



Princeton High School PTO General Meeting
Wednesday, May 3rd 2023, 8:30 AM
PHS New Wing Room 212-3

Attendees	
Sue Evans, PTO Co-President	Dr. Kathie Foster, PHS Interim Principal
Adviti Muni, PTO Co-President	Cecilia Birge, PHS Assistant Principal A-G
Betsy Baglio, BOE	Dr. Nicole Mantuano Lacsamana, PHS Assistant Principal P-Z
Beth Behrend, BOE	Rashone Johnson, PHS Assistant Principal H-O

Brief Description / Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome from the PHS PTO and general updates. Board of Education Update. PHS PTO Officer vote for 2023-2024 Parent Panel

Summary of the discussion	
Speaker	Items discussed
Sue Evans (PTO Co-President)	<p>Approximately 30 people attended this meeting.</p> <p>Welcome from the PHS PTO and April update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to rising 9th grade families from PMS, Cranbury and Charter A vote on the new proposed 2023-2024 PHS PTO slate of officers was held. Sue read out some of the PTO by-laws to clarify how the voting could take place. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article VI, Officers and Their Election, Section 2, NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS, the final slate will be voted on at the General Meeting or by electronic proxy vote. A simple majority of those voting will be required for approval. E. In uncontested elections, elections may be made by voice vote or show of hands. In contested elections, the election shall be by electronic vote. Further, in Article IV, Membership and Dues, Section I. MEMBERSHIP: All parents and guardians of Princeton High School students and all teachers and staff employed by Princeton High School are automatically members. The proposed 2023-2024 PHS PTO slate of officers is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-President for a term of 2 years – Jessica Vieira Secretary for a term of 1 year – Michelle Fitzgerald Treasurer for a term of 1 year – Varsha Shukla 18 parents were eligible to vote. Vote held by a show of hands. 18 yes votes, 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.
Betsy Baglio, BOE Beth Behrend, BOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 23rd – monthly meeting (in person). Princeton University contributed \$2,750,000 this year to Princeton Public Schools. PPS has over \$700k shortfall budget every year. Inflation is having an impact on budget. Enrollment challenges - growing again. Election in November may have questions about funding – PHS turf field and track need resurfacing; PHS cafeteria redesign. These items may be on the November ballot. Board Meeting Schedule: https://www.princetonk12.org/board/meeting-schedule
Parent Panel Q&A	<p>Parent panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milena Deluca – G9 and college students



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Noel – G9 and college student • Jill Aguayo – G11 and college student • Noel Kinney – G9, G12 and college students • Mette Otte – G10 and college student • Adviti Muni – G12 and college student <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various topics discussed and included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarize yourself with Program of Studies so you can figure out how to take interesting classes. • Booster clubs do a lot – bands, sports etc. Great way to be involved in PHS. • Fall sports start in the summer so be prepared! Captains' practices, pre-season requirements to attend practice. Similar requirement for Winter and Spring sports so plan your vacation time accordingly. • Lunch – the kids eat all over the school! The cafeteria is not big enough to cater for all of the students. • Get acquainted with your child's school counselor as they can be very helpful. • How to get involved in something if not interested in sports and arts? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage to try all of the clubs – they are low key – club fair in September – attend the first meeting – if they don't like it, they don't have to continue. But they might meet people with shared interests. Some clubs are well organized and meet regularly and some just fizzle out. Can always ask Guidance Counselor or New Families Committee on the PTO for help in finding out more about the club. It can be an issue to find the details of the club as they year goes on. Could also ask the child's peer group leader. ○ Peer Group – freshman broken into small groups with 2 leaders from Seniors. Helps to transition from Middle School to High School. ○ A new families meeting will be run in October and will include a 'how to get your child involved' discussion. ○ New Students club will eat lunch together from the start of school until the clubs start up. Will post on Instagram where they meet etc. ○ Encourage your child to build positive relationships with an adult – club advisor, teacher, ideas center etc. which can be helpful. • How to balance school and extracurricular activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not easy as sports teams may leave school at 2:30 for a game and not get home until late! ○ Option II can opt out of gym class starting sophomore year (still have to take health) if your child does a lot of physical activity outside of school such as sports, dance etc. The child can use the time instead for homework. ○ It takes time for the kids to figure it out so don't worry that they are taking their time. • Question about drug use in PHS. Should raise these issues with the school administration. • Parents asked could the BOE provide the curriculum about what is covered in health class just to share the information with parents. Could the PTO have speakers to talk about vaping, drug use etc. to help educate the parents.
	This was the last PTO meeting for the 2022-2023 school year.

Meeting ended at 10:00 AM.