

Parkland Community Advisory Council

March 17, 2022

CO-PRESIDENTS

Jennifer Jones

SECRETARY

Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES:

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

ADMINISTRATION:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Jones at 7:07 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from February 17, 2022, was made by Desiree Pascal and seconded by Catherine Garon.

PRESENTATION:

“OMS Tour and Extra-Curricular & Co-Curricular Middle Schools” was presented by Mr. Todd Gombos, Dr. Monica Ouly-Uhl, Mr. Thomas Stoudt, Dr. Matt Carlson, Mr. Jason Klinger, Ms. Amy Kakaley, and Mr. Erich Joella

Dr. Matt Carlson began the presentation by speaking about OLWEUS, the bully prevention program used by Parkland School District. The program is for all students. Students that are bullied, those who are doing the bullying, and the bystanders who observe the bullying taking place are all covered in the program. Programs like OLWEUS, help students become defenders of those being bullied so that all students can get the help they need. Bullies, he reported, are four times as likely to be incarcerated by the age of 24.

At OMS, it is called “Take a Stand”. Schoolwide rules against bullying are posted throughout the school as a reminder. OMS students all signed their names on a wall at the entrance of the school during the kickoff of this year’s program. Teambuilding and other activities were also part of the kickoff to the school year. Once a month, “class chats” are held to help social-emotional learning and cover various topics about bullying, and cyberbullying.

The Builder’s Club, OMS’s version of the community service Key Club, brought student representatives to explain their club experiences. The club has 43 members from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The club holds and participates in events that help the students of OMS, the local community, and the world. Some events and initiatives are as follows: the OMS food pantry, the Halloween party, the Miracle League, the Ronald McDonald House trip, and the March of Dimes Walk for Premature Babies.

Representatives of the OMS Student Council talked about their role in the school. In order to become the Student Council’s Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary, the student must at least be in 7th grade. To become the Student Council President, the student must be in 8th grade. The seven major events of the Student Council are as follows: running for office (via flip grid speech), fright day, leadership conference at DeSales University, dances (with 3 on 3 basket tournaments), Be an Angel/Adopt a Family, Spirit Week, and

the Talent Show. Some of the charitable causes the Student Council has supported are as follows: K9s for Warriors, Salvation Army, District Food Drive, Adopt a Family, and the World Central Kitchen.

In closing, the OMS thespians presented a song from their spring musical, Seussical, JR.

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.

Student Recognition:

- Coca-Cola Scholars
- All-State Orchestra

Staffing Presentation:

- Dr. Troutman presented a staffing report for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - Act 93 – School Services Project Manager, Elementary Dean of Students
 - Professional – 3 Full-time Elementary Teachers, 3 Elementary RTII teachers, 1 Elementary Speech Teacher, 2 Middle School Dual-certified Positions, 1 Middle School Spanish Teacher, 0.5 ELL Teacher at PHS
 - Support Staff – Paraprofessional, Grounds Mechanic, Garage Mechanic, Hall Monitors, Network Computer Technician, 3 Part-time Health Room Aides to Full-time
 - District Clubs and Activities – 8 new clubs at PHS and OMS
 - Ms. Frisbee presented a budget update.

Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Extension between PSD and Parkland Education Support Professionals Association (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024)

Approval of the school calendar for next year (The calendar is attached to this month's agenda in BoardDocs)

- The first day of school is scheduled for August 29, 2022.
- Winter break will include December 23rd and January 2nd. This will help us stay on the same schedule as other districts in Lehigh County, which is helpful for students who attend LCTI.

Approved entity budgets for LCTI, CLIU, and LCCC

- Approved the renewal of the St. Luke's contract for athletic trainer/physician services and for school physician services.

Upcoming Meetings:

April Committee Meetings

- B & G Board Committee Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- P & F Board Committee Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- AAA Board Committee Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

April Board Meeting

- Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Budget Seminar

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

Parkland Education Foundation Gala

- The 10th Parkland Education Foundation Distinguished Alumni Gala will occur on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at Lehigh Country Club, 6:00-8:30 pm.

STUDENT REPORT:

Clubs:

- Student Senate will meet on March 21st.
- Student Council will meet on March 24th.
- National English Honor Society will meet on March 28th for a general membership meeting for new and existing members.
- The Law Club will meet on March 31st.
 - This month's speaker is the former first and only female Assistant Chief of Police of Allentown - Gail Struss.
- The National Honor Society will be sponsoring a 3-on-3 basketball and soccer tournament on April 5th.
- The Take a Break club will be hosting a Pi your teacher celebrating Pi day.

Academics:

- SAT's are rescheduled for March 26th.
- NEHS forms were sent out to everyone eligible and NEHS acceptance letters were sent.
- The main PHS yearbook has been completed. Editors and staff are currently working on the Spring Supplement.

Arts:

- Chorus is currently working on learning songs for their spring concert.
 - Mamma Mia tickets are on sale now!
 - The Stage crew is building sets for the play.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A huge thank you to everyone involved in CAC's (mini) Seussical, JR performance! The room was transformed by the energy and enthusiasm of the performers!

ROUNDTABLE:

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st at 6pm at PHS.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 8:11 pm a motion to adjourn was called. Desiree Pascal moved, with Catherine Garon seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Scott