

# Parkland Community Advisory Council

October 19, 2017

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**ATTENDEES:** Michelle Wahlmark, Melanie St. Hill, Ann Segan, RJ Corba, Nancy Trach, Lisa Hayducek, Seth Fine, Andrea Scott, Mary Braccili

**GUESTS:** Jen Jones, Kim McCullough, Mari Muscatell, Joseph Hayducek, Naomi Guenin, Desiree Pascal, Lisa Petrocelli, Linda Perlman-McKenna, Chantel Bekes, Mary Ost

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:** Kiera Segan

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:** Lisa Roth

**ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Rodney Troutman, Assistant Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes from May 18, 2017 was made by Michelle Wahlmark and seconded by Lisa Hayducek. The motion passed unanimously.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** Dr. Rodney Troutman reported that on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, the school board held a workshop and meeting. The new elementary school was discussed and updates will be discussed at each future board meeting and workshop. An Act 34 hearing with presentation and Q&A sessions will be held on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and the Administration Building. At the October 14<sup>th</sup> board retreat, the board discussed the new elementary school project with architects, builders and financial advisors. It was also reported that David Keppel, Director of School Services, explained the savings Parkland is seeing from each school's energy champion programs. Combining reducing energy consumption with shopping for energy providers, there has been a \$686,188.00 reduction in electricity expense!

**PRESENTATIONS:** Full Day Kindergarten Results, 3-5 New Language Arts Program "Wonders", 6-12 ELA Curriculum co-presented by Kelly Rosario, Jason Henry and Diane Neikam.

Diane Neikam presented the results seen when comparing half day kindergarten vs full day kindergarten. The feedback from teachers has been all positive. Siting the ability to have extra time for enrichment, extra time to fully explore and practice topics, the ability for almost all student to have the ability to read and write a sentence. Each reported area showed significant improvement in the number of students at or above level and a reduction of students on watch or in need of intervention.

Kelly Rosario presented on the Wonders Program, a comprehensive literacy program now in grades 3-5. It focuses on kid friendly engaging literature designed for core instruction and differentiated material to meet the needs of all students (English language learners, students needing intervention

and students needing enrichment.) Each unit has a big idea and has an essential questions that connects vocabulary, skills, strategies, writing and literature. Students use three key texts- reading/writing workshop, literature anthology and close reading companion. The workshop is used to teach and model, the anthology is used to practice and apply skills and strategies and the companion is used to dig deeper in the weekly skills and essential question. The student's day consists of whole group instruction, small group instruction and independent practice.

Jason Henry presented the 6-12 Curriculum, StudySync. StudySync is a unique curriculum that was developed to grab the student's interest and keep them eager to learn through the use of unique videos, multimedia and topics relevant to students and the world in real time. Through apps, computer platforms and real paper books, students can customize how they receive the curriculum and how they interact with teachers and fellow students.

### **STUDENT REPORT:**

#### General-

- Student Involvement Fair was Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>
- Homecoming dance was Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>- Bobby Carlson was King and Jillian Morgan was Queen
- Fall Parent Workshop was Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>
- Key Club Blood Drive is on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Career speaker month for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students is Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> –Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>
- Arts
  - Fall Play- Pride and Prejudice was performed Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>
  - District Chorus auditions are Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Marine Band Concert is Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm
  - Tri-M Music Honor Society induction ceremony is on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Children's Show- Annie- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>@ 7pm, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 3 and 7pm, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm
- Academics
  - Activities Fair was on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Aryaman Khandelwal is speaking at the Tedxtalk at the Lehigh River Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Post-prom pie sale begins Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - High school SAT prep classes have begun Mondays and Wednesdays
  - PSAT was on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Cap and Gown orders for graduation are on Josten's website (deadline was Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>- can still order with late fee)
- Athletics
  - Boys football has senior night against Emmaus Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and an away game Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>
    - Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the state with an undefeated 8-0 record
  - Boys soccer has a 12-5 record overall, 9-4 in conference
    - Home game against Emmaus Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at J. Birney Crum Stadium
  - Girls tennis finished with a 11-5 overall, 11-3 in conference record
    - Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in EPC
  - Cross Country
    - Girls placed first boys placed second in league meet on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>
    - District meet next week

- Ben Tetzlaff hit two holes in one on the golf team
- Girls Volleyball is 22-7 overall, 13-3 in conference with EPC semifinals Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at Whitehall
  - Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in state
- Girls soccer is undefeated at 20-0 with the EPC championship game Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at J Birney Crum Stadium
- Free winter physicals and impact tests are Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Physicals in cafeteria from 8-9:30am (girls) and 9:30-11am (boys)
  - Impact tests in Library from 8-10:30am

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** The group discussed holding CAC meetings at different schools around the district. Springhouse will host the first meeting on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Fogelsville will possibly hold the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting discussing the new elementary school.

**ROUNDTABLE:** The group discussed the positive and negative points to holding a CAC meeting at other schools on the fringes of the district. The group also discussed the personal reasons for attending the meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** At 8:40 pm, Michelle Womack called for a motion to adjourn with Nicole Mandry seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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