

Pembroke Community Middle School

School Council Minutes

March 27, 2024

Members:

Helen McElroy, Parent
Andrea Doton, Parent
Caryn Drake, Community Representative
Lyn Fitzgerald, Faculty
Dan Sandberg, Faculty

Tessa Vitale student, PCMS Student
Sam Ruggiero, PCMS Student
Beckett Hawkes, PCMS Student
Maddie Rejewski, PCMS Student
Donna McGarrigle, Chair/Principal

- ❖ Review of January 2024 minutes.
 - o Caryn Drake made a motion to approve the January 2024 minutes and Sam Ruggiero seconded the motion.
- ❖ Building Update
 - Last day of term 3: March 28
 - PCMS musical!.
 - Dr. McGarrigle indicated that the musical was a huge success. She received many accolades regarding the actors, backstage crew/lighting, and teachers/staff involved. Great job by all!
 - MyCAP update
 - Dr. McGarrigle stated that last year, \$4,500 was received in grant money that was given to the teachers to use for curriculum. A secondary grant of \$40,000 was obtained. This grant was used to pay for drones, plastic boards, and 2D and 3D printers.
 - This year, an initial grant of \$7,200 was received and a secondary grant of \$45,000 was received. This money will be used to purchase science equipment.
 - Several nearby school leaders have inquired about our program because of its success.
 - Minding your Mind Assembly update
 - This was well-received by the students.
 - This assembly was paid for by PTAD.
 - EMK field trip update
 - This program was free; PCMS just had to pay for the buses.
 - Students got a chance to act as senators and discuss real world problems. Subgroups were then formed and students were broken up into groups of four students to facilitate dialogue of the issues.
 - Several student council members shared their experiences. Beckett noted that this was a great trip. Students had the opportunity to argue particular viewpoints. Each student represented a state in the senate and served as a senator. Beckett's state was Maine.

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- Maddie noted that she was empowered to share her viewpoints and her voice was heard, especially in the chair room. She represented Tennessee.
 - Sam noted that the experience was very “student directed.” He got a chance to engage in consensus building after there were disagreements among members of his group. He represented Ohio.
 - Tessa noted that the students could share their opinions and provide suggestions to real world problems.
 - FOA info session 3/28
 - This is a pre-honors art class for eighth graders. Students take art all year, with no traditional 4 term electives.
 - The ceiling tiles are an example of the projects done by FOA students.
 - Model UN assembly
 - This is an eighth grade elective. Sam is currently enrolled in this course.
 - Students learn about the United Nations. Students also represent a particular country and research where the country stands on the issue of capital punishment.
 - Service Learning Projects
 - A variety of service learning projects are currently underway.
 - PHS term 4 interns
 - This program involves PHS seniors becoming interns at either the elementary schools or middle school during their 4th term of high school.
 - Interns can be students interested in pursuing education as a career field or students interested in the subject matter (e.g., science, Spanish). If the interns have AP classes, they will return to PHS for said class, but otherwise they are at their site for the day.
 - Approximately 6-8 interns will be at PCMS starting April 8th or 9th.
 - Ms. Fitzgerald will have a student intern to assist her with curriculum and projects. These interns will also cover bathroom breaks during MCAS.
 - Mr. Sandberg previously participated in this program. His former intern is now a special education teacher.
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 - Unified BB Jamboree: Duxbury HS 4/2 @ 3pm
 - Last day of Unified BB.
 - Cybersense assemblies: Assistant DA Amanda Fowle on 4/3

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- Dr. McGarrigle noted that the students really enjoyed this assembly about cybersecurity. The topic was relevant and the speaker kept the students engaged.
 - PCMS Spring Dance 4/28 (6:30/8:30)
 - March Madness contest (math)
 - G8 Dance/Cruise 6/13
 - Cruise is in Hingham Harbor
 - Carnival/Field Days 6/11 & 6/12
 - Each grade gets a full day of fun. 7th grade will have carnival/field day. 8th grade will have a scavenger hunt.
 - The carnival/field days are in place of grade level field trips.
 - Last day of school 6/17 (ERD)
 - Student Reps Possibly Go to Elementary Schools
 - Student representatives will possibly go to the elementary schools on April 8, 2024 to meet with current 6th graders to answer questions about attending PCMS. Student reps will also discuss taking Spanish v. French and band as an elective.
 - Tentative schedule for 4/8: Bryantville 8:45-9:45, NPES 10:15-11:15, Hobomock 1:45-2:45.
 - Dr. McGarrigle has to determine if buses will provide transportation of student reps.
 - Principal's Parent Night at PCMS - April 8, 2024
 - Students coming to PCMS - April 12, 2024
 - Incoming 6th grade students come to PCMS for shadow days and current PCMS student reps may help.
 - Student Registration for Incoming 7th Graders - April 29, 2024
 - Dr. McGarrigle goes to the elementary schools to register the incoming 7th graders. Schedule is completed in mid-August.
 - Paraprofessional Pot Lunch
 - On an ERD, the PTO provided a potluck lunch for the paraprofessionals at PCMS. They were also given Amazon gift cards and Dr. McGarrigle got a cake. Teachers wrote notes/cards to the paraprofessionals in appreciation for all they do for the students.
 - PCMS Handbook
 - Dr. McGarrigle will be reviewing the PCMS handbook, especially the section concerning the athletic policies for 8th graders playing sports at the high school level.
 - Fall 2024 registration
 - For 7th graders: will be done during school or parents can register their child.
 - For 8th graders: will be done with the help of PHS guidance counselors during the 21st century skills class or parents can

register their child. High school registration is open on PowerSchool now.

- Possible field trip for Student Council & Unified BB & Pace Program
 - Dr. McGarrigle hopes to arrange a field trip to Boston Bowl with the members of the student council and the unified BB and Pace Program members.
 - Field trip would be done during the school day, possibly 10:00 - 2:00.
- Upcoming Spirit Week
 - Sometime in the spring
 - Suggestions: Everything But the Backpack, Barbie/Ken Day, Country Day
 - Mr. Sandberg suggested that a fundraiser, such as Charitable Change, accompany spirit week.
- Meeting with Cafeteria Director
 - A small student group met with the Cafeteria Director to discuss the current food options and the nutritional value of the lunches. The Cafeteria Director shared the most popular and least popular menu items and the process of data tracking items.
 - Students will now have a suggestion box where they can provide ideas for menu items.
 - Students will meet with the Cafeteria Director again in a few weeks to review suggestion box submissions.

PCMS MCAS ADMINISTRATION DATES: Spring 2024	
ELA (G7 & 8)	Tuesday, April 23- Wednesday, April 24
MATH (G7 & G8)	Tuesday, May 14- Wednesday, May 15
STE (G8 only)	Tuesday, May 21- Wednesday, May 22
CIVICS (G8 only)	Wednesday, May 29- Thursday, May 30

❖ Meeting schedule for remainder of year: April 12 & May 29