ended at 10:00 AM.