

Parkland Community Advisory Council

December 19, 2024

PRESIDENTS

Jennifer Jones
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Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES: Catherine Garon, Nora Garon, Michelle Garon, Melanie St. Hill, Desiree Pascal, Jen Jones, Gina Cook, Brittany Rabe, Matthew Carlson, Jaleen Mendez

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Mackenzie Ntow-Mensah and Alyssa Avila

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

ADMINISTRATION: Michelle Minotti

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Jones at 6:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from November 2024, was made by Melanie St. Hill and seconded by Jennifer Jones.

PRESENTATION: *"Mental Health Services in Parkland: Update and Overview" presented by Dr. Matthew Carlson, Director of Student Services and Mrs. Jaleen Mendez, Social Worker*

The full presentation can be found online at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O9a8gLDxBKfmpgNQV8mOrWIYzhIMQ_yb/view?usp=sharing

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Marisa Ziegler presented a report highlighting the topics discussed at the 12/17/2024 School Board Meeting. For more meeting details, please view the minutes and recordings online on the PSD.

Academics, Arts & Athletics:

- Approved the agreement between Kutztown University and PSD for 2 internship positions for students who are enrolled in the Reading Specialist Certification Program
- Approved the PHS Program of Studies for next year. <https://phscoursebook.parklandsd.org>

Buildings & Grounds:

- Approved proposal from Boyle Construction to complete several small projects (building demo, drainage, bus loop) over the summer at Cetronia, Kernsville, and Fogelsville.

Student Recognition:

- Boys Soccer team are in the State Finals

Personnel & Finance:

- Approved several personnel items and policies

Reports:

- CLIU – Toy Adaptation Day was December 3rd – 25 students (some from LCTI) helped to adapt the buttons and switches on 42 toys for students with physical disabilities who would have a difficult time operating the switches without the adaptations
- PCL – The Parkland Community Library received a grant for computer literacy classes for adults. The money will be spent on a laptop cart as well as two classes in January and two in February.
- Parkland Education Foundation – Heroes for the Holidays

Upcoming Meetings:

- Committee Meetings
 - AAA Board Committee Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm
 - P & F Board Committee Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m..
 - F & O Board Committee Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting
 - Board Workshop – Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
 - Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
 - Budget Seminar– Friday, April 25, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.

STUDENT REPORT:

Arts:

- The winter orchestra concert is tonight at 7
- The winter chorale concert was on December 15, and they will perform at the Allentown Symphony this Sunday.
- The beginner and mixed chorus concert was on December 11
- Vera Voce and concert choir had their concert on December 12
- Auditions for District Orchestra occurred on December 8, with many Parkland musicians qualifying
- The winter band concert will happen on January 21st

Academics:

- Parkland placed 1st overall at the Region 28 FBLA competition, with 28 1st place wins and 21 2nd place wins
- Parkland Debate participated in EPC finals, placing 3rd over all

Athletics:

- The PHS Swim/Dive Team's first meet was on 11/30
- Parkland Wrestling's 1st matches began on December 3
- Winter track's 1st meet was on December 8th
- Boys and Girls basketball has been off to a good start to the season

OLD BUSINESS: n/a

NEW BUSINESS: none

ROUNDTABLE: none

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 6:55 pm a motion to adjourn was called. Gina moved, with Marisa Ziegler seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Scott