

Parkland Community Advisory Council

April 27, 2023

PRESIDENTS

Jennifer Jones
Desiree Pascal

SECRETARY

Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES: Laura Warmkessel, Desiree Pascal, Catherine Garon, Jen Jones, Melanie St. Hill, Gina Spickinall-Cook, Andrea Scott, Chris Pirrotta, Dorreen Wynn

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Olivia Wynn, Vanessa Stauffer

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

ADMINISTRATION: Michelle Minotti

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Desiree Pascal at 6:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from March 2023, was made by Melanie St. Hill and seconded by Desiree Pascall.

PRESENTATION: *“Parkland School District Feasibility Study Discussion” presented by Dr. Michelle Minotti and Mr. Timothy Choroned*

The 2030 Vision Feasibility Study was presented at the CAC Meeting. Because of the rapid growth within the District, the existing Middle and High School configuration and buildings will need to be addressed. Three options were presented in the Feasibility Study including building a new Middle School and 9th Grade wing to the High School, building a new 8th/9th Grade Center building, and building a new, additional High School.

The full slide show can be found on the Parkland School District website at:
<https://www.parklandsd.org/departments/superintendents-office/vision2030> .

In May, the 2030 Vision will also be presented during Town Halls held throughout the district. This format allows for maximum attendee participation and immediate feedback. After reviewing all information gathered at the Town Halls, final recommendations will be presented to the School Board. Please reach out to Dr. Minotti or Mr. Chorones with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the 2030 Vision.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Marisa Ziegler 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.

March 21, 2023 Board Meeting

Student Recognition

- Springhouse Math Counts – Lucas Yang, Oscar Liu, Wesley Yu, and Eddy Zhang won the PA Math Counts Championship. They were the first Parkland team to win and they are one of the youngest teams to ever win the championship. They will be traveling to Orlando in May for the national competition.

- eSports – Students on the eSports team at the High School recently won 2 state championships, the Rocket League State Championship and the League of Legends State Championship

Staffing Presentation

- Professional staff - 1 secondary special education teacher (MDS-B), 1 secondary special education teacher, 3 elementary teachers (increased enrollment)
- Support staff – 3 paraprofessionals (MDS-B), 3 paraprofessionals (increased enrollment), 3 health room aides (part-time to full-time)

Feasibility Presentation

- The current study will help us gain more insight into enrollment projections, the capacity of existing facilities, and educational program needs.
- The district did a similar study in 2015, which found there was an urgent need to address elementary overcrowding. That problem was solved with the building of Jaindl and Veterans. The current study looks more at the secondary level.
- The feasibility study community survey is a way for all community members to provide some feedback.

Approval of agreement with SWT Police Department to provide DARE services

Approval of agreement with CLIU to provide Student Driver Education at no cost to the district

Approval of summer library hours and summer school dates

Approval of entity budgets

Approval of Act 93 agreement

Reports

- Parkland Education Foundation Distinguished Alumni Celebration
 - Thursday, May 4 – Starts at the HS from 4:00-5:00 pm and then the reception is at Lehigh Country Club from 6:00-8:00 pm

April 18, 2023 Board Meeting

Student and Staff Recognition

- All-State Musicians from Chorus, Jazz, Band, and Wind Ensemble
- National Scholastic Arts winners – 1 silver medal, 2 gold medals
- PA Association of Family and Consumer Science – 5 teachers won for their outstanding educational programs

Attorney Miller's Replacement

- Jessica Moyer from KingSpry will be our new solicitor.
- Steven Miller, our current solicitor will stay with us until June 30, 2023.

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- Tickets are still available
- PSBA Advocacy Day
 - Took place on April 18. Some of our board members attended to speak with elected officials.
- Town Hall Meetings
 - To discuss options for expected growth in grades 6-12
 - There will be two sessions, one at OMS on May 2nd at 6:30 pm and one at SMS on May 11th at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Meetings

May Committee Meetings

- May 8 – AAA Committee – 7:30 AM, B&G Committee – 5:00 PM, P&F Committee – 6:00 PM

May Board Meeting

- May 16 – PSD Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

PHS Graduation

- Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00 PM at PPL Center

STUDENT REPORT:

Clubs

- Student Senate's spin it to win it has been running successfully
 - New prizes that will be included on the wheel will include:
 - A Yearbook, 2 post prom tickets, a senior college basket, and many others!

Sports

- Girls and boys lacrosse played Easton today
- Baseball played William Allen today
- Tennis will be competing in the District tournament Monday, May 1st
- Track has the last regular meet on Tuesday, May 2nd against Emmaus

OLD BUSINESS: n/a

NEW BUSINESS: none

ROUNDTABLE: none

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 7:30 pm a motion to adjourn was called. Melanie St. Hill moved, with Doreen Wynn seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Scott