

PRMS PSA MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2021

9:30 am – 10:30AM

Meeting location: PRMS Choir Room

1. PSA President Call to Order/Welcome

Michelle Plowey

- PSA 2021-2022 Board Introductions
Michelle Plowey, President
Rhea Corso, Vice President
Christine Tunder, Vice President
Rene Hoy, Treasurer
Holly Muchnok, Secretary

Special Guests + Brief Reports:

- Carolyn Welshonce is the school's onsite social worker. Also introduced intern, Izzy. Their office partners with the schools helping students who are struggling to get to school, or need the resources of SAP, [Student Assistance Program](#). Various student advocates are available to assist as a bridge to parents/students/school and help connect to available in school/out-of-school resources for students who may be struggling.
- Jen Mullaugh (jmullagh@pinerichland.org – MS counselor A-L)
Students will participate in 3 Career Lessons 7 and 8 grades. Once transitioned to HS, program called: NAVIANCE aids in college readiness (career clusters, personality matches, etc). RAMS way programs and character education lessons will begin for MS next Wednesday during 4th period. These will focus on: digital citizenship what to/not to do online, managing personal character, stress and anxiety with coping still sets.
- Mr. Michael Rose (mrose@pinerichland.org - MS counselor M-Z)
Suggests, use of counseling team during academic support, homeroom or lunch when possible, to limit displacement from class/learning. This office will see concerns related to: anxiety, depression, exec functioning skills, home, friendships, etc. They operate confidentiality with exceptions for any perceived imminent danger issues. Kids want to feel safe and supported at school. School counseling will occasionally need to outreach to external support when it becomes clear that more than in-school counseling is needed. Unique programming like group support typically available – varies by year. Another support is academic in nature. Recommended: NHS – peer tutoring. Sign ups available online and in Friday flash (confirmed this week). This program allows HS student assistance - this is a FREE service. Generally, this office can assist as case manager to 504 plan, mental or physical health concerns and accommodations. Ultimately, the goal – support, and advocate for students so school feels like a place they want to be.

2. Principal's Report

Dr. Dave Kristofic

- Meet the teacher night – good attendance. Good to have families back.
- Thanked the PSA for welcome back treats for staff/students.

- The library refresh has been well received. In the mornings, it's the "place to be"
- School is seeing increased anxiety with students. Specifically as it relates to working with changing requirements related to CDC and working to keep school safe and implementing changes with lunch locations, distancing, masks, etc.
- Covid cases increasing. Contact tracing, quarantining as needed. Needed to get kids to 6ft. distance. students in cafeteria, balance in Gymnasium including bleachers. Added folding chairs and all tables now secured. No assigned seating. Hot topic at present. Still settling into schedule which needs to remain nimble. Lunch is free all year. Snacks are not free. Has been a highlight from some students. Distancing 6ft at lunch, everywhere else is 3ft. Hoping quarantine numbers will drop with this new measure of extra lunch distancing. Following up with bus and sports teams. Any cases must be reported to AGH county and the CDC.
- Visit website for details on current cases, and detail on all covid 19 reporting.
- Q: for kids with 2 or more symptoms, how to handle if they cannot access online virtual school? A: stay home (quarantine), once tested positive, they can log into virtual learning. Blackboard/google classroom. If kids are sick and at home – let them rest.
- Chromebooks: All students have chrome book technology and support at the MS
- PRMS has applied for "schools to watch". We have won 4x, this is our 5th time applying. As a former winning school, we will automatically receive a school visit.
- Fun Night is in the works for the fall... details to come through PSA

3. Vice Principal's Report

Mr. Jacob Minsinger

- No report

4. Guidance Counselors

Mr. Rose & Mrs. Mullaugh

- Reference report above under Special Guests

5. PROF Introduction

Mrs. Lund & Mrs. Tino

- Robin Tino, is a former PSA member, now trustee representing PROF – Pine Richland Opportunities Fund. Enriching the lives of PR students with scholarships and grants. 500k grants and scholarships has been awarded throughout the district, to all schools. MS has benefitted from the new COLLABORATION ROOM.
- If teachers come with ideas – consider talking to PROF about funding opportunities – fast grants are under 1k.
- Ideas: PR tv club needed materials and tech assistance for equipment, musical kits, could also be used for event/programs.
- Oct 2nd fundraising event coming up for those interested.
- Please follow-on social media.

6. Treasurer's Report

Rene Hoy

- Review of 2021-2022 Budget
- Directory sales \$485, pura vida \$385, Sir pizza restaurant night – waiting for numbers.
- Beginning of school year PSA did a small gift for staff.
- Planning 10/28 Chick filet staff lunch that comes out of our PSA budget.

- Rams Way to support positive behaviors within the district. Lifetouch funds from 2021 went to help fund this effort. Lifetouch offered a refund of \$2500 to help offset PSA costs.
- Venmo site will remain open throughout the school year. Available on the website and Friday flash for PSA donations.
- Skate nights/Lemieux Center – 50% comes back to schools. Tentatively have one in place for Nov. Additional detail will follow as available.

7. PSA Events/Fundraisers/Activities

Michelle Plowey & Board

- Welcome Back Staff Treats & Chick-fil-A lunch provided by PSA funds & rewards
- Pura Vida Bracelets Sales ongoing
- Spiritwear online sales coming late October thru Awards & More; possible new vendor to add higher quality options
- MS Student Directories will be on sale for \$5 pre-order form went out in flash
- Class 2026 t-shirt order form going out first week of November (\$10). All names to be included unless parents/students “opt out”
- Online Book Fair thru Barnes & Noble in late November (proceeds Library enhancement)
- Zroni Roll Sale end of January delivery February (before Super Bowl 2/13/2022)
- Student treats three times a year at lunch (ice cream thru Sodexo paid thru PSA). Sodexo has been a great partner to run these treats/cost/distribution.
- Ongoing Fundraisers that are promoted on Facebook & in the Flash include Chick-fil-A receipts, Box Tops, Amazon Smile, Giant Eagle Apples for Students, restaurant nights. Watch website an social media for updates and details.
- **STUDENT EVENTS** – working diligently with Dr. K and staff to confirm a MS outdoor fall event. Also, in the works: ice skating nights, and hopeful winter dance.

8. Conclusion

Next PSA Meeting is on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 9:30

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