Parkland Community Advisory Council
Thursday, November 20, 2025

PRESIDENTS
Desirée Pascal
Jen Jones

ATTENDEES: Doreen Wynn, Melanie St. Hill, Mia Zamani, Kris Goorsky, Nicole McGalla, Lisa Ervin, Gina Cook, Mia Zamani, Catherine Garon, Kristen Kyvelos, Shital Thakar, Desirée Pascal, Christine Bloch

STUDENT REPRESENTATION: Brittany Castro, Sarah Avila

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES: Marisa Ziegler and Chris Pirrotta

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Pending

ADMINISTRATION: Tim Chorones

PRESENTATION: "Volunteer Opportunities"
Nicole McGalla: Nicole has been continuing the work of the district to honor and serve senior citizens in the Parkland community. Currently, this is done with education and dinner. There are four dinners per year for seniors. Usually, they are served at the high school and then the attendees are invited to attend a musical performance show afterwards. Community service groups volunteer, middle school, and chorus performs. In regards to the educational offerings for senior citizens. They are taught by community members and have included the following: technology, yoga, art, trivia, walking club.

Parkland REACH is a volunteer program that offers services to those in need in the district. https://www.parklandsd.org/community/student-and-family-support
Recent work included counselors identify 450 students who are food insecure. 125 staff members gave melas to these families.

For students without permanent housing in the district and thereby classified as homeless., Randall's on the Orchard will donate meals to these families. Since they lack transportation, food is also delivered to them over winter and spring breaks.

Kris Goorsky gathered experience in volunteerism through her work with Boy Scouts, PTO at Parkway Manor and SMS. Clearances are a first step to volunteering. Newsletters are a way to communicate with parents who cannot attend PTO meetings. She also recommends utilizing committees.

Kristen Kyvelos: . Kristen has been involved in post prom since 2012. Known for coordinating and planning the most epic post prom events, she has three children who have gone through the district. The event is always the first weekend in May. Title Sponsor: $10,000 commitment from the Army National Guard. The Parkland Foundation provides a grant to supplement Post Prom.

Usually, there is a phenomenal turnout. It is for seniors, but guests need to be approved. SWTP police come help to ensure security remains a priority. This year a comedy hypnotist will be the featured entertainment. Information is mailed home to all senior families in the "Post Prom Packet." Interested in being on the committee? There are binders for every chair position, so there is much direction for any volunteer. A total transformation of the school with endless entertainment, activities, food, and drinks. Face painting, caricature drawings, prizes are announced every half hour. 3 cash prizes at the end of the night. Famous Parkland Perk coffee shop transformation: live music and treats. Bounce houses. Spread the word and reach out if you'd like to participate—in any capacity. Want to learn more: https://phs.parklandsd.org/parents/post-prom-party

Lisa Ervin Education Foundation, Director: Lisa is now full time as the foundation has grown This 501c(3) raises funds to support school endeavors, K-12. It consists of 20 volunteer board members and superintendents (ex-officio members), who read applications. Anyone who works for Parkland can apply for a grant. This Year $270,000 has been given back in grants. Some highlights: digital blood pressure monitor for biomed program, Heroes for the holidays, musical instruments for elementary schools, VEX robotics equipment, SMS podcast equipment REACH program. Since 2011, over 2 million dollars in grants have been distributed. Money is raised through EITC funds, employee giving campaign, United Way, Corporate Partner Program, Gala (Distinguished Alumni Event), Golf, Grad Lawn Signs They recently started an Alumni Network for connections worldwide with the Parkland graduates. The foundation is currently partnering with the art dept. to raise $40,000 on a sound shell. Want to volunteer? Join event committee, grant reading, join the board, spread the word, donate. Want to lean more? Visit https://www.parklandsd.org/foundation

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SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE (School Board Meeting from November 18, 2025)
Highlights for the Community Advisory Council

Important Items

- Parkland Graduation will be on June 3rd, agreement approved in October
- The November meeting was the final meeting for 3 outgoing board members. Rob Cohen, Annette Wilcox, and David Ellowitch did not run for re-election. Three new board members will be sworn in on December 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Academics, Arts & Athletics

- At the last committee meeting, Dr. Mosser gave a theater update and showed the new design for the PHS Marching Band uniforms (the first new uniforms in 27 years!) At the Tuesday meeting, we approved the purchase of the new uniforms.
- Approved the curriculum updates in the Parkland HS Program of Studies - Switch to HomeTown Ticketing beginning with the winter 2025 sports season – all tickets for regular season sporting events will be sold exclusively online. No cash accepted at the gate

Facilities & Operations

- Approved early steel package for the PHS expansion project . At the last committee meeting, we discussed an agreement for a short-term lease to pilot a 2026 gas engine 72 passenger bus to determine if a gas engine would potentially meet the district's transportation needs

Policy & Finance

- Approved several personnel items and policies
- Approved the parameters resolution for borrowing

Upcoming Meetings

Committee Meetings

AAA, F&O, and P&F: No Board Committee Meeting – No meeting in December

Board Meeting

Reorganization Meeting – Tuesday, December 2, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 2, 2025 – 7:15 p.m.

STUDENT REPORT

- Arts:
  - The Little Mermaid
  - 12/1 Tap Workshop
- Academics
  - Marking Period 1 ends
  - SAT Scores Released
  - Funding still needed for biomed symposium.
  - Induction Season for Honor Societies
- Band is going to Hawaii to perform. Fundraising on-going.
- Sports
  - Girls soccer won epc but lost district finals
  - Boys soccer won district but lost semi-finals

OLD/NEW BUSINESS Just a reminder that the next meeting is 12/18/25 at Parkland High School at 6pm. Following the meeting, you're invited to enjoy the concert.

MOTION TO ADJOURN A motion was called at 8:27 by Melanie and seconded by Chris.