

# Parkland Community Advisory Council

January 18, 2018

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**ATTENDEES:** Jennifer Jones, Melanie St. Hill, Nicole Mandry, Andrea Scott, Mary Ost

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Trish Balestrini, Catherine Garon, Marie Maritch, Lori Mosser, Ann Segan, Michelle Wahlmark, Mary Braccili, Bob Fager, Linda Hayducek, Nancy Trach, Deb Martin

**GUESTS:** Desiree Pascal, Chantel Benes

**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 Melanie St. Hill at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2017 was made by Linda Perlman-McKenna and seconded by Jennifer Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION:** Mr. John A. Vignone, Director of Business Administration presented the 2018-2019 Budget Update. Because the school board did not meet before the CAC meeting, Mr. Vignone presented to the budget as of Dec. 19, 2017.

The 2018-2019 Budget Monthly Timeline, including some other dates related to debt service and school construction. This timeline shows the importance of planning because they are always working on 3 budgets- the previous year's, the current year and next year. All the while keeping up to date on projects and housing developments that will impact the district, as many as, 5 years down the road.

The General Fund Budget Update was presented next. The projected expenditure increase to date is \$8,116,095 or 4.71%. The increase is to be paid via the General Fund (\$6.5M) and the Capital Reserve Fund (\$500k). This increase will be reduced with teacher retirement and future adjustments. There is still 6 months in the fiscal year!

The largest budgeted area is for salaries. Ten new staff were budgeted to prepare for the new school. They will move, along with the students to the new school, so there will be a seamless transition.

There is a great concern with the tuition and transportation increases due to cyber and charter schools and other private placements. There is almost a \$1M increase in the budget because of new students choosing charter/cyber school. This is always an area of unknown because there is not a deadline for students to choose the school they are attending. Last year, over 20 students chose an alternative school after the budget was approved. This impacts the district because the cost paid from PSD to the

alternate school is about \$10k/student/year + transportation costs for every regular education student and about \$20k/student/yr + transportation costs for each special education student. Private placements of students, e.g.-FEMA sponsored students now living within the district or homeless students spending time in a hotel or motel, are also unknowns for the budget.

On a brighter note, Uline bought their building from Liberty Property Trust for \$249M and .05% transfer tax is unexpected revenue

If anyone has any questions or concerns, Mr. Vignone has an open door policy and would love to talk about the budget!

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** Linda Perlman-McKenna and Dr. Rodney Troutman spoke on behalf of the school board and administration.

The regularly scheduled board meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. They will be having a workshop to discuss the budget, new school update and to approve the resolution for LCCC to move to the Morning Call building.

The architect and engineering professional services for the new elementary school building was approved.

Contact Linda if you would like to be placed on the PSBA email list for updates on issues regarding the school district and issues that matter on a state level. There are even links within the emails with predetermined letters to send to your legislators.

State Senate bill 2 regarding the education savings account voucher is back on the forefront. The bill would allow parents to send their child to a school of their choice by paying private school tuition with public school money. It is expected to be pushed through the senate quickly. Please contact your legislators.

### **STUDENT REPORT: January 18th, 2018 CAC Student Report**

#### **General:**

- Key Club blood drive held today
- Mr. Parkland is February 3rd at 7pm in auditorium (RJ made auditions)
  - Get there early for trivia about the candidates and intro videos
- Hoop Group at the high school is the 28th

#### **Arts:**

- “The Art of Collaboration” films shown tonight at 7
  - Filmmakers and music composition students collaborated to produce short films
- Three students were selected for Regional Band
- District 10 Chorus on January 27th
- Spring Musical: The Hunchback of Notre Dame April 11th - 15<sup>th</sup>

**Academics:**

- Midterms for core classes all next week at high school (including language and some electives)
  - High school 11:00 dismissal on Wednesday and Thursday next week
  - HS/MS dismissal at 1pm elementary at 1:45pm next Friday
- Biology Keystones were on the 11th
- Algebra Keystones were on the 16th
- 3rd marking period ends the 26<sup>th</sup>

**Athletics:**

- National Letter of Intent Signing on Feb. 7th at 3:30
- Boys Basketball
  - Currently 6-6, next game Friday at Nazareth
- Girls Basketball
  - Currently 7-2, next game Friday against Nazareth at Parkland
- Swimming
  - Next meet is Tuesday at home against Dieruff

**OLD BUSINESS:** The form for tickets to the spring musical is due today. Please give to Dr. Troutman.

**NEW BUSINESS:** N/A

**ROUNDTABLE:**

The Harlem Wizards vs Parkland (Staff) All-Stars will be playing at PHS on 2/13. Tickets on sale now. Volunteers are needed.

There was a problem with the new Chromebooks. It was discovered that there was a problem with an entire production lot. Dell determined that the problem was a fix that needed to be applied to each Chromebook. After speaking to CDT, the company we purchased them from, CDT stepped up and took back all of the defected devices and we received upgraded models.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** At 8:20 pm, Melanie St. Hill called for a motion to adjourn. Nicole Mandry moved, with Jennifer Jones seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Andrea Scott**