

Parkland Community Advisory Council

October 17, 2019

CO-PRESIDENTS

Melanie St. Hill
Michelle Wahlmark

SECRETARY

Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES: Melanie St. Hill, Michelle Wahlmark, Desiree Pascal, Jennifer Jones, Arun Kapoor, Susan Atiyeh, Andrea Scott,

EXCUSED: Ben Gullede, Ann Segan, Lisa Hayducek

GUESTS: Eric Roberts, Jay Rohatgi, Cherise Lee, Dina Kennedy,

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Natalie St. Hill, Lauren Wahlmark, Tyler Bartman, Benjamin Dobbs

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Marie Maritch

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Rodney Troutman

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Michelle Wahlmark at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from May 16, 2019 was made by Arun Kapoor and seconded by Susan Attiyeh.

PRESENTATION: "College/Career" presented by PHS guidance counselor Eric Roberts

It is never too early to start thinking about each student's college and career planning. Eric Roberts spoke about how class scheduling, even in middle school, is important when looking ahead to college and careers. Eighth grade course selection is important for certain schools and clubs and could even appear on college transcripts. There are 5300 colleges and universities in the US so there is a lot to think about. He suggests talking to or sitting in on college recruiting visits early to help narrow down the search.

When colleges are looking through applications, they are looking for students who have had an impact in their high school or community. Mr. Roberts highly recommends getting involved and seeking leadership positions.

Four PHS students spoke about what their experiences have been so far. They spoke about PSAT's, SAT's, college application processes and their paths to college at PHS.

Mr. Roberts is in his office every Wednesday from 3 - 7pm, by appointment only, to talk about college and career paths. Please use him as a resource!

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Marie Maritch presented on behalf of the school board.

Parkland School Board for CAC meeting 10/17/2019

Redistricting

- Veterans Memorial Elementary School scheduled to open in the fall of 2020
- PSD is redistricting students to try to keep class sizes roughly equal in the elementary schools in the southern tier. Additionally, traffic patterns had to be considered as well as reducing or eliminating the need for portable classrooms in Elementary schools.
- The southern tier (Fogelsville, Cetronia, Jaindl and Parkway Manor) will see some students moved from what is their current 'community school' to another elementary school in the southern tier. The northern tier (Kratzer, Ironton, Schnecksville, and Kernsville) will not be affected.
- The two middle schools (Orefield and Springhouse) will not be affected.
- Approximately 9 families who had students moved during the previous redistricting in 2015 will be exempt from this redistricting.
- The district will also be moving some staff to Veterans Elementary to obtain a mix of veteran and newer teachers.
- Town hall meetings at each of the southern tier schools are scheduled as follows:
 - Oct. 21 Fogelsville @ 6:30, Oct. 24 Cetronia @ 6:30, Oct. 28 Jaindl @ 6:30 Oct. 30 Parkway Manor @ 6:30
- If asked by a community member, please direct him or her to call Dr. Troutman at 610-351-5505.
- The final redistricting plan will be ready for the board to vote on at the November 19 board meeting.

Curriculum

- Kelly Rosario, Director of Curriculum Instruction, presented the results from data gathered regarding full-day kindergarten, which we started in 2016. Data indicates that those students, who are now third-graders, are reading and writing at or above grade level at a percentage higher than we have seen in the past. Teachers also report that students who have had full-day kindergarten are more well-adjusted socially than those who did not have full-day.

Pennsylvania School Board Conference in Hershey, PA

- Five of our board members are currently attending the PSBA conference where they attend educational sessions as well as round table sessions to learn about new K12 educational trends and discuss issues with colleagues from other districts. Rich, Rod, and Tracy are in attendance also.

Elections are coming up on Tuesday November 5

- Two current school board members are retiring and there are five seats open this round. Three current members are running for re-election. Two of those three are former CAC members. Rounding out the field are three new candidates. Doing the math, as I love, that means five positions, six candidates.

- I encourage you to read the voters' guide on the Lehigh Valley Women's Voters League web site at <https://lwwlehighcounty.org/voters-guide/> to find candidate information for PSD board as well as other candidates. Do some research and make your vote count.

STUDENT REPORT:

Arts

- Chorale and five other schools performed at LVHN "Nite Lites" on September 28
- District Chorus Auditions on Monday October 21
- Band marched in Allentown Halloween Parade on Saturday October 13
- Band will march in King Frost Parade on October 26
- Tri-M Music Honor Society inductions are scheduled for November 5
- Children's show "Beauty and the Beast" is on Nov 8 (7:00), 9, (3:00/7:00), and 10 (3:00) tickets are \$11 and students & seniors are \$7
- Band will be marching in Veteran's Parade in NYC. They will be on this trip November 10-11
- Performing Arts Club's Children's Workshop (which is usually in January) is scheduled for November 16 & 17. The theme is Toy Story. Kids K-5 can be signed up for a weekend of singing, dancing, and acting.

Athletics

- Football -- team won 49-0 in hoco game against Stroudsburg to improve to 6-2; face Easton this Friday at Easton
- Cross Country -- EPCs were last Tuesday; Boy's and Girl's Cross Country are both competing in Districts on the 23rd; if they place top 2, they will qualify for states
- Golf -- Trevor Grimm won Districts on October 7th
- Field Hockey -- Played Emmaus in EPC championship at 4; (if they win -- first championship for Coach Millen)
- Soccer -- Yesterday, the girls beat Easton in EPC semis 1-0 and play Emmaus in the final tonight
- Girls' Volleyball- On Thursday Defeated Central in EPC Quarter Finals in 4 sets. They play Nazareth tonight.

Academics/Misc

- Blood Drive 10/24
- Mock Trial and Debate Seasons have begun
- Key Club and Leo Club are beginning various volunteer events this month.
- Homecoming was on 10/12. Hoco king: Josh Mede Hoco Queen: Ashley Molchany.
- On Friday at the homecoming game, various floats took awards, the PALS float (Peers assist learning support) receiving first place and Art Honors Society receiving second. Saturday Night was the homecoming dance.
- On Monday, the school will invite a speaker to discuss the ill-effects of vaping and smoking, attended by the junior class.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Please see the calendar provided for 2019/2020 CAC dates and topics!

ROUNDTABLE:

- Please keep in mind that in order to become a member the following must happen:
 - Attend three (3) meetings
 - Voted in by the Community Advisory Counsel

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 8:24 pm, Melanie St. Hill called for a motion to adjourn. Natalie St. Hill moved, with Jen Jones seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Scott