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PCSD PODCAST

A WELCOME MESSAGE TO PARENTS

I hope you had a rejuvenating summer and are ready to embark on an exciting journey during this next school year. We are enthusiastic about the year ahead and look forward to supporting your child's learning and academic success. In the coming weeks,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Jill Gildea
PCSD Superintendent



EVENTS :

- **22 August, 2023**
First Day of School
- **09 September, 2023**
Labor Day

LINKS:

- **Employee Self Service**
- **FACE Request Form**
- **ADAA/Non Discrimination Compliance**

Check Out Our New Podcast!

Featuring:

- **Summer School**
- **Stacey Briggs**
- **Construction**
- **First day's**



Contact Us :



2023-2024 Calendar

Adopted 4/18/23

OPTION A

Events / Holidays

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| Teachers First Day | 8/17 |
| First Day of School | 8/22 |
| Labor Day | 9/4 |
| Yom Kippur-No School | 9/25 |
| Fall Break-No School | 10/19 & 10/20 |
| Teacher Compensation Day | 11/22 |
| Thanksgiving Break | 11/23 & 11/24 |
| Holiday Break | 12/18-1/1 |
| ML King Day | 1/15 |
| February Break | 2/19-2/23 |
| Professional Day-No School | 3/8 |
| Teacher Compensation Day | 4/15 |
| Spring Break | 4/16-4/19 |
| Memorial Day | 5/27 |
| Graduation | 6/7 |
| Last Day if no snow days are used | 6/7 |
| **Potential Make Up Snow Days | 6/10- 6/14 |

Semester 18/22/23 - 1/12/24

Semester 21/16/24 - 6/7/24

Quarter 18/22/23 - 10/18/23

Quarter 210/23/23 - 1/12/24

Quarter 31/16/24 - 3/29/24

Quarter 44/1/24 - 6/7/24

Trimester 18/22/23 - 11/21/23

Trimester 211/27/23 - 3/7/24

Trimester 33/11/24 - 6/7/24

**If any snow days are used during the school year, the school calendar may be adjusted during the week of June 10-14

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7th Grade

BACK TO SCHOOL

Immunizations

Our pharmacies regularly provide the following back-to-school vaccines:

- ★ Meningococcal
- ★ Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/acellular Pertussis)
- ★ Hepatitis B
- ★ HPV (not required but recommended)

Most Insurance Accepted

NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

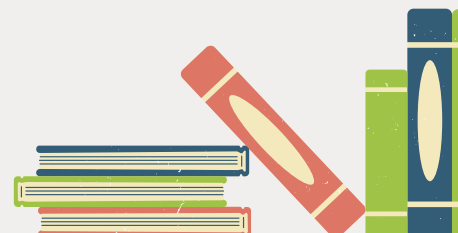
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PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome back to the 2023–2024 school year!



We will be maneuvering road construction as well as school expansion projects throughout the school year, and we appreciate and value your patience and support. As we move forward, I want to emphasize three "big ideas" that will be the key priorities for this school year throughout the PCSD:

1. Acclimate: Our ongoing work with the academic strategic plan will revolve around the theme of "Acclimate." Over the next five years, we aim to "reach the summit" by building a solid academic framework that benefits each learner. In Utah, we are committed to a Personalized, Competency-Based Learning model – fostering personal learning insights, proficiency, pathways, and partnerships.

2. From Sustaining to Transforming: After two years of "post-pandemic recovery mode," we will re-center and re-focus our efforts in moving forward together. We will incorporate elements from our educational equity [policy 1006](#) into the fabric of our daily work, striving to increase access and opportunities for all.

3. Actionable Outcomes: Throughout the 2023–2024 school year, we will place intentional focus on actionable outcomes across every department and school site in our district. This approach will help us assess our current system status, celebrate successes, and identify opportunities for further growth and improvement. By measuring progress through tangible outcomes, we can continue to enhance the educational experience for everyone involved.

I look forward to welcoming each of you back to school, and I am thrilled about the possibilities that lie ahead. Together, we will make this school year a remarkable one. As we work towards achieving our shared vision, our success hinges on open communication, collaboration, and a shared commitment to our students' success. Thank you once again for your unwavering dedication to our school community. Let's make this year a memorable one!

Dr. Jill Gildea
Superintendent, Park City School District

Summer School 2023



Park City School District wrapped up its 2023 Summer School Program on a high note, celebrating its students' hard work and achievements. The program was split into two components, Elementary Programs, and Secondary Programs, which combined had nearly 250 students.

