



**Princeton High School PTO General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 8:30 AM**  
**PHS Performing Arts Center**

Attendees	
Sue Evans (PTO Co-President)	Cecilia Birge (PHS Principal)
Jessica Vieira (PTO Co-President)	Dr. Nicole Mantuano Lacsamana (Assistant Principal)
Varsha Shukla (Treasurer)	Tiffany Brennan (Supervisor of Mathematics and Business Education)
Michelle Fitzgerald (Secretary)	John McMichael (Supervisor of School Counseling and Student Wellness)
Allie Cassese (VP Communications/Graphic Design)	Diana Lygas (Dean of Students)
Dina Skinner (VP SEPAG)	Michelle Simborski (Student Assistance Counselor)
Milena Deluca (VP Boosters)	Dr. Carol Kelley (Superintendent)
	Beth Behrend (Board of Education)
	Betsy Baglio (Board of Education)

Brief Description / Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome from the PHS PTO and general updates.</li> <li>Introduction of the new PHS Administration.</li> <li>Board of Education brief update.</li> <li>Q&amp;A from parents.</li> </ul>

Summary of the discussion	
Speaker	Items discussed
Sue Evans and Jessica Vieira (PTO Co-Presidents)	<p><b>Welcome from the PHS PTO and September update.</b>            About 40 people attended the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTO activities so far this year:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday August 29: Hosted a Welcome Back to School breakfast for teachers and staff during Staff Development.</li> <li>Wednesday, August 30: The PHS PTO and the Cranbury Municipal Alliance together provided lunch for the freshman at Freshman Orientation to welcome them to PHS.</li> <li>Tuesday September 5: Senior Sunrise – the last ‘first day of school’ for PHS seniors. PTO provided snacks. The students met on the turf around 7am.</li> <li>Tuesday Sept 12: New Parent Orientation – hosted a table to support PTO Q&amp;A.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Upcoming activities:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning has begun for the Homecoming Dance on October 13.</li> <li>October 11 will be a Night at The Ivy. Part community builder, part fundraiser with bar tips benefiting the PHS PTO.</li> <li>PTO will be selling class t-shirts as a PTO fundraiser.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Please support the PTO by donating dues (suggested amount is \$75). These funds finance the activities above.</li> <li>There are other ways to help including volunteering your time.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking for PTO meetings is permitted on the streets immediately around the school such as Walnut Lane. The PTO works with PHS Admin to notify the police in advance of the meeting so that parking is allowed. The Westminster lot is for PHS students, not parents.</li> <li>• Reminder: Princeton Master Plan – Public PHS/PMS Listening Session - September 20 7:00 – 8:00pm; PHS Black Box Theater</li> </ul>
Beth Behrend and Betsy Baglio (BOE)	<p>The Board members gave an overview of the upcoming referendum on Nov 7. The referendum is required to provide funds for urgently needed maintenance including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHS track and field maintenance</li> <li>• Installation of security vestibules at PHS</li> <li>• PHS cafeteria renovation to accommodate more students</li> <li>• Wi-Fi upgrade</li> </ul> <p>Look at the website for more details:  <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/pps-referendum-2023">https://sites.google.com/view/pps-referendum-2023</a></p>
PTO Treasurer update	<p><b>PTO funding update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting /Opening bank balance was \$51,803.63 as of 07/30/2023</li> <li>• Expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Spirit wear, Senior sunrise, square readers, admin (insurance, square POS and zoom): \$5709.65</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dues to date: \$ 4305.15</li> <li>◦ Spirit wear sales \$860</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Currents Balance as of 9/20 /2023: \$51,376.44</li> </ul> <p>The PTO operating budget is about \$30,000. The remaining bank balance is a reserve.</p>
PHS Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Carol Kelley briefly welcomed the new administration and PTO members.</li> <li>• Principal Cecilia Birge introduced herself and her administration team.</li> <li>• John McMichael (Supervisor of School Counseling and Student Wellness) introduced himself. Assumed this role at PHS in August.</li> <li>• Tiffany Brennan (Supervisor of Mathematics and Business Education) introduced herself. Also new to this role at PHS.</li> </ul>
General	<p><b>Questions and comments from parents included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could a previous policy on a math pass be reimplemented?</li> <li>• What about homework free weekends? Some teachers give homework for Tuesday.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Question on PHS math scores / test results.</li><li>• Question on what else is there for someone who wants to do more math outside of the curriculum – reference made to a new math club at PMS.</li><li>• Students' experiences vary greatly based on the teacher.</li><li>• Schedule seems overly complicated.</li><li>• How can parents learn more?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Read the Tiger Tribune (weekly)</li><li>○ Sunday email from Principal Cecilia Birge</li></ul></li></ul>
	Next PTO meeting is on Wednesday October 11 <sup>th</sup> at The Ivy from 5 to 7pm.

Meeting ended at 10:00 AM.