

# Parkland Community Advisory Council

February 16, 2023

## **PRESIDENTS**

Jennifer Jones  
Desiree Pascal

## **SECRETARY**

Andrea Scott

**ATTENDEES:** Jen Jones, Chris Pirrotta, Melanie St. Hill, Desiree Pascal, Becky Dewever, Catherine Garon, Deirdre Snyder, Samantha Moyer, Andrea Scott, Linda Perlman-McKenna, Mary Ost

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:** Vanessa Stauffer

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:** Marisa Ziegler

**ADMINISTRATION:** Tim Chorones

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Jones at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes from January, was made by Melanie St. Hill and seconded by Catherine Garon.

## **PRESENTATION:**

“Health and Wellness: Nutrition & Mental Health” Presented by: Dr. Matthew Carlson and Ms. Lori Seier

The Food Services Department runs like a business within the Parkland School District (PSD). It has a budget of approximately \$4 million and comprises over 12 kitchens, a warehouse, an office, and 80 food service staff. The food service department serves over 6,000 meals per day including 2,000 breakfasts and 4,000 lunches. To use the budgeted dollars wisely, the department takes advantage of the Le-Nor-Co Purchasing Consortium. The consortium allows for better bid pricing for bulk purchasing of food items for many districts in the Lehigh Valley.

The Food Services Department makes sure it follows the guidelines set forth by the Healthy Hunger Free Act of 2012. This National School Breakfast/Lunch program’s goal is to aid in the fight against childhood obesity and is overseen by the USDA. Some of the main ideas of the program include: increasing the consumption of fruits and vegetables, decreasing the fat content in food and flavors of milk, increasing the amount of foods that contain whole grains, decreasing the frequency of offering juice, decrease the sodium levels in the food that are offered, and offering a rainbow of veggies over the course of each week. Compliance audits are held every five years and take three to four months to complete.

The Health and Wellness Council is co-chaired by Nutrition Services and Student Services. The Council meets two times per year to develop nutritional education initiatives and other activities. This year a Community Resource Fair and Health and Wellness Symposium will be held on March 18th from 9 am to 12 pm. Over 74 organizations throughout the community will join PSD staff providing information via booths and workshops throughout the morning.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** Marisa Zieler presented a report highlighting the topics discussed at the Board Meetings. For more details of any meeting, please view the minutes and recordings online on the PSD website.

## Board Meeting February 13, 2023 Highlights

- Personnel and Finance
  - The district's finance team completed the bond sale on January 19, 2023 in the amount of \$9,800,000 with an average interest rate of 3.06%. The proceeds will be used for capital projects, technology, security, and vans/buses.
  - Mrs. Frisbee shared the entity budget summaries for LCTI, LCCC, and CLIU. All three will provide a presentation at the board meeting next week.
- Arts, Academics, and Athletics
  - Provided updates on Title 1 Parent Night, Inclusion and Belonging Goals, and March PD Plans.
  - Presented the proposal to eliminate mid-term exams. The reasons for the change include gaining instructional time, reducing stress, developing more meaningful assessments, and research that shows that mid-term performance has no impact on final exam performance
- Buildings and Grounds
  - Presented a proposal to restructure the staffing in the food services department. There would be two new positions: supervisor of elementary food services and supervisor of secondary food services. Additional costs for staffing will be paid for and sustained out of the cafeteria fund. These positions would help accommodate district growth and assist with regulatory requirements.
- 2023-2024 School Calendar
  - There are two main changes. First, early dismissal times are earlier in order to provide additional time for professional development days. Secondary will be dismissed at 11:00. Elementary will be dismissed at 11:45. Students will be given a bagged lunch. Second, elementary conference days will now be just the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Monday evening will include evening conference times in order to accommodate parents who work late

## Upcoming Meetings

- February Board Meeting
  - February 21 – PSD Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

## **STUDENT REPORT:**

### Clubs:

- The Student Senate held the "Are You Smarter than a Teacher" event on February 13th and the teachers defeated the students.
- The Student Council held a Souperbowl event where teachers brought in soups and the rest of the staff paid 5 dollars to determine who had the best Super Bowl soup.
- The Student Council has begun a district-wide food drive.

### Sports:

- Boys wrestling will compete on Feb. 17 & 18th at districts.
- Swimming districts for boys and girls start on Feb. 25th.

### Arts:

- The PHS Theater production of Oklahoma will be April 12-16.

## **OLD BUSINESS: n/a**

**NEW BUSINESS: n/a**

**ROUNDTABLE:**

- Middle School Musicals- March 2nd - 4th
  - Annie will be performed at OMS and Newsies will be performed at SMS
- The envelope for payments and reservations for PHS's Oklahoma production was on the table at the meeting.
- The next meeting will be on 3/16 at 7 pm at OMS

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** At 8:03 pm a motion to adjourn was called. Desiree Pascal moved, with Catherine Garon seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrea Scott