

# Parkland Community Advisory Council

Date: 5/16/19 6pm at PHS Library Classroom

## CO-PRESIDENTS

### SECRETARY

Melanie St. Hill  
Ann Segan

## VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP

Michelle Wahlmark

Andrea Scott

**ATTENDEES:** Jennifer Jones, Melanie St. Hill, Arun Kapoor, Ann Segan, Andrea Scott, Michelle Wahlmark, Mary Ost

**EXCUSED:** Lisa Petrocelli, Seth Fine, Desiree Pascal, Ben Gulledge

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:** Benjamin Dobbs, Natalie St. Hill (excused), Seth Fine (excused)

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:** Lisa Roth—Board Vice President, Carol Facchiano, Linda Perlman-McKenna

**ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Rodney Troutman

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Melanie St. Hill at 6:02 pm

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

## PRESENTATION:

Election of Officers: Michelle Wahlmark and Melanie St. Hill were elected as Co-Presidents. Andrea Scott was elected as Secretary

Topic suggestions for the 2019/2020 meetings:

- District food banks/food drives/Rotary Snack Pack and C.A.R.E.S. Programs
- Redistricting/Veterans Memorial Elementary School
- Project Lead the Way (Computer)
- Athletics Program- lecture then go to baseball game (maybe girls game)
- Curriculum/Wonders and how it translates to PSSA's and other testing
- Tour of PHS
- Music Program and the Arts
- PSSA's/Keystones/Testing in General
- Charter/Cyber Schools
- Application Process to college- have college freshman and sophomores come back and reflect on their experiences
- Internet Safety/Drugs/Alcohol in PSD
- Growth in Townships
- Safe2Say Update/Safety
- Budget
- Mindfulness
- Technology

**SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE:** Submitted by Linda Perlman-McKenna

All Board Meeting agendas and minutes can be found on Parkland School District website; click on School Board tab/under Meeting Highlights.

On April 17, 2019 a Workshop Meeting was held first followed by the Regular Business Meeting.

At the Workshop Meeting, the Project Manager of the Veterans Memorial Elementary School construction project spoke and was pleased to report, despite all the weather issues, the project is on schedule and on budget. Also at the Workshop Meeting, Brenda DeRenzo and Kelly Rosario spoke about Social Emotional Learning Programs and the MindUp Curriculum.

At the Regular Business Meeting, the Cyber Charter School Funding Reform Resolution was approved. This resolution supports Statewide Cyber Charter School Funding Reform, urging its local officials to correct the way tuition payments for cyber charter schools are calculated so that it reflects the actual costs of educating students and relieves the unfair burden currently placed on taxpayers. Also, at the Regular Business Meeting, the Board approved an update to the district's current school calendar. The last day of school for students and teachers will be June 14<sup>th</sup> instead of Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>. Bob Bold was appointed as the new School Board representative to serve on the Parkland Community Library Board. The Parkland Education Foundation's Gala will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Next Board Meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

A handout regarding charter school reform was given to all CAC members so everyone can further learn about the Charter School Reform Proposals. [www.ppsba.org/issue/charter-school-reform/](http://www.ppsba.org/issue/charter-school-reform/)

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**ROUNDTABLE:**

Girls softball team are EPC Champs! They won the conference.

Post Prom was a great success- 800 students attended! If you are interested to help in the future they are looking for volunteers... even if you don't have a student attending!

Next meeting, the first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year will be Thursday, October 17, 2019.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** At 6:40pm, a call was made for a motion to adjourn. Desiree Pascal moved, the motion passed unanimously.

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