

Parkland Community Advisory Council

November 18, 2010

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David Hein

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Deb Martin

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Melissa Maggioncalda

ATTENDEES : Lisa Hayducek, Benjamin Gullede, Stephanie Hodges, Lisa Lantier, David Hein, Robert Fager, Linda Perlman-McKenna, Deb Martin, Tonya Bruder.

GUESTS : Joseph Hayducek, David Briggs, Wendy Body, Cindy Perosa, Diana Schantz, Dale Reitz.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Mary Braccili, Nicole Mandry, Shital Rane, Lisa Adams, Melissa Grube, Cheryl Smith, Tara Imdorf, Carol Facchiano.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Jack Huang and Eugenia Kim –excused

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Roberta Marcus –excused

ADMINISTRATION: Richard Sniscak-Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Donohue, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by David Hein at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from October 21, 2010 was made by Ben Gullede, and seconded by Stephanie Hodges.

PRESENTATION: Fred J. Jaindl Elementary School Tour

Mr. Richard Sniscak, Assistant Superintendent, welcomed everyone to the Jaindl library. Introductions to Mrs. Diana Schantz, Jaindl's Principal, and to Mr. Dale Reitz, Director of School Services, were made to the group. Attendees were then divided into three groups for a tour of the new building.

Upon returning to the library after the tour, a brief discussion of the new elementary school schedule was held by both Mr. Sniscak and Mrs. Schantz. They explained that children now have one special per day over a four day cycle. In addition, a new forty-five minute period has been built in to each day for literature arts remediation and/or enrichment.

STUDENT REPORT: Jack Huang—Class of 2012, Eugenia Kim—Class of 2011

The student representatives were unable to attend the meeting, but relayed the following report:

The school has become a bustling place for activity as the first quarter of the year draws to a close.

- Debate team had its first competition last week, and Parkland scored 6 wins with 0 losses, the only undefeated team in the league thus far. The resolve at hand was whether the US should enact an open border policy with Canada and Mexico.
- Math League went to Bloomsburg University's annual math competition, and Parkland won 2nd place in the Brainteasers category out of more than 50 high schools.
- The fall play *Noises Off* was a great success, showing live on Parkland's stage and showcasing Parkland's own talented actors and actresses.
- The girls volleyball team won the first District XI Championship in Parkland history, defeating Emmaus for the title.
- National Honor Society Inductions are being held this evening, with students deserving in academics, extracurricular activities, and community service joining the prestigious organization.
- Key Club, in cooperation with the American Red Cross, organized a blood drive at the high school to help save the lives of those in need.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Roberta Marcus

Mrs. Marcus was unable to attend the meeting, but relayed the following report:

The PA House was called back into session and passed the pension reform bill - it has been sent to the Governor for signature by November 27th. Along with this legislation they have created a state Independent Fiscal Office for budget oversight. Governor-elect Corbett is putting together a transition team. Members of both chambers have elected new leadership for the next session.

Parkland S.D. has received the Best Green School District award from the LV Branch of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council.

At our board meeting this week we heard about SAS: Standards Aligned System; Core Curriculum Standards; and Keystones. We acknowledged the National Merit Scholars: 13 Semi Finalists and 15 Commended Finalists as well as a state-level Special Olympics award for "Sports Organization of the Year" given to several students on the girls' soccer team.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Reitz briefly addressed the district's efforts to reduce energy use and the cost of petroleum purchased by the district.

ROUNDTABLE: Everyone expressed their gratitude for the tour of the beautiful new facility.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 8:28 p.m. David Hein called for a motion to adjourn. Deb Martin moved, with Lisa Hayducek seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Maggioncalda