

Parkland Community Advisory Council

April 21, 2022

PRESIDENTS

Jennifer Jones

SECRETARY

Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES: Desiree Pascal, Rebecca DeWever, Jennifer Jones, Catherine Garon, Nicole Mandry, Ben Gullede, Doreen Wynn, Andrea Scott,

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Kylie Knafo, Sydney Esquieres

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Marisa Ziegler

ADMINISTRATION: Michelle Minotti

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Jones at 6:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2022, was made by Doreen Wynn and seconded by Gullede.

PRESENTATION:

“Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular in PHS” was presented by Mr. Bill Dreisbach and Dr. Maggie Drake

Student activity opportunities abound at Parkland High School. There are over 100 academic activities, publications, honor societies, sports teams and clubs to choose from!

All of the clubs and activities available to students, and their advisors, can be found on the PSD website at <https://phs.parklandsd.org/about/activities>. Also on the website is an activities guide book that lists in detail the name and description of the activity, the time commitment, advisor, activities they participate in and requirements to join the club. In 9th grade, students can learn about all the clubs during the Fall Student Involvement Fair held each year. Clubs and activities are also highlighted during TV announcements and on the PHS website.

To start a new club or activity, it is a three year process. First, a formal proposal must be submitted and reviewed. Once the proposal is accepted, clubs have a provisional status for two years. Finally, in the third year, full approval of the new club is granted.

There are many different types of clubs. The Colorguard, Indoor Percussion, Dance and Fitness Teams are competitive clubs. The Performing Arts Club, Parkland Players and Stage Crew Club are all Parkland Theater clubs. The Key Club, Leo Club, P.A.L.S., G.E.O., S.A.D.D. chapter are all service clubs. All twelve honors societies are affiliated with a national accredited organizations.

Academic activities occur during and out of school, are graded and for credit. Bank, Chorus, Orchestra, Yearbook Par-Key, Parkland News Network and the Trumpet Newsletter are all available as classes during the school year.

Parkland is fortunate to be able to offer a wide variety of sports teams. While Parkland is able to have the funding for sports and have access to many things, it is the drive of the student that makes Parkland sports successful at the Varsity level. Parkland offers 23 Varsity sports, 14 JV sports, 5 Jr High sports and 9 middle school sports teams.

For parents, the Parent Forum and the Post Prom Committee were formed to keep parents informed and involved throughout the year.

The importance of student involvement in clubs was highlighted throughout the night. It was noted that the guidance or college career counselor could help to learn about the clubs and activities available. Furthermore, when students have emotional or disciplinary issues, the first thing ask is, "What clubs are you involved in?" If they are not involved in any, the counselor will help the student get involved and connect with other students in a club.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Marissa Ziegler, School Board Liaison to the CAC, presented a report highlighting the topics discussed at the Board Meetings. For more details of any meeting, please view the minutes and recordings online found on the PSD website.

Staff and Student Recognition

- Dr. Troutman received a special recognition and citation from the office of PA State Representative, Gary Day.
- Dr. Watson received the Nu Chapter Outstanding Contributor Award for 2022
- Mr. Crisman received the 2022 DuPont Excellence in Teaching Award
- PIAA Swimming and Diving Championship
- 2022 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards

Approved Tim Chorones, principal at Fogelsville, as the new Assistant Superintendent set to replace Dr. Troutman when he retires later this year.

Approved several documents from the CLIU related to their facilities plan, policies and procedures, and data collection. OMS will house a DHOH (Deaf / Hard of Hearing) classroom.

Accepted and approved the Single Audit Report from Buckno, Lisicky, & Company Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 – Parkland was found to be in compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Parkland Education Foundation Gala will be on Tuesday, May 5. There are two parts to this event.

- Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor Ceremony – Thursday, May 5, 2022, 4-5 pm at PHS Library – This event is free to attend.
- 10th Anniversary Gala Cocktail Reception – Thursday, May 5, 2022, 6-8 pm, Lehigh Country Club – Tickets are required for this event.

Upcoming Meetings

May Committee Meetings

B & G Board Committee Meeting – Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

P & F Board Committee Meeting – Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

AAA Board Committee Meeting – Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

May Board Meeting

Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Budget Seminar

Friday, April 29, 2022 – 8:00 a.m., Administration Building

STUDENT REPORT:

Clubs:

- Law Club meeting was held on Tuesday with the speaker being the former Assistant Chief of Police - Gail Struss
- Student Senate had a general membership meeting today to discuss their upcoming event for Are you smarter than a teacher on April 25th at 3:00-4:30.
- Student Council will have a meeting on the 27th to discuss upcoming Teacher Appreciation activities
- There was a pie a teacher event held on behalf of Take a Break club last tuesday

Academics:

- High school report cards became available on April 13th for the 3rd marking period

Arts:

- Mamma Mia opened yesterday!-- If you haven't gotten tickets yet, do so ASAP. Tickets are nearly sold out :)
- Festival of the Arts will take place on May 19th- 21st.
- Parkland High School Chorus Concert May 19th
- Parkland's Got Talent on May 20th (Signups open now!)
- Artists on the Quad on May 21st
 - Arts and Crafts Marketplace
 - Elementary, Middle & HS Art Exhibit
 - Character Parade & Meet and Greets
 - Performances by PSD Music Ensembles
- PHS Senior, Stella Campeotto won a National Silver Medal in this year's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
- Both the PHS and SMS Jazz Bands received a superior ranking at the Nitschmann Middle School Jazz Festival

Sports:

- Spring sports are currently taking place
- Baseball will is currently 7-1 and will also be having "Shirt Off Your Back" night on Friday
- Girls Lacrosse has a record on 5-2 and their senior night is also on Friday Night
- Boys Lacrosse is 9-2 overall
- Boys volleyball has competed in a number of tournaments and has a record of 8-1
- The Track and Field Team is currently undefeated and their senior night will take place on Monday, April 25th.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Don't forget the Festival of the Arts is May 19th - 21st!

ROUNDTABLE:

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19st at 6pm at PHS.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 7:05 pm a motion to adjourn was called. Doreen Wynn moved, with Catherine Garon seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Scott