

Park City School District – PTO/PTA Community Council

Minutes

May 18, 2015, 1:00 pm

Superintendent: Ember Conley

Council Board: Sara Bresee, Riki Case, Shannon Schemmer, Cindy Vernon, Laurie West, Christie Worthington

PTO/A Presidents: Laurie West, Marilyn Carson, Christie Worthington, Amy Macuga & Kerrie McNeeley, Missy Hilton, Jodi Manwaring & Tara Stocker, Beth Cummings

Updates from PCEF – Abby Funabiki

- RWE
 - Thank you PTOs – for the eBlasts and very grateful for all the teacher-involvement and teacher engagement.
 - Team fundraising - \$105,000 raised. Sponsors - \$75,000 raised. Registration - \$61k (more registrations than ever) - \$241k (prelim) total profit! (Those funds go to school grants).
- PCEF funded programs by type: Abby provided a yearly wrap up: total spent in 14-15 school year: \$1,138,241
 - District grants: \$705,685
 - School grants: \$226,735
 - Teacher Grants: \$53,995
 - Express Grants: \$9,950
 - Challenge Grants: \$21,350
 - Live PC, Give PC: \$33,721
 - Scholarships: \$26,750
 - Restricted programs: \$60,055 (ex. Donors who want to donate an amount to something that exists – a specific donor to a specific project)
 - Abby provided a breakdown by school: (Get Graph) And provided benefits on a per-student basis breakdown. (Get Graph)
- School Grants just announced: Awarded \$150,000 for next years. See www.pcef4kids.org/investment-in-education/school-site-grants for details.
- Author in Residence – Meg Medina
 - YA Author of " Yaki Delgado wants to Kick Your Ass" – portrays in school bullying.
 - She did a great assembly talk for 7th graders at Ecker. Then spoke to an 8th grade writing class at Treasure. Then spoke to a 9-10th grade writing class. Then 8th grade with LIA. Then at PPES she did a filming of herself reading the picturort -e book. She ended the night with a dinner with some LIA students 7th – 12th grade – with students who are interested in creative writing. In short, she was amazing.
 - Thank you Kathy Lanigan for facilitating!!!!
- Action: - Abby made an agreement to meet with each of the incoming PTO presidents to discuss possible funding conflicts and sort out R&R.
- PCEF dates for next year
 - August 17 - 21, 2015 - PCEF School Registration Fundraising
 - September 12, 2015 - PCEF Red Apple Gala

- September 15, 2015 - PCEF Author in Residence - Daniel James Brown
- September 16 - 30, 2015 - PCEF Beat the Call
- October 30, 2015 - PCEF Teacher Grants Due
- November 6, 2015 - Live PC Give PC

Updates from the District – Ember Conley

- Grade Realignment: approved by a 5-0 vote: PK-4th, 5-6, 7-8, 9th – 12th (back into the High School)
- For Reading Aides – and reading programs at the elementary – PC will focus on filling the gaps.
 - We'll provide some clear reading (English Language Arts) standards and goals for our teachers. We have significant work to do with curriculum maps. We are about 10 years behind in our curriculum.
 - We will change our model for Reading Aides. We will no longer pull kids out for reading. Kids will be supported in the classroom. We'll have the most experienced teachers work with our most intensive-needs kids.
 - 2015-2016 will be a transition year. Significant teacher training will take place.
 - 2016-2017 we will have no reading aides. Money saved there will go towards all-day kindergarten.
 - Q: How do you increase learning outcomes with less staff?
 - A: We need to retrain our teachers against the new learning standards and give the teachers the ability to pull small groups (based on our data-based tools) and keep them in the classroom, and keep them on track.
 - Also of note – whether we like it or not, here comes Senate bill 64 – will dictate that the teachers be responsible for all students in their classrooms. So this is one step of many to align and prepare the teachers and administrative staff for this change.
- Dual Language Immersion at Ecker
 - we have some shifts in the 50-50 support at the 6th grade level
 - We're following the state model for 6th grade in a secondary
 - Rumor is there is great change coming. This is NOT TRUE. There are some challenges we are trying to overcome
 - We have the teachers. Staffing is not the problem.
 - The problem is the skew of DLI average class size to standard English class sizes because DLI enrollment is so much less than non-DLI enrollment.
 - Projecting current enrollment to 2018-2019, we would have an average of 30+ kids in no-DLI classes.
 - So we're working through cost issues and challenges to get class sizes reoriented.
 - Having a 5/6 school helps resolve this issue because it changes the 84-minute class schedule challenges.
 - What happens now?
 - Honors 3 DLI and social studies – provided now in Spanish. Will have it in French when the French students arrive.
 - Next year – first group of DLI studies moving on to 7th grade, DLI Honors 3 in Spanish, plus a brand new course called DLI Culture and Media. The class is intended to be taught in 7th and 8th grade.
 - The state model is to have DLI be treated as an elective in the upper grades.
- Master Planning
 - We have two building priorities:
 - 5-6th building (location to be determined)

