

Parkland Community Advisory Council

December 14, 2017

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ATTENDEES: Trish Balestrini, Catherine Garon, Nicole Mandry, Marie Maritch, Linda Perlman-McKenna, Lori Mosser, Melanie St. Hill, Andrea Scott, Ann Segan, Michelle Wahlmark.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Mary Braccili, Bob Fager, Linda Hayducek, Nancy Trach

GUESTS: Susan Atiyeh, Chantel Benes, Ben Gullede, Desiree Pascal, Lisa Petrocelli

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: RJ Corba, Seth Fine, Kiera Segan

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES: Dr. Rodney Troutman, Assistant Superintendent

ADMINISTRATION:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from November 16, 2017 was made by Lori Mosser and seconded by Marie Maritch. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Dr. Rodney Troutman reported the board is reviewing and will be voting on Lehigh County Community College's (LCCC) proposal to move the Allentown Campus to the Morning Call Building. Dr. Troutman also reported that the senate bill 2, regarding the school voucher program, is on the back burner for now.

PRESENTATION: Ms. Laura Kowalski, one of three program teachers, spoke about the new Biomedical Program offered at Parkland High School. Ms. Kowalski walked us up to the classroom, spoke briefly about the program, and then allowed us to explore the room which held equipment, projects, experiments and lecture material. Coordinated Health works with the students in mentoring roles and to help with coursework.

Only in its second year, the four-course program offers: Course I- Principals of Biomedical Science, Course II- Human Body Systems, Course III- Medical Intervention and Course IV- Biomedical Innovation. All courses are student centered, with authentic problem-based learning experiences, investigations and projects. Students explore biomedical career paths while engaging in collaborative experiences that require them to think critically and to be innovative and creative. Students must have been enrolled, or are enrolled concurrently in honors biology in order to qualify for the program.

The program is nationally recognized and by the time the students are through all 4 years of the program, it will be accredited. The teachers go through two weeks of intensive training each summer for the program.

STUDENT REPORT: The following was reported by RJ Corba, Seth Fine and Kiera Segan:

General:

- Winter Break: Friday December 22nd - Monday January 2nd
- Early Dismissal: Thursday December 21st
- Class of 2020 is hosting a Dine to Donate on December 16th at PJ's from 11am - 11pm
- Mr. Parkland auditions this week (wish RJ luck)

Arts:

- 11 students were selected for district band
- 24 students were selected for district chorus
- Chorus winter concert Dec. 14th (Tonight) at 7pm
- Band winter concert Dec. 20th at 7pm
- All students attend the In-School Concert on the 21st
- Performing Arts Club children's theatre workshop Jan. 6th and 7th
- Spring Musical: The Hunchback of Notre Dame April 11th - 15th

Academics:

- College Visits:
 - US Air Force - December 18th
 - Duke - December 19th
- Sophomores and Juniors who took the PSAT received their scores this past Monday which leads to the National Merit Scholarships
- Physics Teacher, Mr. Flueso, received the PPL Empowering Educators Grant
- Biology Keystones on Jan. 10th and 11th
- Algebra Keystones on Jan. 16th and 17th
- Three students were accepted to Ivy League universities:
 - Nina Cao to Harvard (first in 10 years)
 - Aryaman Khandelwal to Princeton
 - Alex Sohn to Penn

Athletics:

- Boys Basketball
 - Won Jeff Dailey Memorial Tournament against Notre Dame - Green Pond in the final last weekend
 - Lost against Becahi Tuesday
 - Next game is tomorrow at the High School at 7 against Stroudsburg
- Girls Basketball
 - Next game: away at Stroudsburg High School @7
 - Won last night against Emmaus
- Swimming
 - Has a meet at Stroudsburg today, and an upcoming meet this Saturday against Cumberland Valley at Home
- Wrestling
 - Next Match: December 20th at home against Central Catholic

OLD BUSINESS: Andrea Scott reported that Fogelsville Elementary School would host the March 15th “New Elementary School and Other Construction Projects” CAC Meeting. Dr. Troutman will get in touch with Mr. Chorones, Fogelsville’s principal, to coordinate the details.

NEW BUSINESS: January’s meeting topic will be “Budget Update” presented by Mr. John Vignone, Director of Business Administration at 7pm the Administration Building. This is a very informative meeting that gives insight into the district’s budget, detailing which taxes support our district and where our tax money is allocated.

Parkland High School Theatre will be presenting “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” April 11-14. CAC members receive one complimentary ticket in the Mezzanine seat block at the 4/12 show. If you would like to attend on the 12th or any other day please return the order form at the January meeting or to Diane Foley by 1/18.

ROUNDTABLE: There was no roundtable. Everyone was excited to attend the Winter Concert!

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 6:52 pm the meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Scott**