

Parkland Community Advisory Council

March 20, 2025

PRESIDENTS

Jennifer Jones
Desiree Pascal

VICE PRESIDENT

Catherine Garon

SECRETARY

Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES: Desiree Pascal, Jennifer Jones, Marisa Ziegler, Brittany Rabe, Catherine Garon, Nora Garon, Gina Cook, Andrea Scott, Linda Perlman-McKenna, Elsa Hoderewski

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Elsa Hoderewski

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Marisa Ziegler

ADMINISTRATION: Michelle Minotti

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Desiree Pascal at 7:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from February 2025, was made by Jennifer Jones and seconded by Marisa Ziegler.

PRESENTATION: *“10 Things You Didn’t Know about Parkland School District” presented by Mr. Eric Roberts*

Tim Chorones was the voice of the Iron Pigs.

Dr. Minotti was a division 1 cheerleader at PSU.

Dr. Madison- outstanding athlete and coach at Nazareth (Parkland always beat Nazareth in head to head competitions).

Parkland Peanut Chews, the Troxell recipe, are fondly remembered!

Currently 35 Parkland graduates teach at the High School; 7 out of 11 are department chairs.

Kratzer Elementary School holds a special place in Mr. Roberts heart and he can always remember all of the United States by singing the 50 Nifty United States song he memorized in 4th grade.

Dual enrollment offerings:

- LCCC- start Jr in High School, graduate PHS with an associates degree
 - \$5k/yr, Senior year can go for free
- Kutztown University
 - Early academy for education
 - 6 credits fall/6 spring
 - Attend KU in morning and PHS in afternoon
 - \$99 per credit
 - Offered during a student’s senior year

- Gym online or in the summer

Clubs/Activities

- 162 Electives are offered at PHS
- An Activities Fair is held at the beginning of the year

30 AP offerings

- AP Calculus students average score on the AP test was 4.8- it is the highest in the state

Eric Roberts

- Fond memories of the PSD Bus Tour every new employee took.
- Biggest change he has seen in his time at Parkland is the number of students and the number of academic offerings

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Marisa Ziegler presented a report highlighting the topics discussed at the 3/18/2025 School Board Meeting. For more meeting details, please view the minutes and recordings online on the PSD.

Board Workshop – 6:00 pm

- Staffing presentation for next year
- Budget expenditure review

Student and Staff Recognition

- Parkland recognized as a Top Workplace
- Tri-M Music Honor Society members Felicity Lui and Torin Heiland

Academics, Arts & Athletics

- Approval of the new PSD Comprehensive Plan
- Approved contract with Nike for new sports uniforms
- Approved Summer School dates as well as summer library schedule

Facilities & Operations

- Approved the purchase of eight 72-passenger buses and one 36-passenger bus

Policy & Finance

- Approved budgets for LCTI, LCCC, and CLIU

Reports

- Parkland Education Foundation – The Distinguished Alumni event will take place on May 1st from 4-5 pm at the high school. The reception will take place from 6-8 pm at the Lehigh Country Club.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee Meetings

- AAA Board Committee Meeting – Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5:00 pm
- F & O Board Committee Meeting – Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm

- P & F Board Committee Meeting – Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Board Meeting

- Board Workshop – Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – 6:00 pm
- Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – 7:00 pm
- Budget Seminar– Friday, April 25, 2025 – 8:00 am

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ROUNDTABLE: Yummy Parkland Peanut Chews were enjoyed by all :)

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 8:06 pm a motion to adjourn was called. Jennifer Jones moved, with Marisa Ziegler seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Scott