

**Parkland Community Advisory Council**  
**April 17, 2008**

**Co-Presidents**  
Lisa Adams  
Mark Hanichak

**Vice President/Membership**  
Melissa Grube

**Secretary**  
Nicole Mandry

**Attendees:** Cheryl Smith, Tony Grewe, Nicole Mandry, Lisa Adams, Melissa Grube, Ann Segan, Ben Gullledge, Melissa Maggioncalda, Deb Martin, Bob Fager, Cheyo Appel, Daniel Novey, Mark Hanichak

**Guests:** James Franke, Stephanie Franke, Evan Franke, Allyson Haas and family, Hanna Bleznak, Matt Mizuhara, Josie Mizuhara, Meghan Lenahan, Nicholas Mazurek, Denise Mazurek

**Student Representatives:** Michael Goodwin

**School Board Representative:** Roberta Marcus

**Absent/Excused:** Louise Donohue, Joseph Facchiano, Sarah Holko, Thomas Ortman, Shital Rane

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Lisa Adams at 7:02 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion for approval of the November 2007 meeting minutes was waived because printed copies of the March minutes were not provided at the meeting. The minutes had been emailed to members.

**Presentation:** Student Achievement Based on Accepting Responsibility

Dr. Daniel Novey, Assistant Superintendent, introduced students who exemplify student achievement as follows:

- Hannah Bleznak and James Franke – These fifth-grade students are leaders in the Kernsville Elementary School's Random Acts of Kindness Program. They have written commercials, led the lunch program and headed various other initiatives pertaining to the Random Acts of Kindness Program. Other students who are involved, but were unable to attend were: Ibrahim Kheir, Anthony Coates, and Emily Monko.
- Allyson Haas – This fifth-grade student wrote a poem that was published by the Morning Call. She read it to the CAC Committee.

The elementary school students participated in a question and answer session with members of the CAC.

- Adam Warful-Kuhns – This SMS student has moved out of the Parkland School District. Dr. Novey explained that he had organized an effort to send stuffed animals to the children whose houses were damaged or destroyed by the

California wildfires.

- Meghan Lenahan – This eight-grade student attends OMS. She is representative of the many students who worked diligently on the E-Scrap Recycling Drive. They worked the entire weekend demonstrating a tremendous work ethic. Recycling participants commented on their professionalism and politeness. Over 3,000 items were collected. Students also educated the public with information about energy use and raffled two baskets containing over \$200 worth of items which will save over \$600 worth of energy yearly. The students also distributed 2,500 CFL bulbs.

Meghan fielded questions regarding the E-Scrap event and about how she juggles her school work with her activities.

- Nicholas Mazurek – As president of TeenWorks since 2004, this senior exemplifies exceptional student achievement. TeenWorks is an organization with the purpose of providing grants for community service projects throughout the Lehigh Valley. Nicholas was the Parkland High School representative at the Penn State Emerging Leaders Program in 2007; he is the Arts Director for The Parkland Morning News, and student director for the Parkland Trojan Art Gallery.
- Mathew Mizuhara – This senior has participated in many activities such as: National Honor Society, President of the Math Honors Society, Magic Club, Spanish Club, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place honors as Entertainer of the Year. He performed a magic trick to close the segment.

Nicholas and Mathew answered questions from the committee about their future plans and their experiences in Parkland.

**School Board Report:** Roberta Marcus presented the School Board update.

Highlights include:

- The Board is looking to raise the millage about 1 mil.
- The PSD budget is approximately \$126 M, with 11-12% coming from PA state funding and 2% coming from federal funding.
- Budget line items approved were the CLIU, LCCC, and LCTI budgets.
- 2 portables will be purchased for Parkway Manor and Fogelsville.
- Dr. Pricilla D' Annibale, Director of Information Systems, will be retiring.
- PSD, along with 100 other districts, will be opposing the proposed state Graduation Competency Requirement, on the grounds that this would be an unnecessary burden to students and taxpayers.
- Roberta Marcus and Robert Bold are working with representatives to support changes to cyber charter schools funding and regulations. They are currently not regulated.

**Student Representatives Report:** Michael Goodwin presented the Student Report.

Items reported included the following:

- The PSSA for eleventh grade was administered the first week of April. Students were rewarded with a pizza party on the last day.

- The musical, *Les Miserables*, was presented at PHS on April 10-12, and it was a huge success.
- Schools will be closed on April 18 for a professional development day.
- On Saturday, April 19, Charlie Dent will be at PHS to speak at “Academy Day”, an information day for military services.
- On Monday and Tuesday, April 21 and 22, PHS will host Operation Arrive Alive, a reenactment of a mock driving accident involving a DUI situation. A medivac helicopter and funeral service is part of the reenactment. PSD is coordinating with other districts to have their students visit for the presentation.
- Prom tickets cost \$35 (\$60 for students who have not paid their class dues).
- At the end of April, students in eleventh grade will take the Science PSSA.

### **Old Business:**

Lisa Adams requested that nominations for CAC Board candidates be sent in to Diane Foley prior to next month’s meeting.

### **New Business:**

Motion for approval of membership for Cheyo Appel was made by Lisa Adams and seconded by Mark Hanichak. The motion was carried, unopposed.

### **Roundtable:**

Lisa Adams stated that any CAC members needing additional tickets for the graduation ceremony should request them from Dr. Novey. A question was asked about the role of the new administrative position, Dean of Students. Dr. Novey answered that the position is a one year appointment only, and it is designed to assist the 3 elementary schools in the southern part of the district by working with new staff and students, as well as those students who are “making poor choices.” Roberta Marcus reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday in the primary election. Lisa Adams reminded everyone that at the next meeting we will be brainstorming topics for next year’s meetings, as well as voting for the 2008-09 CAC Board members.

### **Motion to adjourn:**

At approximately 8:45 Lisa Adams called for a motion to adjourn. Mark Hanichak moved, with Tony Grewe seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Mandry, Secretary