

# Parkland Community Advisory Council

May 14, 2009

**Co-Presidents**

Nicole Mandry  
Mark Hanichak

**Vice President/Membership**

Melissa Grube

**Secretary**

Lisa Adams

**Attendees :** Stephanie Hodges, David Hein, Melissa Grube, Ann Segan, Lisa Adams, Ismail Kashkoush, Ben Gullledge, Melody Terrano, Deb Martin, Nicole Mandry

**Guests :** Carol Facchiano

**Absent/Excused :** Tony Grewe, Cheryl Smith, Robert Fager

**Student Representatives :** Tyler Coulton and Sarah Holko

**School Board Representative:** Roberta Marcus

**Administration:** Dr. Donohue-Superintendent, Richard Sniscak-Acting Assistant Superintendent

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Nicole Mandry at 6:31 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve Stephanie Hodges, seconded by Deb Martin.

**Election of Officers:** slate of candidates as follows:

Co-Presidents	Nicole Mandry and David Hein
Vice-President	Deb Martin
Secretary	Missy Maggioncaldo

Ballots distributed and collected by Nicole. All candidates confirmed and new officers announced.

**Suggestions of topics for 2009-2010:** Facilitated by Dr. Donohue

There was much discussion with recommendations from all committee members.

The group determined the following topics:

1. Class Rank / G.P.A. System
2. PSSA Pressure / Process
3. Funding for Special Ed Programs / Budget / Mandates
4. Legislative Update—Federal and State
5. Curriculum Update—3 levels
6. New Elementary School Tour
7. Role of School Board
8. Role of Homework / Policy
9. TV Studio / Tour of PHS
10. “Did You Know?” Update
11. Role of Athletics by level / Community / Facilities
12. Role of Superintendent
13. Wellness / Food / Money

### **STUDENT REPORT—Sarah Holko and Tyler Coulton**

- The Prom was held on May 9, 2009. A great time was had by all. The new location is larger than the previous with shuttle buses which were definitely helpful. Post Prom – hypnotist rocked!
- French Honor Society Inductions were recently held.
- Festival of the Arts is currently taking place.
- May 12 – Special Olympics. PHS sent volunteers
- May 155 – AP Tests finish
- Odyssey of the Mind State Finals – 1 Parkland team is going to the World Finals
- PA School Board presentation (PSBA) – Construction & Design Summit. Design a school in a city, focused on “Going Green”. The PSBA asked for at least 1 student team from Parkland and we sent 2, who finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

It was questioned, “What is the Post Prom Party?” Mr. Sniscak explained that it is a safe all-night event for students to attend after the Prom. He also recommended that we check out this week’s Parkland Press for an article about it. Rich talked about the need for sustainable budget funds for the Post Prom – a lot of businesses in this economy have stopped donating. The current budget for Post Prom each year is approximately \$20,000-\$25,000. The Post Prom committee is exploring grant opportunities, but there will also be a new Student Parking fee introduced at PHS this next school year (\$10/semester and \$15/year).

It was noted that anyone in CAC needing PHS graduation tickets should email Diane Foley.

### **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Roberta Marcus**

Roberta graciously abstained from a regular update due to the timing constrictions this evening and everyone trying to get done in time for the Spring Concert.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lisa Adams had requested ahead of time that Rich Sniscak show us the new Frequently Asked Questions (FQA) section on the PHS website. Rich fired up the Polyvision board and demonstrated the new functionality. You can search by topic or by grade level. Roberta also mentioned that there is a current revamping going on of all the elementary schools' websites.

**ROUNDTABLE:** It was questioned when the elementary school re-districting will take place. Dr. Donohue said we will be given updates and responses after this happens during the summer.

It was also questioned whether PSD be affected by Rendell's proposal to consolidate school districts. Dr. Donohue and Mrs. Marcus were not too worried about Parkland being affected. It's mostly smaller school districts under consideration for consolidation. We are the 20<sup>th</sup> largest in PA, and probably will not see any changes.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion to Adjourn: Lisa Adams/David Hein made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm, seconded by Ben Gullede.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Adams, Secretary