

# Parkland Community Advisory Council

March 16, 2023

## **PRESIDENTS**

Jennifer Jones  
Desiree Pascal

## **SECRETARY**

Andrea Scott

**ATTENDEES:** Melanie St. Hill, Doreen Wynn, Catherine Garon, Nicole Mandry, Desiree Pascal, Andrea Scott, Chris Pirrotta, Linda Perlman-McKenna, Laura Warmkessel, Gina Spidanall-Cook

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:** Kylie Knafo, Kathryn Hucaluk, Vanessa Stauffer

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:** Carol Facchiano

**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 February 2023, was made by Catherine Garon and seconded by Melanie St. Hill.

**PRESENTATION:** *“School Safety” presented by Dr. Anthony Naradko*

Dr. Anthony Naradko, Director of Safety and Security, explained the district-wide initiative on school safety and security. Everyone from administrators to teachers to professionals within the district is on board with ensuring school security and safety. The scope of the Safety and Security Department includes budgeting, risk and vulnerability assessment, collaborating and keeping positive relationships with police, professional development, and keeping up to date on legislation (including Act 55, Act 44 and Act 18).

Because of the variety of initiatives available, a needs-based approach to the department’s budget is applied. The risk and vulnerability assessments are used to identify gaps, make scientific metric-based decisions, and create long-term plans using the department’s budget and grants available. Since 2019, eight grants have been written for a total of \$1.5 million.

Parkland School District works hard to maintain relationships with all police personnel within the district, county, and state. PSD wants parents, staff, teachers, and students to feel comfortable when they see officers at the schools. Five resource officers can be seen throughout the district. These resource officers, and other police officers, are encouraged to interact with them, eat lunch with them, and establish positive relationships. These relationships made between the officers and students are the best prevention of negative occurrences.

The District embraces the “Run, Hide, Fight” philosophy while training for emergencies. Full-scale “I love you guys” protocol reunification drills have been run to help district staff practice what they have learned. School fire drills include situational awareness including waiting for an announcement to either evacuate or stay in place when a fire alarm is heard.

The Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guideline, or CSTAG, is a predictive model the district uses to determine if a person will follow through with a threat they made. The district used this tool to evaluate when tips come in from Safe to Say or from other reports within the district.

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

#### Board Meeting February 21, 2023 Highlights

- Student Recognition
  - Tushar Mehta received the PA Congressional App Challenge for creating the Recycle Bot app which tells users whether an item is compostable or recyclable by photo analysis. Tushar's app won both state and regional competitions as well.
- Operations Center Update
  - Sylvia Hoffman from MKSD Architects and Rob Avitabile from Alvin H. Butz Inc, provided an update on the planning of the new Operations Center.
  - The project will begin in August of 2023 and will finish in September 2024.
- Entity Budget Presentations
  - CLIU, LCTI, and LCCC • Each entity provided an update on their general operating budgets, timelines, and school district contributions.
- Mid-year Review of 22/23 District Goals
  - Dr. Minotti and Mr. Chorones reviewed the progress of the 22/23 district goals. Some highlights from the presentation: security improvements, the digital communications project, updates on the renovations at Schnecksville and Kratzer, the new Math program, MTSS, and SAP coming together to identify students with academic needs and mental health challenges, the MDS-B program at OMS, strengthening inquiry-based learning, the elementary before and after school program, new PSSA tests coming in 25/26
- Approval of the school calendar for next year
- Lisa Roth was elected to continue serving in the CLIU board for a three-year term
- Distinguished Alumni Event – May 4, 2023, 4:00-5:00 ceremony at the PHS Library, 6:00-8:00 celebration at Lehigh County Club

#### Upcoming Meetings

- March Committee Meetings
  - March 13 – AAA Committee – 7:30 AM
  - March 13 – B&G Committee – 5:00 PM
  - March 13 – P&F Committee – 6:00 PM
- March Board Meeting
  - March 21 – PSD Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

#### **STUDENT REPORT:**

##### Clubs

- The student council had its district-wide food drive on March 1st
  - PHS collected over 2000 boxes of cereal.
  - All of the schools collected a total of 19,866 items

##### Academics:

- 3rd marking period ends on March 31st

##### Arts:

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

**OLD BUSINESS: n/a**

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**ROUNDTABLE:** none

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** At 8:30 pm a motion to adjourn was called. Doreen Wyn moved, with Catherine Garon seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrea Scott