

Parkland Community Advisory Council

Oct 20, 2022

PRESIDENTS

Jennifer Jones
Desiree Pascal

SECRETARY

Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES: Desiree Pascal, Allison McPeek, Pete Sherman, Melanie St. Hill, Doreen Wynn, Catherine Garon, Deirdre Snyder, Gina Cook, Andrea Scott, Kevin Scott, Kevin Scott Jr., Linda Perlman-McKenna, Jay Rohatgi, Kylie Knafo, Kathryn Hucaluk, Olivia Wynn, Vanessa Stauffer, Dilia Coppedge, Janice Wir

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Olivia Wynn, Kathryn Hucaluk, Kylie Knafo, Vanessa Stauffer

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Jay Rohatgi

ADMINISTRATION: Michelle Minotti

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Desiree Pascal at 7:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2022, was made by Melanie St. Hill and seconded by Catherine Garon.

PRESENTATION:

“College and Career” presented by Mrs. Allison McPeek and Mr. Peter Sherman

Xello- career readiness begins in kindergarten!

3-5th grades- students complete missions to learn about different careers.

In middle school, five assessments are worked through via guidance class to help them understand career paths that fit in with their likes and strengths as discovered as a result of the assessments. Their learning style will also be explained as a result of the assessment.

9th-11th grade- lessons and reflections on why a student may like to pursue a certain career and the path to achieve that career is explored. A student can explore a major, find out which school has that major and career paths available to graduates with that degree.

9th-10th grade- there is a career speaker series that is held for 4 weeks in the beginning of fall where adults come into the (English) classroom and speak about their career, their career path, and their education. There is also a video library from years past, including COVID years when all presentations were held virtually and recorded.

In the spring there is a job fair at PHS where students can find jobs, volunteer opportunities, internships and other opportunities.

Students are encouraged to take the PSAT's for SAT practice and to be eligible for National Merit Scholarships. Students are also encouraged to take the ASVAB military aptitude test, even if the student is not planning on joining the military after graduation. Because the ASVAB is a career aptitude test, it is invaluable in helping determine a student's career path.

College representatives visit PHS throughout the school year and students are encouraged to meet with the admissions counselors because many of the councilors that attend are the people who read the applications and choose who is selected to attend their school.

On the PDS website and on schoology is a list of scholarships available. It is constantly being updated and is underutilized by the students so check it out!

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Jay Rohatgi 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.

Refinancing Opportunity

- Jens Damgaard from Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC discussed the details of a possible refinancing opportunity.
 - The parameters resolution was on the agenda to authorize the parameters to refund one of our 2018 bonds.
 - In order for the process to move forward, there would need to be a minimum savings of at least 2%.
 - The refinancing option would not extend the term of the bond, nor would it increase the payment amount.
- We would begin pricing in early to mid-December.

Student Recognition

- Mr. Davidson recognized the National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students
 - Only 16,000 students nationally are semifinalists. Nine Parkland students were semifinalists! and 16 Parkland students were Commended.

Student Representative

- We have a new student representative this year, Ms. Reva Ghandi

School Resource Officer

- We approved an agreement for an additional SRO from Upper Macungie Township.

Reports

- Ed. Foundation golf tournament was a huge success! There were 105 golfers and they raised \$38,000.
- Teacher Tech Con is coming up on October 22, 2022

Upcoming Meetings

November Board Committee Meetings

November 7 – B & G Committee Meeting – 5:00 p.m.

November 7 – P & F Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

November 7 – AAA Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

November Board Meeting

November 15 – PSD Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

STUDENT REPORT:

Academics

- Open House occurred on September 22nd.
- The first marking period ends on November 4th.

Clubs

- In September, the annual student activity fair was held.
- Student Council held the annual Homecoming events. On September 28th the Garter Bowl game was played. On September 30th the homecoming football game against Pleasant Valley was played. On October 1st the homecoming dance was held.
- NHS sent out letters to the students who were eligible to join. Forms were due back on October 17th.

Sports

- Fall sports are coming to an end.
- Girls' tennis beat Easton to win districts.
- Field Hockey, Boys and Girls soccer, and cross country are all in EPC playoffs.
- Chloe Chase, a junior, made it to states in golf.
- Winter sports will be starting. They are currently in the preseason.

Arts

- "Clue", the fall Theatre production, ran October 14th thru the 16th.

Announcements/Other

- The TV studio is selling popcorn at all lunches on Fridays.
- Homecoming Court: Rishi Baru, Josiah Day, Jack Delaney, Lucas Lee, Param Patel, Brady Phillip, Mitchell Roth, Anna Lorenzo, Claire Park, Emily Bachl, Isabella Estaban, Jaqueline Fekula, Hannah Fredrich, and Cassandra Lee
- Homecoming King and Queen: Jack Delaney and Isabella Esteban
- Baby pictures and senior dedications for the yearbook are due soon.
- The graduation commencement date was announced and will be June 6th at 7 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ROUNDTABLE:

- Math in Focus forums will be held at the beginning of November in four elementary schools to explain the new math program.
- Jay Rohatgi expressed his pleasure in seeing so many new faces at the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 8:00 pm a motion to adjourn was called. Doreen Wynn moved, with Jay Rohatgi seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Scott