

Parkland Community Advisory Council

April 16, 2026

PRESIDENTS

Jennifer Jones
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Catherine Garon

SECRETARY

Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES: Jen Jones, Catherine Garon, Andrea Scott

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Liana Zurinskas, Sarah Avila

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Marisa Ziegler

ADMINISTRATION: Michelle Minotti

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Jones at 7:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from March 2026 was made by Marisa Ziegler and seconded by Marisa Ziegler.

PRESENTATION: *“College and Career Readiness: Student Panel” presented by Ms. Ali McPeek*

Ms McPeek discussed the Career Speaker Series, which shifted to November 24-26 on dismissal days. Three presentation sessions, with 3 unique presentations, occurred during students’ English class periods. The sessions were panel-style with 3-4 panelists. The panelists had questions on their career path, skills and preparation, work-life balance, and culture

Students gave feedback on the series. The topics they felt were most helpful were: what education or training was required, describe a typical work day, salary and job outlook, challenges in the career, and how they decided on their current career vs another one

Looking ahead, Ms McPeek will develop a Project Lead The Way Biomed Symposium Day.

Other opportunities for students include Junior and Senior year job fair, job-related field trips (including the PPL training center). Next year, a career cafe for seniors will occur during the Keystone Exams.

The Career Fair for 11th and 12th-grade students, a full-day event in March, was on 3/19. There were 70 companies or organizations in attendance. The Student Ambassadors helped the company representatives throughout the day. There were 8 new companies in attendance this year.

College representatives visit PHS all the time. There is a college representative visits calendar sent out in Schoology, and it can also be found on the PHS website. Students find it is quite beneficial in the following ways:

- Builds demonstrated interest in the college
- Students get to connect with the admissions gatekeeper
- Students get the inside scoop on new scholarships and programs
- Financial and scholarship opportunities are explained

- A free mini open house

Ms McPeck also detailed all of the scholarship opportunities listed on the PHS website.

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

School Board Meeting

Academics, Arts, and Athletics

- Reviewed a contract with GHR Education to provide staffing for difficult to fill positions such as nursing, school psychology, BCBA, and speech language pathology.
- Fifth grade departmentalization - presentation to discuss moving to two-person teams for all 5th grade teachers/students for the 2026/2027

Facilities and Operations

- Summer Feeding Program - Mrs. Troutman presented the distribution and staffing plan for the distribution of food/meals for students over the summer
- Cetronia Elementary School Zone update - permit would be submitted for a school speed limit sign with flashers that would be active from 8:15-9:00 am and 3:15-4:00 pm

Policy and Finance

- Mrs. Frisbie presented a budget reduction follow up from our March workshop meeting.
- Dr. Chorones presented updates to various policies.

Upcoming Events

- The Education Foundation Distinguished Alumni Ceremony will take place at the high school on April 30th at 4:00 pm.
- Graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 3rd at the PPL Center

Upcoming Meetings

Budget Seminar- May 1, 2026 - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Committee Meetings

AAA Board Committee Meeting – May 4, 2026 at 5:00 pm

F & O Board Committee Meeting – May 4, 2026 at 6:00 pm

P & F Board Committee Meeting – May 4, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Board Meeting

Board Workshop – May 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm

STUDENT REPORT:

Academics

- April 8 - Penn State University German Day - Parkland students won 1st overall
- April 22 - Biomed Symposium
- 4 1st place winners at Delaware Valley Science Fair
- April 12-14 - FBLA Competition
- Parkland TV and Film Broadcast Team won Outstanding High School program and Outstanding Creative Achievement from the PA Association of Broadcasters

Arts

- April 22-25 - PMEA All States (7 orchestra students)
- April 8-12 - How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying!
- April 29 - Band Spring Concert
- April 19 - Main championships for indoor color guard

Athletics

- Girls Lacrosse 12-0
- Boys Lacrosse 9-4
- Boys Tennis undefeated + EPC Champions
- Parkland Boys Basketball Team named Morning Call Team of the Year

OLD BUSINESS: n/a

NEW BUSINESS: none

ROUNDTABLE: none

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 7:52 pm, a motion to adjourn was called by Catherin Garon and seconded by Marisa Ziegler. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Scott