

PCS Parent & Family Group (PG) Minutes

Wednesday, February 08, 2023 8:30 AM

Attendance: 5 Virtual: 2

1) Report from Principals

- a) Maria presented on family engagement & engaged in a lively discussion
- b) Discuss Title I Parent & Family / School Compact (Distribute School Diversity/Climate Compact)
- c) Discuss Parent & Family Engagement Policy (Distribute School Diversity/Climate Compact)
- d) Discuss Title I, II and IV : I: II: Professional Development (\$10,000), IV: Well rounded education (\$10,000)
- e) Discussion of types of events:
 - i) Social vs educational/informative and ways to build community
 - ii) Highlighted upcoming ADHD informational event by adding in social dessert & coffee beforehand
 - iii) End of year event was highly attended last year
 - iv) Art show or maker market proposed (kids have done this before with fundraisers)

2) Treasurer's Report (Meghan Karn)

- a) Current balance: \$9,317.94
- b) \$229.84 was given to the Art Department for their portion of the proceeds from the Original Works sale
- c) \$183.68 was given to PBIS (Behavioral program at the school) for their portion of the proceeds from the spirit wear sale
- d) Awaiting school admin approval to purchase barriers and deck box for expanded blacktop recess space (via outdoor exercise & wellness committee)

3) Upcoming Fundraisers & Events

- a) Scholastic Book Fair: Feb 27 - Mar 3:
 - i) Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#)
 - ii) E-wallets info will be sent out
- b) Spring Flower Sale - tentative date May 18th
- c) Zroni- 2 sales coming up.
 - i) March: orders due: March 6th orders arrive: March 20th
 - ii) May: these will benefit the Parent Group and 8th Grade graduation

4) **Name of group clarification:** Legally, the group name is **PCS Parent Group** so if checks are written please use this name

5) Committee Reports: (3 min each)

a) Parent-Staff Liaison (Brad Kriel)

- i) No PCS board meeting in January
 - Next meeting: Tue 2/14/2023 @ 6pm (2nd Tuesday of month) - ALL ARE WELCOME
- ii) Natalie Greene also volunteered for this and attended the PCS Wellness Committee mtg & PCS Climate/Diversity meetings
- iii) Some parents would like more fun and social events, not just informational, for both the Parent Group and Family Engagement

- iv) This committee is in need of 2 more members
- v) For more info, contact Parent Group at pcsparentgroup@gmail.com

b) Uniform Closet (Ellen Lyons)

- i) Need based:
 - Staff: currently open and available for staff anytime for identified need
 - Families: will be open to families upon request using a Google form; requests will be processed monthly, and we will do our best to fulfill them, but may make color substitutions if necessary
- ii) Currently supply:
 - Well stocked in sizes 6-18 short sleeve polos and pants
 - Moderate supply of other items, but can't guarantee we have every size or color of each item
 - Limited supply of skorts, long sleeve polos, sweaters and spirit wear
- iii) Donations accepted: all gently used uniform pieces, new socks and new underwear
- iv) A huge thanks goes out to Meghan Karn, Natalie Greene and D'Etta Kriel who spent an entire day cleaning and sorting the closet!!
- v) For more info about uniform closet, contact Ellen Lyons at ellen.lyons@gmail.com

c) Communications (Sallie Richards)

- i) PCS Parent Group Website is up on the PCS Website:
[PCS Parent Group - Provident Charter School - Designed for Children With Dyslexia](#)
 - Website is a parent hub and dynamic resource to get general info, get updates on activities and volunteer opportunities and connect with the parent group
 - A huge thanks to the school for housing the page and to Ms. Bilitski for getting it up and running
- ii) February PCS Parent Group Newsletter:
 - Will provide upcoming monthly snapshot of parent and PG information
 - Methods of distribution: digital copy [here](#) and hard copy newsletter provided to teachers and students
 - For more info, contact Parent Group at pcsparentgroup@gmail.com

d) Outside Wellness & Exercise (Natalie Greene)

- i) Current expanded recess blacktop space proposal
 - Natalie submitted proposal request to Maria P. on behalf of the committee and PG board for repurposing the large general parking lot into play space during daily blacktop recess to allow for more healthy outdoor physical activity, games and free play for more students
 - PG board needs approval from school admin to:
 1. Temporarily readjust the parking lot area when in use as expanded recess blacktop space
 2. Purchase the movable barriers to divide the parking lot when in use (while still allowing some spaces for parking) and to purchase a deck box with lock to secure the equipment when not in use
 3. Provide increased staff coverage for the larger outdoor recess space
 4. Invite parent/family volunteers with clearances to assist with lunch and recess coverage via GoogleForm to recruit and schedule parents and family members
 - Maria will review and get back to Natalie

