

Parkland Community Advisory Council

November 16, 2017

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Melanie St. Hill
Ann Segan

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Michelle Wahlmark

SECRETARY

Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES: Michelle Wahlmark, Ann Segan, Lisa Hayducek, Trish Balestrini, Lisa Hayducek, Linda Perlman-McKenna

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Andrea Scott, R.J. Corba, Nancy Trach, Seth Fine, Bob Fager

GUESTS: Jennifer Jones, Camile Chase, Tiffany Gaston, Lisa Petrocelli, Pete Balestrini, Susan Atiyeh, Tom Murray, Jacklyn Svetcov, Joelle Strahler.

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 7:05 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2017 meeting was made by Lisa Hayducek and seconded by Michelle Wahlmark. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS: Technology One-to-One was presented by Tracy Smith, Samantha Edwards, and JR Renna with the support of students from the Trojan Tech Team.

Tracy Smith began the presentation by discussing Parkland Ready 21, an 18-month conversation about what the district wants/doesn't want in terms of technology and student engagement in a 21st century classroom. The goal is to have students beyond engaged, highly invested in their education. Technology will be used to amplify pedagogy, but teachers will still be important in the process. The top 5 companies are currently technology-driven. The 20 top companies, 14 of which are US based, report that creativity is the most important job skill. Technology can be used to personalize learning and to amplify student voice.

The roll out of 1:1 at the middle schools was presented by JR Renna and Sam Edwards through a Nearpod presentation. Nearpod is a tool that allows students to engage in a lesson and allows a teacher to collect real-time formative assessment data. The presentation included the rules for care of the laptops, respectful use, and kind behavior. Emphasis was placed on creating a good digital footprint and avoiding cyberbullying.

The presentation also included information on the SAMR model (Substitution, Augmentation, Modification and Redefinition). JR Renna also provided information on Schoology and Hoonuit, and included login information so the CAC can be a part of the Parkland learning community.

Tracy Smith ended the presentation by providing updates on Makerspaces, and changes to the district website which emphasize communication via social media and mobile devices. JR Renna invited all to the Teacher Tech Conference on April 28, 2018.

STUDENT REPORT:

General

- Career speaker month wraps up this week
- First marking period ended last week
 - Report cards distributed today
- Early dismissal Nov. 22nd

Arts

- Students took first place at Emmaus Horror Film Festival with film “Wandering”
 - Samantha McNemar
 - Nick Furry
 - Claudia Coscia
 - Brody Segan
- Mr. Shemonsky was presented the Fowler Award for exceptional teaching of art
- Art Honor Society donated \$2,366 towards hurricane relief
- District Chorus Auditions were Oct. 23rd
 - 27 students made Districts
- Orchestra winter concert Dec. 7th at 7pm
- Chorale winter concert Dec. 10th, 7pm at Neff’s UCC
- Chorus winter concert Dec. 14th at 7pm
- Band winter concert Dec. 20th at 7pm
- District band tryouts Dec. 2nd

Academics

- National Honor Society Inductions are tonight for the juniors and second chance seniors
- DeSales is offering High School Scholars opportunity
 - Allows senior to take college level courses for tuition and fees
- Post Prom Pie Sale pick up is this Monday, 3-6 pm in the cafeteria
- College Visits
 - Hartford November 17th
 - Navy November 20th
 - Manor College 30th
- Report cards were given out this morning in homeroom for the first marking period
 - Q1 ended last Wednesday
- Elementary school has early dismissal this upcoming Tuesday at 1:45pm

Athletics

- Winter Sports Seasons Start Tomorrow
- Football
 - Plays Freedom in the District Final @ Northampton High School, 7pm
- Boys Soccer
 - Finished in the State Quarter Final losing against Conestoga
- Girls Soccer
 - Finished in the State Tournament with a loss to Neshaminy

- Girls Volleyball
 - Finished in the State Semi Final losing against Bishop Shanahan
- Boys/Girls Cross Country
 - Finished second in District

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE: Lisa Roth reported that the Act 43 hearing was held and everything was moving along smoothly for the new elementary school project.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Michelle Wahlmark will be contacting members to update their contact information and schools they are representing. She will also contact members whose terms expired May 2017 to ask if they want to renew membership. Membership for Michelle Wahlmark, Melanie St. Hill and Linda Hayducek were renewed.

ROUNDTABLE: Members and guests asked questions about the cost of the 1:1 plan. The Chromebook cost \$300 each and are expected to last approximately 4 years. Families were not required to purchase any insurance. Additional questions and comments revolved around parents' awareness that their children need digital skills and concerns involving amount of screen time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 8:30, Linda Perlman-McKenna made a motion to adjourn and Trish Balestrini seconded.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ann Segan**