

PRMS PSA MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2022

9:30-10:30am - PRMS Auditorium

1. In attendance:

- Heather Curtin, President
- Ashley Fortier, Vice President
- Shalu Sharma, Vice President
- Melissa Clawson, Treasurer
- Lauren Godfrey, Secretary

2. PSA President Call to Order/Welcome

Heather Curtin

- PSA 2022-2023 Board Introductions
- District town hall meetings on district strategic plan for next 4 years on 10/12 virtually at 1 or 6:30pm at Eden Hall: https://www.pinerichland.org/Domain/1194#town_hall

3. Introduction of Guests

- Jen Mullaugh & Michael Rose Heather Curtin
- Guidance counselors – how can we team with them to help the students connect with guidance? What can they assist with?

○ **Jen Mullaugh** – thanked PSA for support. She is the 8th grade school counselor. Guidance has changed which students they are responsible for. This is the first year where she will have only the 8th grade instead of assignment by first/second half of the alphabetical last name. She thinks this is a good setup so she gets to know the whole grade. Guidance focuses on 1. academics, 2. career and 3. social/emotional well-being of students.

- ❖ Career activities – Use Naviance (college and career readiness platform), will prep students to get used to this program, career days coming up in a month (filled up). For 8th grade, exposure to different careers is important. Career oriented activity will be in the spring for 7th graders. They will start talking about Beattie Tech to students in 7th grade.
- ❖ Rams Way – positive behavior incentive program. Teach lessons during the day once a week. Earn tickets for positive behavior.
- ❖ Students can email guidance counselors to reduce stigma if they need to talk to them.

○ **Michael Rose** – 7th grade school counselor.

- ❖ Beattie Tech – guidance is trying to remove the stigma from the community that Beattie is only for non-college bound students because they have programs that students can receive training of interest which will help them get into college.

(Parent provided attestation to the value of Beattie to her daughter in culinary arts and admission to college).

- ❖ Much more efficient to have the whole grade. Has been around to all classes so far this year to introduce himself and make kids comfortable. Making sure student needs are met to make students successful. Individual and group counseling on various issues (anxiety, executive functioning), will be doing a grief awareness group with the Caring Place. Refer students out to other services also. Help kids in that moment and get them back to class. Work with teachers and identify students who are struggling or missing classes. Make sure Middle School is a good place. Thanked PSA for what has been done.
- ❖ Contract with Glade Run – the district has a mental health therapist that comes into the school. The students can see a therapist at school.
- ❖ Peer tutoring – every Wednesday after school until 3:30 National Honor Society high school students come over. Need to sign up weekly by Tuesday. The link is on the MS webpage.

Giftng – Heather Curtin - Funds raised from the TopGolf fundraiser allowed the PSA to gift \$1000 to each grade to help offset costs for field trips for students in need. The \$1000 gift fund will be administered by the guidance counselors for the year. Per Mrs. Mullaugh, some students need shoes or other clothing items. Teachers pay \$10.00 each year to be able to wear jeans on some school days during the year. Jeans money is used to buy Giant Eagle gift cards to send to some families. She suggested a fund so teachers don't have to use their own money.

- **PROF** – Deb Lund and Robin Tino – PROF is like a PTO that serves all schools. It provides grants to teachers and scholarships to graduating seniors
 - collaborative room funded by a PROF grant (furniture is flexible seating, technology, smart boards are walls, interactive place for kids to gather)
 - Outdoor learning environments at Hance and Wexford
 - Advanced technology at high school
 - Spanish experience for Spanish teacher
 - Annually about \$25k donated back to SD for teacher grants who apply for those funds.
 - PROF – needs based program is a passion project for PROF. Needs based only scholarship usually received but last year it was not. \$7,000 scholarship awarded and a secondary \$4,500 scholarship awarded last year.
 - Fundraising event on October 2 Proftoberfest at Greystone Fields in Gibsonia. PROF loves to partner with PTOs. 14 scholarships, 25 winners last year. Request to share PROF posts.

