

# Parkland Community Advisory Council

**Date: 4/11/19 6pm at PHS**

**CO-PRESIDENTS**

Melanie St. Hill  
Ann Segan

**VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP**

Michelle Wahlmark

**SECRETARY**

Andrea Scott

**ATTENDEES:** Michelle Wahlmark, Melanie St. Hill, Ann Segan, Lisa Petrocelli, Ben Gulledge, Jennifer Jones, Andrea Scott, Mary Ost, Anita Kapour, Pat Motaka

**EXCUSED:** Seth Fine, Mary Braccili, Natalie St. Hill, Nicole Mandry, Desiree Pascal

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:** Benjamin Dobbs

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:** Linda Perlman-McKenna

**ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Rodney Troutman

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Melanie St. Hill at 6:03 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2019 was made by Ben Gulledge and seconded by Jen Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION:** Donna Robertson and Nancy Bogart Presented "Family and Consumer Science". Below are excerpts from the presentation:

The mission of the Parkland High School Family and Consumer Sciences department is to strengthen individuals and families for lifelong participation in the home, community, and society by teaching technical and social skills with a practical application resulting in rational thinking. Classes address issues in human development and the family, home management and family economics, food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, and housing and living environments. Courses are available for all students in grades 9-12.

Approximately 1,440 students take our courses each year. The courses available and descriptions are:

Basic Foods is an introductory foods class which focuses on the safety and sanitation procedures that should be used when preparing foods in the home and in the food industry.

Nutrition for Fitness is a hybrid class (both cooking labs and content instruction) that aims to positively influence the daily life decisions of teenagers. Topics include: Healthy Ingredient Substitutions, Personalized Daily Nutritional Needs, Choose MyPlate, Recommended Daily Physical Activity and Vitamins, Minerals, Proteins, Fruits and Vegetables, Grains, and Dairy.

American Foods develops student's cooking skills learned in Basic Foods while studying food traditions in Pennsylvania and specialties across the United States. Topics include: Meal Planning, Pennsylvania Dutch Cuisine, Regional State Specialties, and Healthy Food Choices.

International Foods is designed to enhance student's appreciation for global cuisine, trying new cooking techniques and ingredients. Students choose a country to study and share their culture with the class and find unique recipes for everyone to try.

Child Development, Level 1, is designed for students who desire to know more about how children grow and develop. 4 weeks Laboratory experience with children in our Nursery School.

Child Development Laboratory, Level 2, allows students to plan activities for the 11 week Nursery School Laboratory and facilitate the activities on their student teacher day.

Fashion Wardrobe Construction allows students to explore various fibers and textiles, and learn about both woven and knitted fabrics. After learning how to read patterns and lay out the patterns on their chosen fabric, students will make two clothing items, pajama bottoms and an item of their choice, in class. Additionally, students acquire a technology credit for this course because our sewing machines are computerized Babylock machines.

Fashion Design and Merchandising allows students to study the basics behind the Fashion Industry and Fashion History. They use that to design their own styles, become personal stylists and create a Fashion Company to learn the business skills necessary to run a successful company.

Independent Living is a course designed to give students a realistic view of life after high school and to explore issues related to survival in an adult world. Units of Study Include: Housing, Credit, Budgeting and Job Seeking Skills

The Parenting course investigates parenthood as a possible life goal for our students and examines reasons for having or not having children. Topics discussed in class include: healthy relationships, sexual health & reproduction, pregnancy & trimesters, prenatal care, labor & delivery, and the development of children 0-2 years. Students also learn first-hand the true responsibility of parenting over a 5 day/4 night simulation with our "Baby Think It Over" simulator. During class students learn & then practice skills needed to properly care for a newborn. The students must provide around the clock care by responding to baby cries at all hours of the day including feeding, diapering, burping, rocking and safely transporting baby to and from school.

Interior Design is a project based class. The history of housing in America, different architectural designs, floor plans, and decorating information is all covered during the class. Projects vary from using Turbo Floor Plan on the computers which is a CAD type program, making a sample board of a room they design, and arranging a college dorm room which allows them to practice working with small spaces. Interiors also allows the students to receive a tech credit towards their graduation requirements.

Creative Crafts allows the students to explore their creative side. Some of the projects are teacher driven with instruction from the teacher, some of the projects the students purchase and create in class. Technology credit and project based grading.

In addition to classes, the consumer sciences department currently has three clubs: Child Development Club with 30 members, Cooking Club with 50 members and Fashion Club with 30 members!

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** All Board Meeting agendas and minutes can be found online on the PSD website!

During the 3/26 school Board Meeting an outline on staffing requests for the 19-20 school year was presented in anticipation of the Veterans Memorial School being ready for occupancy the following school year. The board approved the 19-20 entity budgets, including the CLIU, LCCC and LCTI. The Parkland Education Foundation activities and 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Distinguished Alumni Gala and Silent Auction, to be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9pm at Muhlenberg College was discussed. Tickets are \$125 each, or \$850 for a table of 8. An antique MG Roadster, donated by distinguished alumni Barry Dobil, will be restored by LCTI students and Moss Motors and auctioned off at a later date. The Education Foundation is asking for support of their post prom event. It will also be hosting a basketball camp with the Harlem Wizards this summer. Finally the Education Foundation is reviewing the 73 requests for the Celebrate Innovate Grant that will be reviewed, scored and rewarded later this year.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> beginning with a workshop at 7pm followed by a regular meeting at 8pm. There will also be a Board Budget Seminar at the Admin Center on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **STUDENT REPORT:**

#### Sports:

- The Boys' Lacrosse team is undefeated on the season at 7-0. Varsity is currently away playing Easton and beat Freedom 17-3 a couple of days ago.
- The Softball team is also doing very well. The girls are 9-2 on the season and playing Pocono Mountain West as we speak.
- The Baseball team unfortunately lost its last game against Liberty 12-3, but is still first in the EPC with a record of 6-1.
- Track and Field has had 3 top 3 finishers in the last two meets and has 4 more meets in April.

#### Arts:

- The Spring Musical, *Curtains*, opened last night and will be performed tonight, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday at 3 P.M.
- On top of that, the cast of *21 Pebbles* will be headed to Nebraska in the summer to perform at a National Thespian Conference.
- The A-wing is preparing for the Festival of the Arts that will take place in May from the 16th to the 19th. The chorus, jazz band, and cast of *21 Pebbles* will be performing.

#### General/Academics

- SAT prep classes for the May 4th test date are officially underway
- Key Club recently held a successful blood drive toward the end of March in which they met their donor goal.
- The PCLV 5k, which is a 5k event sponsored by the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley, is this coming Saturday (4/13). The "Parkland Fighting Cancer" team consists of teachers and students and will be overseeing the kids fun run after the 5k is

over. Parkland would not be involved in this event if it weren't for our very own class of 2020 and LEO club.

- LEO Club is raising money for the caring closet and is hoping to meet its goal of \$8000 by selling raffle tickets.
- PNN Film Club back from Seattle, in which they scored second in their respective bracket and brought home production and editing awards
- High school visits for middle schoolers begin at end of April; PHS welcome PAC will be hosting tours
- Pals will be sponsoring a miracle league event after Easter. The exact date is yet to be determined.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Next meeting we will vote on officers and pick topics for the 2019-2020 school year at 6pm at PHS Library Classroom followed by the Spring Chorus Concert and the Festival of the Arts.

**ROUNDTABLE:** none

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** At 6:54 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Scott**