Catering to different age groups, each program is meticulously designed to balance academic reinforcement with extracurricular exploration.

Elementary Program provides younger students with a mix of learning and play. While structured tutoring helps solidify their foundational knowledge, many recreational activities—from arts and crafts to sports—ensure their physical and creative energies find the right outlets.

On the other hand, the Secondary Program builds on the day's lessons, offering supplemental academic support, especially in core subjects. It also introduces students to a range of activities, from debate clubs to coding workshops, ensuring they have a platform to hone diverse skills.

Through these programs, the district ensures that learning and growth don't just stop when the school bell rings.

Daniel Wells, the elementary summer school coordinator, proudly remarked, "We appreciate all the challenging work students did to come every day and keep up their academic skills and the teachers that prepared practical lessons that made this summer exciting, fun, and successful. It's a huge compliment when students ask to come to summer school and try never to miss a day!"



[Learn More](#)

Meet the Principal

Dr. Garret Rose



About me :



Greetings! My name is Garret Rose and I will be your new Principal at Ecker Hill! To say I am excited is an understatement. I look forward to jump in head first to get to know each and every one of you.

I am coming from Tooele High School where I have been an assistant principal for the last 4 years. Before that, I was the state specialist for secondary English/Language Arts and Early College (they also threw in Library Media for fun!) for the Utah State Board of Education.

I have five children and my youngest is entering kindergarten this year. We are a family of nerds, starting with me. My specialty is Curriculum and Instruction, in which I have PhD from Utah State University (please don't call me Doctor Rose). I nerd out at highly-effective instructional strategies in the classroom. So, plan on seeing me visit your classroom often. I also have a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Cal State Fullerton (with a minor in comparative religion), a Master of Education in Secondary Education, a Reading Endorsement, and Administrative Certificate. I have had enough traditional schooling but am always up for learning!

I am originally from Southern California and try to bring some of the OC laid back attitude with me. I am a movie and music junkie and love all sports. In my spare time, I haul my five kids to practices, read, teach some classes on the side, play softball, and hang out with the family. We love to camp, cook, and play.

Feel free to stop by my office anytime for a chat. I try my hardest to have the door open at all times. I care deeply about student success in all facets and will support you in any way possible. I have heard awesome things about this school and am looking forward in doing my part to improve the already amazing things happening here. So, hello and see you soon!

Help us

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PCSD

Social Media

Please send all celebrations to:
socialmedia@pcschoools.us

*Be sure to include names if possible



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BOARD MEETING RECAP

AUGUST 15, 2023

STUDY SESSION

- A strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CONSENT ITEMS

- Early Learning Plan
- ALS Plan
- District Contracts
- Travel Requests
- Personnel Information
- June and July Revenues and Expenditures

ACTION ITEMS

- Transportation, Updates of Bus Routes
- CTLO Report
 - Introduction to Dr. Stacey Briggs
- Superintendent Report
 - Welcome New Staff
 - New Website Launch
- Construction Updates

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Student Fees for Sports

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Board meeting recordings, minutes and schedule can be found at
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/pcsd/Board.nsf/public>

BOE will set an additional Closed Session: Thursday, Sept. 19 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

CELEBRATIONS



A Summer of Success:
Park City School
District's Summer
School Program

Park City High School
Football Kicked off the
season with a win over
Wasatch high school



The PCHS Music department is excited to start the year out with this new mural outside their classrooms!

New licensed staff were welcomed to PCSD with a tour around Park City and District facilities



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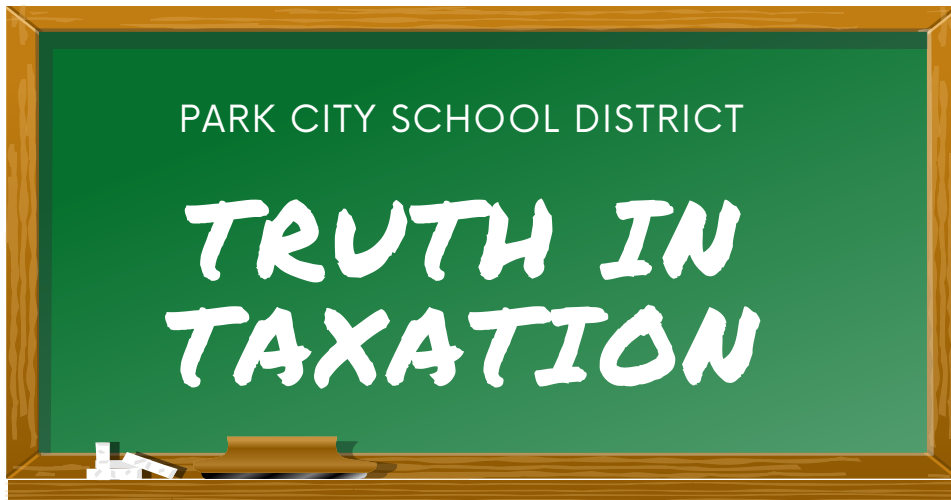
- 5.01 Policy 9030 Alternative Language Services
- 5.02 Policy 10020 Truancy

