

2024-25 Percy Priest Elementary PTO General Meeting Minutes, March 18, 2025.

A regular meeting of the PPE PTO was held in the school library on March 18, 2025.

Dr. Young opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and expressing excitement over the tour of our new building! The focus of today's meeting is on navigating change.

Dr. Young introduced Dr. Gary Hughes, principal of J.T. Moore Middle School, to discuss navigating the change to middle school. Dr. Hughes provided an overview of JTM school, its vision, and how 5th graders can prepare for next fall.

Next, school counselors, Ms. Baxter, Ms. Keiper-Berneman, and, Ms. Kelley, presented on helping kids navigate change, particularly as we transition to the new building. They provided suggestions for fostering reliance and developing coping strategies when we face change, and they also gave us podcast resources to check out.

Jenny Alfrey encouraged everyone to come to future PTO meetings and sign up for the Beach Ball Auction.

Parent Kelly Terrell provided an example of using LEGOs and Minecraft to help cope with new-building anxiety.

Dr. Young and Jenny introduced Zach Baldwin, PPE parent and American Constructors project manager for the new PPE school building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm so that all attendees could join Dr. Young, Zach, and team on a tour of the new school building.

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Secretary, PPE PTO Executive Board