

MINUTES

Superintendent: Ember Conley

Council Board: Riki Case, Ben Ling, Heidi Hewitt, Shannon Schemmer , Belinda Adams

present: Tania Knauer, Julie Eihausen, Julianne Carone, Ka Burnz, Heidi Hewitt, BariNan Rothchild, Sarah Smyth, Kellee Shea, Suzanne Vandenberg, Angie Brown, Kari Talbott, Riki Case, Ben Ling, Shannon Schemmer, Ember Conley, Christie Worthington, Meghan Lucka, Jen Billow, Sara Hutchinson

PTO/A Presidents:

	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
PCHS	Julianne Rosen-Carone	Pam Woll
TMJH	Kaz Burnz	Ericha Oberg
EHMS	Heidi Hewitt	Brandy Rasmussen
JRES	BariNan Rothchild, Sarah Smyth	Kerrie McNeeley , BariNan Rothchild
TSES	Kellee Shea	Kellee Shea
PPES	Suzanne Vandenberg, Angie Brown	Shelly Barratt, Suzanne Vandenberg
MPES	Kari Talbott	Kari Talbott, Sabina Gobba

Meetings for 2016-2017: Mondays, time: 12:30 pm at the DO; Sept 19, Nov 7, Jan 30 (was originally Jan 23), March 13, May 15

**PCEF**

- PCEF Overview, Beat the Call update – Jen Billow
  - \$1.3M was put into the district last year
  - Beat the Call is the campaign going on right now, which is about participation, not the amount raised. It's a 2 week effort. Last year we had 40% participation. The class with the most participation gets a party sponsored by a local pizza establishment.
  - Some people wait to donate to PCEF until Running with Ed. By the end of the school year we had about 50% participation last year.
  - New PCEF staff: Sapphire Liu - development specialist, Wendy Kohn - special events
- Grants – Sara Hutchinson
  - signature grants are funded every year
  - Oct 31 - deadline for teacher grant applications. A donor gave \$20k, so this year PCEF can give out \$75k.
  - A donor gave \$300k to support the coding effort for 1st-3rd grade.

**District Updates – Ember Conley**

- School Start Times
  - the district is testing bus runs now and will continue to do so in the winter to see what routes/times are feasible
  - they're looking at the effect of after school programs and facility use; e.g. the TMJH gym being used by the community
  - they're talking to the U of U Policy Center to help with the planning

- they're anticipating 3 start times
- Master Planning
  - current focus is on the HS expansion to move the 9th grade back in, hopefully by 2018
  - focusing on needs assessment and programming needs right now
  - the plan is to have options presented to the school board in December, then put it out to the community for feedback, and in March make a recommendation to the school board
  - one thing that might be worth exploring is running the HS like a college, where teachers don't have an assigned room. This would allow us to use the rooms better. The new HS in Davis is run this way. Teachers at PCHS are resistant to this idea.
- Overcrowding at Ecker and TMJH
  - EHMS is doing okay
  - TMJH has overcrowding. We projected an increase and added FTE (full time employees) accordingly, but there are still about 60 more kids than anticipated.
  - some classes at TMJH are very large: AP Geography 32-34, US History 33, PE 39
  - An option is to buy out teachers' prep periods so they teach during that time instead, but that can make them less effective teachers
- Resilience – teaching perseverance and grit
  - A series of events are planned around this effort
  - Oct 25 - community screening of "Resilience", which is a sequel to "Paper Tigers", focuses on support for kids exposed to trauma
  - Sept 29 - screening of "Chasing the Dragon" - this is the "clean" version. This is a very graphic film about drug abuse
  - Safe Utah App - this app has been rolled out to students and we see it being used. Kids can report to the school principal anonymously and also reach counselors.
- Adventure Bites – 15 to Clean
  - This effort is going well. Molly Miller was going to give an update but she is out sick.

### **PCSD PTO Administrative Updates**

- Google Drive public folder – contact info, 501.c.3 letter, articles of incorporation, bylaws
  - this folder is available to all the schools, but not the world. Riki will resend a link to everyone
- Taxes
  - 2014-2015 is done. Everyone has sent it the necessary info for 2015-2016 and that tax return is being prepared now.
- IRS issue
  - The IRS is stating they don't have a record of our Group number, although we have had it for over 10 years and we have communication from the IRS where they reference this number.
  - We are NOT in possession of the IRS letter of declaration indicating that the PCSD PTO has the authority to be a parent organization with subordinates. Therefore we may have to reapply for this. Heidi warned that this might take a long time.

- We ARE in possession of the IRS letter of declaration showing that the PCSD PTO has 501(c)3 status. Riki has submitted this and other documentation to the IRS over a month ago and not heard back.
- Our electronic tax filing was rejected, so we filed a paper return. We will do this for 2015-2016 also.
- Riki is continuing to work on this issue.
- All schools need to complete the review of their programs and have it on file at their school. Riki will resend the form that needs to be used.
- Infosnap deadline - October 15 – deadline for each school to get their InfoSnap updates to the district. Contact is Patti Shirey [pshirey@pcschools.us](mailto:pshirey@pcschools.us)
  - Riki to get back with Patti to find out why this deadline is so early. We can't say now what we would want next year.
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### **School Updates**

- JRES
  - FFF is this Friday, Sept 23. Student volunteers are needed
  - Playworks Utah gave a presentation to the JRES PTO. They teach communication, conflict resolution etc. through play. Other elementary schools are invited to check out their website and see if they're interested and then possibly have a group meeting with Playworks Utah. Implementing this at all four elementary schools would provide consistent teaching across our elementary population.  
<http://www.playworks.org/communities/utah>