

# Parkland Community Advisory Council

October 7, 2024

## **PRESIDENTS**

Jennifer Jones  
Desiree Pascal

## **SECRETARY**

Andrea Scott

**ATTENDEES:** Desiree Pascal, Jen Jones, Catherine Garon, Nicole Mandry, Doreen Wynn, Gina Cook, Kelly Mason, Andrea Scott, Linda Perlman-McKenna

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:** Alyssa Avila

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:** Marissa Ziegler

**ADMINISTRATION:** Mark Madson, Tim Chorones

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Desiree Pascal at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes from May 2024, was made by Doreen Wynn and seconded by Jennifer Jones.

**PRESENTATION:** *"Vision 2030- One Campus, One Parkland" presented by Dr. Mark Madson and Mr. Timothy Chorones*

Dr. Mark Madson and Mr. Timothy Chorones have been traveling across the district to PTO and faculty meetings, to community groups and Chamber of Commerces with two goals in mind.

- 1- To inform everyone the best they can the decisions that needed to be made and the why decisions they chose so far
- 2- feedback from community- all feedback will be reviewed by the team and will help the board to make the final decisions necessary for the health of the district.

The town halls, community surveys, and input from board all helped create this vision. The idea of One Campus, One Parkland came from the students and was championed by the staff. Both the staff and students believe there is strength in keeping all schools and students in one district even though they did review the idea of dividing into two. The students also adamantly wanted one high school and to keep the 9th graders in PHS.

The vision's goals:

- Prioritize students first through safety in the district and continued growth and success in all three pillars (Academics, Arts, Athletics).
- Fiscal responsibility
- Long term planning to ensure short term measures don't put the the district's financial future at risk.
- Community minded planning with open access to community for meetings, sports, etc.

Components of Expansion

- High School addition and renovation
- Orefield site upgrades
- Other areas not finalized
  - Orefield additions and renovatoinis

- Bus garage and fleet relocation
- Orefield stadium (relocation and renovations)

#### High School Expansion Details:

- Build an addition onto the school to enclose the spokes of the building. Hallways and classrooms will be build in the area between the spokes in the back of the school.
  - This addition will also creates two secure outdoor courtyard areas.
  - About 70 new classrooms (28 science labs) and more offices will be created in this addition.
    - Currently there are many traveling teachers that move from classroom to classroom throughout the day and do not have a classroom to call home. This helps alleviates that deficiency.
  - Removing lockers to rededicate the space will be a part of the school's redesign. Many students are not using lockers currently. Lockers will always be available if requested but there will not be one locker per student.
  - Expansion of the cafeteria where outdoor seating is now.
  - The nurse's suite will be expanded
  - Stairs by the cafeteria will be built and transformed into a LGI or Large Group Instruction area
  - The Media Center will undergo a face lift.
- Additions to cafeteria/gym lobby
  - The gym lobby will open to the gymnasium and matching the Arts lobby
  - the gym/athletic lobby idea came about because of student input
- The projects are slated to be completed by the summer of 2027 and ready for the 2027/2028 school year.

The educational teams are working on reimagining the high school experience. There is just as much time being spent on the curriculum as the building- scheduling and socioemotional learning are some of the top considerations.

#### Middle school enrollment options and considerations

##### Orefield

- Bus drop off/pickup and parent drop off will be separated into two distinct areas.
  - Additional parking space with designated area for bus parking in the back of the school and pick up at the front of the school
- New bus garage and bus parking will be moved elsewhere.
- Infrastructure upgrades- an inventory of infrastructure to see what items are end of life with replacement parts not longer available (eg- HVAC, windows, doors)
- Stadium needs lots of upgrades to keep up with the times and the cost of upgrading current items vs purchasing new is being explored.
  - New stadium at High School is proposed at the current practice area to the south of PHS entrance road
- Addition and renovation to OMS to increase capacity
- Auditorium would be moved to the northern end of the school and the existing auditorium will be reallocated as classrooms
- Looking to divide the building into admin (front of school), community (north part of school) and academic areas (south part of school)
- New boundary lines in future years (redistricting elementary and middle school in the 2030/2031 school year)
- Alternate consideration- they are evaluating how a third middle school with community schools k-8 would effect the budget

In the next weeks, the administration will talk to board and update this vision. This will not be a final decision but a fluid plan to move forward. There will be a public meeting in January to start to finalize the expansion plans.

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:**

Marisa Ziegler presented a report highlighting the topics discussed at the 10/15/2024 Board Meeting. For more meeting details, please view the minutes and recordings online on the PSD

### Student Recognition

- National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students were recognized by Mr. Davidson

### Special Presentations

- This year, our student representative on the board is Elsa Hoderewski.

### Academics, Arts & Athletics

- Approved the purchase of Really Great Reading ESL resources
- Approved rental tents for the Festival of the Arts to be held May 15-17

### Buildings & Grounds

- Approved the contract with DBM Investigations and Consulting to provide investigative services to verify student residency
- Approved bus cameras for new buses and security cameras for the new operations center

### Personnel & Finance

- Approved several personnel items and graduate reimbursement

### Reports

- LCTI Open House, November 14th from 6-8 pm
- Parkland Education Foundation Golf Outing on October 4th was a huge success! They raised around \$40,000
- Parkland Community Library now offers free notary services by appointment
- Nominees for the Ed Foundation's Distinguished Alumni Event are due by November 30
- The newest collection of student art work will be displayed at the admin center on November 19th

### Upcoming Meetings:

#### Committee Meetings

AAA Board Committee Meeting – Monday, November 11, 2024 at 5:00 pm

P & F Board Committee Meeting – Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

B & G Board Committee Meeting – Monday, November 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting- Tuesday, November 19, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

## **STUDENT REPORT:**

### **Academics:**

- The first marking period will end on October 31
- Parkland will host the PSAT next Saturday, October 26

### **Arts:**

- The fall play, Romeo and Juliet, ran their production this past weekend.
- The children's show, Finding Nemo Jr., will run their show November 15-17.
- The High School's Performing Arts Club will host its annual Children's Workshop event in January. The theme is Moana.
- District Chorus auditions will be held on Monday 10/21, and the high school will host auditions for roughly 700 students.
- The Tri-M Music Honor Society will host its induction ceremony on October 31.
- The spring production of Les Miserables will run April 2,3,4,5,6 and will participate in the FREDDY awards.
- Both middle schools will run their fall plays November 1-3.

### **Athletics:**

- The football team will play Whitehall this Friday at home. It is their senior night.
- Girl's soccer will be playing at EPC finals on Saturday, October 19.
- Boys soccer is playing against Pleasant Valley for EPC Semifinal.
- The Student vs. faculty basketball game will be held at the high school on November 14.
- Girls tennis won the EPC championships for the fourth year in a row. They will be playing at states.
- Boys cross country took first at their EPC championship.
- Girls cross country took third in their EPC championship.

### **Other:**

- Kernsville Elementary School will host a Trunk or Treat this Saturday; 3:00-4:30
- Kratzer Elementary School will host a Trunk or Treat this Sunday; 1:00-3:00

## **OLD BUSINESS: n/a**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Next meeting is November 21st

## **ROUNDTABLE: none**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** At 8:26 pm a motion to adjourn was called. Nicole Mandry moved, with Marisa Ziegler seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrea Scott