

Parkland Community Advisory Council

February 15, 2018

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Ann Segan

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Michelle Wahlmark

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Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES: Jen Jones, Mary Ost, Lisa Petrocelli, Melanie St. Hill, Andrea Scott, Ann Segan, Michelle Wahlmark

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Mary Braccili, Bob Faber, Monica Gutman, Lisa Hayducek, Nicole Mandry, Deb Martin, Lisa Roth, Nancy Trach,

GUESTS: Susan Atiyeh, Lisa Brunnabend, Keisha Champagnie, Ying Chen, Lisa Ervin, Amy Jaffe, Desiree Pascal, Frank Petrocelli, Tricia Price, McKay Price, Amanda Hrycko,

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Keira Segan, Seth Fine, RJ Corba

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES: Linda Perlman-McKenna

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Rodney Troutman

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Ann Segan at 7:04pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2018 was made by Michelle Wahlmark and seconded by Jennifer Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION: "College and Career" was the topic of Mr. Eric Roberts' presentation. Mr. Roberts, a PHS Counselor, spoke about what the PHS has to offer regarding career services, what college admissions committees are looking for and he asked the student representatives to speak about their PHS experiences.

Mr. Roberts brought handouts on the following: SAT vs ACT comparison, NCAA eligibility center quick reference guide, a common college application, Pitt admissions review process, sample PHS transcript, PHS senior registration form, PHS grading system, Postsecondary Planning Presentation, and a college timeline for sophomores.

Career services are as follows:

- 9th and 10th grades- there is a career speaker series where students can come with questions.
- 11th and 12th grades- March 1st will be the first PHS held job fair. Seniors will bring their resumes

College admissions committees evaluate applicants via (in this order):

- 1- Curriculum/course choice
- 2- Grades in courses/GPA
- 3- SAT and/or ACT scores/testing
 - a. PSATs for sophomores and juniors in fall
 - b. SATs and ACTs for juniors
 - i. SAT more questions
 - ii. ACT more science based
- 4- Student activities and leadership
 - a. 2-3 letters of recommendation from teachers and supplemental

Other interesting tidbits:

- It's never too early to get ready for college admissions!
- Schools keep track of visits to their website/virtual tours so they know you are actually interested
 - o College websites contain a wealth of knowledge for what is expected for each school
 - E.g.- ave SAT scores, what courses they would like to see you take, profile of previous year's admitted class
- College essays are big!
- August 1st college applications go live
 - o Great to apply early because the colleges are looking at 9th, 10th and 11th year grades/classes
- About 450 college admission reps come to PHS each year
- Dual enrollment/AP classes are wonderful in getting college credits before stepping foot on campus!
- For NCAA eligibility, there is a minimum GPA and core course requirement
 - o Look to see what courses are NCAA approved
 - o The 1st thing a recruiter/coach looks at is your transcript to determine eligibility!
- Mr. Roberts is at PHS every Wednesday from 3pm to 7pm. If anyone wants to come in a discuss anything his door is open!
 - o Remember, he is in contact with colleges on a daily basis so he encourages everyone to use him as a resource (free of charge!)

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

- The school board last met on Tuesday, Jan 23rd
- Student Recognition
 - o Five Parkland students were recognized for winning five out of six awards in the PPL/Geisinger Healthcare System Poster Contest that asked students to depict how health and wellness relate to energy efficiency
 - o Each winner won money for themselves and money to be put towards energy savings initiatives in their schools. Parkland School District was presented a check for \$2000.
- 2018-19 General Fund Budget Presentation and Approval of ACT 1 Index
 - o The board unanimously approved the resolution not to raise school district taxes for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by more than 2.4% in order to balance the budget
- The board heard reports from board committees and liaisons.
 - o Many of these reports can be found online at BoardDocs. Linda Perlman-McKenna is available for help navigating the website.
- Next school board meeting is Feb 20, 2018
 - o 7pm workshop- Update on mid-year goals and the new elementary school
 - o 8pm business meeting- board will be considering a Resolution Opposing ESA Voucher Programs (SB 2)
- A board meeting on Feb 27, 2018 will be held at 7pm.
- The governor's budget was unveiled on Feb 7th. There was nothing in the budget expected to significantly help PSD.

STUDENT REPORT:

- General

- Mr. Parkland 2018 is Peter Hoang (RJ came in 3rd)
- Kidnap Your Teacher NHS fundraiser benefiting children with pediatric cancer occurred this week in school and has raised nearly \$1,000
- Student council food drive runs through February 23rd
- Prom is on May 12th at SteelStacks
- Post Prom following at PHS
- seniors need to order cap/gown for graduation by March 1st or else price increases to \$37

- Arts:

- 25 students were selected for Regional Chorus
- March 1st - 3rd in Annville, PA
- 12 students were selected for Regional Orchestra
- March 22nd - 24th in Dallas, PA
- 3 students were selected for Regional Band
- February 22nd - 24th in Middletown, PA
- Spring Musical: The Hunchback of Notre Dame April 11th - 15th

- Academics:

- World language week is February 26th - March 2nd
 - Monday: International food night (open to public, \$3 food tasting fee)
 - Tuesday: Classical international music assembly (Muhlenberg students performing)
 - Wednesday: cultural dress day
 - Thursday: Mardi Gras party after school (restaurant night at 6pm)
 - Friday: World language week video / guest speaker
- SAT testing at PHS on March 10th
- Parent Forum Spring workshop March 21st 7pm
- Charlie Dent is speaking to political science club in c200 afterschool the 20th (anyone is welcome)

- Athletics:

- Spring sports begin March 5th
- physicals were Saturday, February 3rd
- boys basketball team finished 12-11 overall and 9-7 within the league
- lost to Bethlehem Catholic in the first round of playoffs 53-67
- girls basketball team ended 15-9 overall and 11-5 in the league
- lost to Bethlehem Catholic in first round of playoffs 25-49
- boys and girls swimming are currently competing to qualify for district with their times
- both had successful season with winning records
- boys wrestling finished 7-7 overall and 5-3 in the league

OLD BUSINESS: No new business

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

ROUNDTABLE:

- CAC meeting next month 7pm at Fogelsville Elementary School
- The student representatives told us
 - o Sophomores and juniors have 4-5 hours of homework per night and seniors have 2-3 hours of homework.
 - o Students are able to participate in clubs because many meet just before or after school and therefore don't interfere with other activities or homework.
 - o Many community service opportunities are available within school hours.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 8:25 pm, Jennifer Jones called for a motion to adjourn. Mary Ost moved, with Ann Segan seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Scott**