

**PRMS PSA Meeting Minutes
February 21st, 2018
PRMS Auditorium
9:30 a.m.**

In Attendance:

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| Susan Hong-Bang | Stacey Silipo | Petra Maurer |
| Paula Bonvenuto | Melanie Koenig | Kristen Speidelsbach |
| Rosa Fannie | Rita Kastner | Meredith Sweet |
| Marci Fischer | Karen Dudkowski | Kathlyn Caldwell |
| Kristin Montanti | | |

A. General Information

1. President's Call to Order- Stacey Silipo

- Welcome and introduction of speakers

2. Secretary's Report

- Motion to approve minutes from October 18th, 2017 minutes approved by Kristin Montanti and seconded by Susan Hong-Bang.

B. Recognition of Members and Visitors

Dr. Pasquinelli, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum

- The Administration has started talking about a later start time for school. If a change happens, it will NOT take into effect the 2018-2019. Talking to transportation about feasibility and considering start times for younger students.
- The Pine Richland Strategic plan is on the website at the following location - [here](#).
- Key Strategic Initiatives:
 - K-6 take Star 360
 - Working on common assessments across all classes and grades.
 - MTSS (Multi-Tier System of Supports) model for highly achieving and gifted students.
 - Current in-depth Program Review for Math, business and Computer Science.
 - Implementation of in-depth program review for Science, Health and Physical Education.
 - 8th grade will not have Science pathways.
 - AP Physics will be offered 2018-2019.

- Online curriculum available:
 - K-8 grade level curriculum online.
 - 9-12 departmental overviews online.
- Learning Goals:
 - Understand
 - Review
 - Identify

Dr. Kristofic, Pine Richland Middle School Principal

- Starting this year, Middle School will pilot 1 final per day (previously took 2 mid-terms/finals per day).
- 8th grade scheduling forms are due, February 22.
- 7th grade scheduling forms are due, February 26.
- 8th grade Recognition – want to do something different this year. No Field Trip.

Director of College and Career Counseling – Jean Whalen

- Although extracurriculars are great but ultimately academics matter. Students should be persistent, able to handle stress and able to problem solve.
- For College, Schools look at grades, rigor, character (what have you done?)
- Follow your interests in extracurricular activities.
- What opens doors for College? Strong work ethic, persistence and not blaming others for failures.
- College Planning Night – helps to figure out what the best fit is.

Guidance Counselors – Leslie Straub & Dave Hoover

- Study Hall in High School is not traditional Study Hall – probably not a quiet room. Study Hall is NOT guaranteed (pick a back-up class).
- Project Lead the Way vs. Technology Engineering
 - Project Lead the Way – more computer based engineering
 - Tech Engineering – some computer engineering, wood shop, CAD & robotics
- For a good alternative – Introduction to Art
- Electives should be something of interest to the student.
- Stress the importance of the five core subjects:
 - Science, Math, English, Social Studies and World Language.

Mr. Ashley Boyers, Pine Richland Middle School Assistant Principal

- The future of careers – employers do not look for qualifications, they look for what the individual has that can add value.
- His advice is to try new things in High School.
- Reach out to guidance counselors – they are good resources.