

Parkland Community Advisory Council

Nov 17, 2022

PRESIDENTS

Jennifer Jones
Desiree Pascal

SECRETARY

Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES: Doreen Wynn, Olivia Wynn, Marisa Ziegler, Desiree Pascal, Catherine Garon, Jen Jones, Kylie Knafo, Kathryn Hucaluk, Vanessa Stauffer, Shannon Stetoyh, Leigh Keating, Dilia Coppedge

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

ADMINISTRATION:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Jones at 7:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from October, was made by Catherine Garon and seconded by Desiree Pascall.

PRESENTATION:

“Transitions Experiences - Elementary to Middle School and Middle School to High School” presented by Tim Chorones, Damian Goodman, Jude Sandt, and Nate Davidson

First, the transition into kindergarten was spoken about. The new Post-Covid process was explained detailing the evening orientation so parents can meet the staff.

Second, the transition from elementary school to middle school was detailed. In April, 5th-grade students will receive and then correspond with a pen pal in middle school. In May the students visit the middle school, meet their pen pals, have lunch and tour the building. Finally, in the summer, there is a day when time slots are given to orient the students to their new school.

Third, the transition from middle school to high school was detailed. The transition to high school begins for the 8th graders in January. The counselors go to the middle schools to meet with the kids and talk about course selections. In the spring students visit the high school, grouped in their teams, and courses are selected. In August students are able to walk through PHS in an abbreviated schedule as an orientation.

Finally, the transition to life after high school. Over 400 colleges and trade schools are brought in throughout the year to help the seniors decide what their next step in life will be after graduation. Career help and guidance are also given to college-bound students as well as students who will be joining the workforce straight out of high school.

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.

November 15, 2022 School Board Meeting

- Student Recognition – Mrs. George
 - National Merit Semifinalists and Commended 2022 NAME All-National Mixed Chorus
 - Award of Excellence by the Congress of Future Medical Leaders
 - National Youth Leadership Forum for Medicine at the University of California at Berkeley
 - National Society for High School Scholars
- Student Representative- Reva Gandhi
 - Updates on the elementary school events including pictures from Veterans Day, Unity Day, Halloween, the Turkey Trot, author visits, and various art projects.
 - the Day of Awesomeness at SMS and the Take a Stand Kick-off at OMS
 - the Parkland Chorale performed at the PSBA Leadership Conference this month
- Safe Schools Targeted Grant
 - Approval for administration to apply for a grant to help offset costs with the new School Resource Officers
- Nursing Services Contract
 - Approved an agreement for additional nursing services when needed
- HVAC Upgrade at Jaindl
 - Proposal to replace the head end controller at Jaindl (paid for with ESSER funds)
- The Parkland Cares Food Pantry is partnering with the Parkland Library to help collect needed items for people in our community. There is a drop box at the Library where you can donate food items to the food pantry. This month, they are in need of macaroni and cheese and hamburger helper. They are also hoping to collect candy canes and instant muffin mix.
- The Education Foundation sponsored the art display at the administration building. There are some really beautiful pieces, so check it out next time you are there.

Upcoming Meetings

- December Board Committee Meetings
 - December 6 – Organization at 7:00, Business at 7:15
- December Board Committee Meetings
 - December 12 – B & G Committee Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
 - December 12 – P & F Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
 - December 12 – AAA Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- December Board Meeting- December 20 – PSD Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

STUDENT REPORT:

Clubs

- Student Senate is launching a new program at the high school called “Spin it to Win It”.
 - Each week teachers are given 5 Trojan tickets. These tickets will be given to students rewarding good behavior and acts of kindness.
 - All of the tickets will be put into a box and 1 winner will be announced.
 - The winner then will have the opportunity to spin a wheel and win a prize from the High School Store.
- The National Honor Society is having its induction ceremony on November 21st.

Academics

- The SATs were taken.
- Report cards get published in HAC on Friday, November 18th

Sports

- Boys and girls basketball tryouts are this Friday, Saturday, and Monday.
- Girls Volleyball played in PIAA Playoffs on November 15th.
- Boys soccer played in PIAA Championships on November 16th.
- Football continues to play in the District playoffs and has a game on November 18th.

Arts

- The 9th and 10th grade production of Shrek is November 18th, 19th, and 20th.

Announcements/Other- Thanksgiving Break is from 24th-28th

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ROUNDTABLE: none

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Scott