

# **Parkland Community Advisory Council**

## **Saturday, March 15, 2026**

### **Co-Presidents**

Desirée Pascal  
Jennifer Jones

### **Vice-President**

Catherine Garon

### **Secretary**

Andrea Scott

**ATTENDEES:** Desirée Pascal, Catherine Garon, Melanie St. Hill, and Ava Pascal

**STUDENT REPRESENTATION:** Nora Garon

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:** Marisa Ziegler

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Desiree Pascal at 9:00am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes were approved by Melanie St. Hill and seconded by Catherine Garon.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Michelle Minotti

### **PRESENTATION: Community Resource Fair**

Prior to visiting the 100+ community organizations serving the Lehigh Valley, which were setup throughout the cafeteria, the Community Advisory Council discussed possible strategies to boost community engagement- specifically, attendance at CAC meetings to ensure the community remains informed, sharing their views, opinions, and questions. Suggestions included: principals appointing a representative from each of the schools in the district (to attend the CAC meetings), speakers/presenters reaching out to their circles, and hosting a table at next year's Community Resource Fair. Additionally, flyers were placed on tables throughout the fair, advertising the CAC with remaining meeting dates for this school year. Other Highlights from the Community Resource Fair featured three parent workshops, overseen and facilitated by Dr. Carlson. These included

- **Unhealthy and Healthy Relationships, which was presented by Turning Point of Lehigh Valley.** The Unhealthy and Healthy Relationships presentation focused on helping youth recognize and cultivate healthy relationships while identifying and addressing unhealthy dynamics. Participants learned skills like communication, boundary-setting, and recognizing red flags to promote positive interactions and access resources when needed.
  - **Anxiety Moving Forward - Presented by Nicolle Graaf, Psychotherapist at St. Luke's University Health Network.** This presentation covered some basics about anxiety and different strategies that youth and parents can use to decrease anxiety and move toward social and emotional wellness.
  - **Setting Up Your Family's Digital Guardrails: A Guide to Apple's Family Settings - Presented by JOSHWAY's David Robertson, Joel Frain & Steve Rosati.** Parents discovered how to handle content, set healthy boundaries, and protect privacy with built-in iPhone and iPad features designed for real family life. In this interactive, parent-friendly session, they explored Focus, Screen Time, Family Sharing, and App Limits as a simple "command center" for household devices.
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## **School Board Committee Meetings**

**March 9, 2026**

### **Highlights for the Community Advisory Council**

Academics, Arts, Athletics

- Resolution to support House Bill 41 regarding interscholastic athletics
- Reviewed mid-year data for elementary and middle schools
- Discussed summer school and summer staffing

Facilities and Operations

- Discussed the OMS bathroom renovations
- Discussed the demo of the buildings next to Cetronia Elementary
- Reviewed the Chromebook refresh for 9th grade students and PHS staff

Policy and Finance

- Reviewed a budget update
- Reviewed various policy updates

Upcoming Meetings

Committee Meetings

AAA Board Committee Meeting – April 13, 2026 at 5:00 pm

F & O Board Committee Meeting – April 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm

P & F Board Committee Meeting – April 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Board Meeting

Board Workshop – March 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Board Meeting – March 17, 2026 at 7:00 pm

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### **Student Updates Include**

**-Support the PHS Auditorium Sound Shell Project** The Parkland School District Education Foundation is raising \$40,000 for a new sound shell in the PHS auditorium to dramatically improve acoustics for student musicians and performers. Thanks to early supporters, we're **already more than halfway there!**

**-Swim & Gym Sundays — Last Few Dates!** South Whitehall Township's Swim & Gym Program for ALL Parkland residents continues Sundays from 1–5pm at PHS (pool + two gymnasiums). No registration required, but participants must have an account in the [South Whitehall Township Online Recreation Portal](#). Remaining dates: **March 22 and March 29.**

**-Keystone exam preparation** is currently underway.

**-Career Fair** is on 3/19.

**-Graduation signs** are currently on sale.

**-PHS Expansion Project is Underway.**

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**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:** The next meeting will take place at Parkland High School On Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The topic will be College and Career Readiness.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** A motion was called at 9:27am by Catherine Garon and seconded by Marisa Ziegler.