- And 9th grade into the high school.
- The district is holding ~\$19M in funds. And then we will move to bonding. With the \$19M we likely could get going on the 5-6th building.
- Schools at Capacity: High School is at Capacity. Trailside will likely bring in supplemental space next year
- Bonding
 - Once we make the decision to go for the bond, the school board and school cannot 'campaign' for it. We will need the support of PTO/As, parents, etc. to get the word out about the need for the bond, what it is, what it includes, timeframe, etc.
 - We have two board meetings in June: June 2 and June 16. The goal is by June 16 – to say yes or no. Then we have very specific public notices – which will fall during that first week of August.
 - Master Planning committee will provide a set of information.
- We need to gear up for information sharing, which will come to a vote in the November general election. So we will need help in the FALL.
- Q: What was the last time the high school was remodeled? And didn't it go over budget drastically? What was included? A: finished in 2009. The back of the school was never completed – the music rooms, the gym, more.

Learning from Each Other – PTO/A Representatives

- Directory Spot – currently used by JRES, TSES and EHMS. Next year also PPES, TMJH and PCHS. MPES??
- Team had a discussion about items for next year. What impact to the PTOs if we add a new 5th-6th.
- Consider adding a Weileman and PC Day school to this district-level forum.
- All PTO/As have full boards at the school. District board: need to fill vacancies.
- Recap for each school – what went well? what would you change?
 - JRES
 - included kids in RWE, increased teacher participation as well
 - Alison Watkins ran MIA. Great job!
 - MPES
 - PPES
 - Established an official grant process – for teachers to request items. Laurie West gave us good insight into this process. She is a great resource.
 - Have EVA for art now, but still doing MIA 3x a year when teachers have subs. Allows for parents to still be involved.
 - TSES
 - We tried a Scripps gift card fund raiser. Bad – poor process.
 - Included jpgs for advertising in eblasts to pay for Directory Spot. It was \$25. It raised \$600-ish this year. For vendors putting their name at the bottom of our list.
 - EHMS
 - Remember for fall festivals, there are a few tasks like reserving buses and attractions that need to take place about 6 months in advance.
 - TMJH
 - Spelling Bee was great for the lower schools. But for Treasure, we had 2 or 3 kids participate. Couldn't get teachers to put the word out. Weileman had a huge set of kids participate at that level.

- PCHS
 - PCHS PTSO had a great year! All Board and Chair positions were filled for the year (and our Board is filled for next year).
 - Our committees ranged from providing support to teachers via teacher grants, conference meals & teacher appreciation.
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 - For students, PTSO provided snacks to students during AP testing, quarterly honor roll treats, plus Docudrama - which is a staged, live auto crash scene every May and a Grad Night committee which provides a fun graduation evening at Jupiter Bowl for seniors. PTSO funded 4 scholarships and also donated money this year to offset AP testing fees.

2015-2016 School Year

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Note: PTO/A presidents are assumed to be their school's representative at the district PTO/A meetings, unless they designate someone else.