Policy for Adoption

- 6.02 Policy 7085 Employing Licensed Staff
- 6.03 Policy 7100 Professional Staff Transfers
- 6.04 Policy 9110 Acceptable Use Policy
- 6.05 Policy 10107 Head Injuries

VIEW THE BOARD MEETING





The Park City Board of Education approved a tax increase aimed at employee retention at a hearing on August 15, 2023.

The Truth and Taxation hearing discussed PCSD tax increases necessary to address essential community values and ensure the district continues to provide high-quality education and support for all students.

The key areas of focus for the increase include:

- Enhancing Employee Compensation: To continue attracting and retaining the best educational team for our children, offering competitive wages not only elevates the educational experience for students, but strengthens the entire community.
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- Boosting Essential Capital Funds: With recent state funding reductions, it's vital we address and replenish funds essential for our school facilities' upkeep and improvement.
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For detailed information, please see the [PCSD 2023-24 Budget](#).

Understanding the impact, homeowners are seeing a property tax increase of \$220 per year for primary homes valued at \$1 million. It is important to note that the Board of Education has the responsibility to set local tax rates for the school district only. The Board of Education's responsibilities do not include adjustments to property values.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these decisions for our schools, students and community. communications@pcschoools.us.

GET TO KNOW

Stacey Briggs



This summer, Stacey Briggs stepped into a pivotal role as PCSD's new Chief Teaching and Learning Officer (CTLO). Directly positioned under Superintendent Dr. Jill Gildea's guidance, Briggs is set to champion "all things academics," for which she brings a wealth of experience and expertise.

Recently, the PCSD's Family and Community Engagement Team (FACE) had the opportunity to sit down with CTLO Briggs to delve into the influences and experiences that have shaped her outside the school corridors.

Q: Do you have a quote that best describes your philosophy about education?

A: I don't know if this is really education specific, but I think we all as parents, as families, as communities, as educators, as students should take the advice of Maya Angelou (who's kind of a hero of mine.) She said, "Do the best you can until you know better than when you know better do better." So everything's a process, and we try as hard as we can, but we learn and as long as we keep learning, then we will be able to do better. It's that constant improvement, but it's also giving ourselves a little bit of grace that we are where we are.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I love to read! Reading is always something that I am doing - for fun and for education - I read all the time. In fact, my son said the other day, "Oh, I left a book in the trailer. Mom's book in the side pocket in the car reminded me." * Another thing that I really love to do is be on the water in a boat, a canoe, or in a kayak. And it's been very fun this summer because I've been introducing some of the grandchildren to getting on the water and tapping in the kayaks



Q. Can you tell us a little bit about yourself and your pathway to the Park City School District?

A: Well, I was born and raised in Seattle, but my folks are both from Montana, where I ended up going to high school. I kind of grew up with a foot in both places, so Park City is very appealing to me because it feels like home. I always wanted to be a teacher, but it wasn't until my youngest child went to school and I finished my degree that I became a math teacher at a junior high. Before that I had tutored at home, rocking a baby with one foot, tutoring students of all levels all the way up through teachers who were preparing to be elementary school teachers. Then I had the chance to become an administrator - at the school and district levels - and have been able to do that in some of the Wasatch Front school districts. A position like this in Park City has really been a dream of mine.



Q: Speaking of grandchildren, what gives you joy?

A: Well, definitely spending time with those grandchildren. We have a half a dozen including a matched set of two year olds from all three of the kids. Having those grandkids running around together has been really fun. Watching them learn to talk and grow and being able to be outdoors with them gives me a lot of happiness and joy.

*Welcome to PCSD
Mrs B.*