

PRMS PSA MEETING
General Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2020
9:30 am

Attendance:

Robin Tino	Michelle Plowey	Amy Hayden	Jennifer Husted	Katzen
Kelli McKissick	Rene Hoy	Shilpi Nayyar	Kabir Singh	Meredith Sweet
Christopher Lattari	Stacey Silipo	Paula Contini	Kristin Barcasky	Jennifer Mullaugh
Mr. Minsinger	Dr. Kristofic	Karen Dudkowski		

1. PSA President Call to Order/Welcome - 9:30am
 - PSA 2020-2021 Board Introductions
 - Michelle Plowey, President
 - Stacey Silipo, Vice President
 - Jessica Koskey, Vice President
 - Rene Hoy, Treasurer
 - Robin Tino, Secretary
 - Follow us on FB, and email us if you need anything

2. Principal's Report -Dr. Dave Kristofic-
 - Nice start to the school year, it has been a unique challenge over the summer but seeing our students coming to school every other day has been rewarding and we are excited to give the students the chance to learn. This year's theme is Dare To Dream!
 - Introduce Mr. Minsinger Assistant Principal. Introduce the counselors - and staff to the attendees.
 - Vice Principal's Report-Mr. Jacob Minsinger- been here a year and half, echoing Dr. K that we are off to a good start, thank you to parents for helping students learn virtually and comply with district rules.
 - PRMS won acorn school to watch for four years, a team evaluates us on different factors, PRMS is one of two schools in the state to win this. This is up in 2022.
 - They have created a collaboration room with the financial help of the PRMS PSA and a grant from PROF. They have begun using the room and they will be sharing more communication on this in the upcoming weeks/months.
 - Three things they are focusing in on- Following the guidelines closely, Students are required to wear a mask, have had sanitizing stations and ask that they clean their hands. Students can go to lockers depending on an odd/even locker/period system. Students are given mask breaks outdoors. Still maintaining 10 ft. distance on 10 minute masks breaks.
 - One thing they are focusing on is RAMS Way- positive support system. PSA has provided funds to offer incentives to the students. Have been doing this for a while but are tweaking as they go. Currently they are focusing on - what respectful behaviour is, especially on google meetings. If students are caught doing positive things they are rewarded. It used to be they were given a token, but they are working on other ways to keep track of positive rewards in COVID time. They have a task force working on this.

- In the Building Discipline, electronics are used a little differently since much of the work is completed online. But they like to focus on rewarding positive behavior, following the RAMS Way initiative.
- The district is providing free lunches for the students as part of a state program.
- The middle school is practicing social distancing in the cafeteria
- No bus passes will be issued this year
- If a student forgets something parents are permitted to drop off items. They just have to ring the bell and they can drop it in the vestibule for the students to retrieve.
- Something new that was just announced revolves around vacation allowances. For students missing class time they do ask that you fill out a vacation request. For both students missing class and those taking weekend vacations they do ask that when you return you complete a Post-Travel survey so that they can determine if it is safe to return to school. The ACHD has a guidance for travelers with questions that can help determine the risk. They are also asking that families that travel to the restricted states as determined by the Governor's office that they fill out the post-travel survey but automatically self quarantine for 14 days upon their return. These forms can be found on the website. Question was asked about spontaneous weekend trips, and Dr. K stated that you do not need approval to go away for the weekend however you do need to fill out a post-travel form.
- A question was asked about virtual families and Dr. K - stated that if they are missing classes to fill out the pre-travel form but if it's just a weekend trip they do not have to complete the survey UNLESS they participate in MS sports.
- The students have all been given planners with the Dare To Dream theme on them.
- Remind parents that there is an activity fee, we have a variety of new activities, including club sports, and clubs. Extracurriculars at this time are being held virtually and we are at the beginning stages.
- Communication they are using: blackboard, google classroom, and sapphire. Parent teacher conferences will be virtually in November. Flexibility is one the main traits we will have to focus on.

3. Mr. Rose -new counselor was counselor in Central PA for seven years. He is originally from the area and is happy to be returning and learning about PR culture. Reach out to him with any questions.

4. Jen Mullaugh- counselor for top half of the alphabet. Has been super happy with how well everything is going and as always reach out if you need anything. Career lessons will be starting in October.

5. Secretary's Report - Robin Tino- correspondence, a note from the librarian thanking the PSA for the Chick-Fil-A sandwiches.

6. Michelle wanted to say that as a PSA we were compelled to do something nice for the teachers as they are navigating these hard times. She is grateful to the PR district, everything seems to be moving along nicely.

7. Treasurer's Report - Rene Hoy- Review of 2020-2021 Budget- so far this year- we had to pay for administrative costs and insurance. And also for Chick Fil A. Participate in fundraisers to help us with what we need for events we are hoping to still have this year and also for future years.

8. Past/Upcoming PSA Events/Fundraisers/Activities

Michelle Plowey & Board

- Welcome Back Staff Treats & Chick-fil-A lunch provided by PSA funds & rewards
- Pura Vida Bracelets & Flag Facebook sale (more bracelets being ordered, flags in March)
- Spirit wear online sales closed on September 11th
- MS Student Directories will be on sale for \$5 pre-order form went out in flash
- Class 2025 t-shirt order form going out first week of October
- October 14th Dine Out Night at *The Oven* all day through lunch, dinner & take out
- October 20 & 21 Picture Days
- November 18th Dine Out Night at *Applebee's* all day through lunch, dinner & car side
- Online Book Fair vendor TBD for late November
- Zroni Roll Sale in January
- 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
- ALL future student events will be ON HOLD till further notice to include Skate Nights, RAMapalooza, dances, picnics and 8th grade celebration.

9. General questions

- Karen Dudkowski asked about funds moving on with the 8th grade class- Dr. K stated- If we fundraise and we have funds left over after what we spend during the year, we split it in half and send money with the 8th grade class going to the high school and keep half for the 7th grade. He adds that they are hoping that we are still able to have some fun events for the students.
- How do you sign up for amazon smiles? RENE HOY- Go to smile.amazon.com and click on Pine Richland Parent Teacher Association. Once a quarter we get a deposit from amazon. Be sure you order on Smile.amazon.com
- Dr. K ended with saying that the students are doing great, we will be doing Fire Drills - socially distance. And a big thank you to the PSA and parents and thank you to the students for following the rules.

Adjourn meeting at 10:13am

Next PSA Virtual Meeting is on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 9:30