4. Principals' Reports

Ashley Fortier

- Dr. Dave Kristofic and Mr. Jacob Minsinger (not in attendance due to scheduling conflict – expected to be at next meeting)

- Students in a nice routine and have seen teachers offer many collaborative opportunities for students in their classrooms – feels like a normal year.
- Thoroughly reviewed safety procedures with students (fire drills, severe weather and lockdown drills). The district has purchased a resource that will help to continue to improve our safety practices
- Staff says thank you for the faculty room treats and for dinner at the open house.
- Per A. Fortier - started Amazon wishlist this year– Amazon won't give names of donees unless gift receipt is checked. If a gift receipt is checked, we can acknowledge individuals who donate.
- Mr. Minziger has a monthly blog in the Friday Flash. Gives an overview of what is going on in the schools.

5. Secretary's Report

Lauren Godfrey

- Approval of Minutes from May 2022 (posted on website and copies available at meeting) – motion made by A. Fortier and approved by S. Sharma.

6. Treasurer's Report

Melissa Clawson

- Melissa reviewed line items including:
- Spirit Wear samples available – currently 60 orders from every school, sale ends 9/28
- 140 directories ordered, about \$700 raised
- Bracelet sale – will sell left over bracelets
- TopGolf – is our big fundraiser – \$3,250 in sponsorships. Expect to make about \$3,500, have received 13 group and 2 individual registrations. Goal was 15.
- Eye black – new – will be in Friday Flash
- Snack shack
- Socials – may charge minimal amount to hold student's place
- Ram Fam – made \$440 on t-shirts – spent \$120 for Student Government for giveaways at parade. Still waiting for cost of banner.
- Meet the teacher night. Texas Roadhouse offered \$5.00/teacher meal - \$220 donated by PSA – Texas Roadhouse is eager to work with groups.
- Staff lounge (Amazon account) and teacher appreciation lunch is in May
- 8th grade celebration t-shirts - \$5 for kids
- \$1500 spent last year on Rams Way award – Dr. Kristofic goes shopping for Rams Way award
- Student Government - \$250.00 given
- Teacher grants – budgeting \$2000 – field trips (this year every group has to take a field trip) - see gifting topic above.
- Student/Family Events discussed
- Save the Date - Fall Festival - Thursday, Oct 27
- Skate Night - November 12
- Winter Social - TBD
- Winter Dance – TBD

- Motion to approve budget – Heather Curtin
A. Fortier – Seconded
Vote - passed.

7. General questions/New Business

- Venmo – PSA requests people send money Friends & Family so that there is no transaction amount charged. Per parent input, the ability to pay immediately is helpful. Open to other suggestions for payment options so no transaction fee is charged.
- Fall festival – October 27 – movie (Hocus Pocus), DJ, food, craft (start about 6-6:30, movie at 8:00) open movie to families. Schedule of events will be available in the coming weeks.
- PSA will meet with boosters and Student Government in November.
- Parent question - Can we do a ski night at Boyce Park.
- A. Fortier – we want to do a survey monkey with the kids. Social with kids once a month.
- Dance – The Student Government wants to be involved. PSA will provide Student Government with parameters. PCC is open to having a dance if we can't get a date at the school. Administration wants it to be a casual dance. No basketball. Alternative activity would be structured, e.g. bingo. Goal is to have everything finalized by the end of October.
- Top Golf – 78 people in attendance – 13 bays (goal was 15)
- Parent question - What was the result of the opt out of fundraising at Eden Hall? Not sure how that would work with our activities as no one is keeping track of who is and isn't participating.
- H. Curtin - We will try to build out the website so everyone can see what fundraising opportunities exist.
- Chaperoning – we will have more details at November meeting.
- We hope to have a virtual option for November meeting.

Heather Curtin – motion to end
Melissa Clawson - seconded

Next PSA Meeting is on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 9:30
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Thank you for attending!