- ii) Additional recess/sports equipment:
 - PCS recently purchased 24 balls recess
 - Discussion and varied ideas proposed of portable basketball hoops and balls v. how to protect and prevent breaking of windows
- iii) Pitt OT Capstone project involves recess/outdoor activities; Natalie can follow up to get more details about it.
- iv) For more info, contact Natalie Greene: natalie.r.greene@gmail.com

6) Volunteers Needed:

- a) 8th grade graduation committee: Ideally 5th & 6th grade families.
- b) Teacher appreciation Chair & Co-Chair needed! 2 volunteered, need more. Date in process-events will not be on the official date due to testing.
- c) TKD Tournament Concessions: Sat Apr 1st
 - i) Chair: Amy L. and Co-chair needed
 - ii) All events will be on Saturday April 1st this year, including team Storm
 - iii) Sign ups to volunteer at the concession stand will be coming
 - iv) Jamie Druga has offered to organize raffle baskets from local businesses at the tournament, including: Oakmont Bakery, Fun Slides, Texas, Home Depot, Giant Eagle, Frosty Coupons (& more coming)
 - v) Discussion of other ideas & # of baskets/themes etc. and tangible items for those from out of town just visiting for the TKD tournament
- d) For more info or to volunteer, contact pcsparentgroup@gmail.com

7) Group Discussion:

- a) Potential Fundraisers:
 - i) Smelly pencils & candy grams (Jamie D)
 - ii) Ongoing on-line store (Rachel)
- b) Communication within school:
 - i) Admin will advertise clothing closet for school staff
 - ii) Donation box will be out to collect gently used uniforms during P/T conferences
 - iii) Request for Remind as a communication tool
 - iv) Brainstorming for ways to reach out amongst PCS families directly & directory discussion
- c) [Family Engagements events:](#)
 - i) Highlighted event: [“ADHD: What is It & How to Help in the Classroom with Dr. Cheryl Chase”](#) (registration is now open)

8) Other important dates/events to mark on you calendar:

Mar 26: School Musical (2 performances – TBD) @ Masonic Center in North Hills
 Mar 31: Career Day for parents to come into school - It is also a half day
 Field Day June 5th- will need parent volunteers

9) Family Group Dates (Second Wednesday of the month):

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (Evening - virtual - 6:00 PM)
 Wednesday, April 12, 2023 (Breakfast - @PCS - 8:30 AM)
 Wednesday, May 10, 2023 (Evening - virtual - 6:00 PM)

Events Calendar			
KEY:	PG Meetings	NEED VOLUNTEERS	May Need Volunteers
Date	Time	Event	Location
Tue 2/14	6:00 PM	PCS Board Mtg	PCS
Thu 2/23	6-7:30 PM	Learn Through Play	PCS
Sun 2/26-Fri 3/3	All day	Scholastic Book Fair	PCS
Wed 3/1 or Thu 3/2	4-6 PM	Evening Book Fair & Social	PCS
Mon 3/6		Zroni Orders Due	Online
Wed 3/8	6-7 PM	PG Monthly Mtg	Virtual
Thu 3/16	6-6:30 PM	Coffee & dessert social	PCS
Thu 3/16	6:30-8:30 PM	ADHD: What it is and how to help in the classroom w/Dr. Cheryl Chase	PCS & Virtual
Mon 3/20		Zroni Delivery	PCS
Thu 3/23	5-7 PM	Family Paint Night	PCS
Sun 3/26	TBA	School Musical (2 performances)	Masonic Center, North Hills
Fri 3/31	8-11:30 AM	Career Day -- Parents WELCOME!	PCS
Sat 4/1		TKD Tournament Concessions	PCS
Wed 4/12	8:30-9:30 AM	PG Monthly Mtg w/Breakfast!	PCS
Sat 4/15	5-7 PM	"Preparing for School After PCS" Spaghetti Dinner Event for Gr 5-8	PCS
Mon 5/8 - Fri 5/12		Teacher Appreciation Week	PCS
Wed 5/10	6-7 PM	PG Monthly Meeting	Virtual
Tue 5/16		PA Higher Education Summit	PaTTAN, Harrisburg
Tue 5/16	6-8 PM	Dyslexia Simulation	PCS
Thu 5/18		Spring Flower Sale	PCS
Thu 5/25	5:30-7 PM	Family Trivia Night	PCS
Thu 6/1	6-8 PM	End of Year Celebration	PCS
Mon 6/5	All day	Field Day	PCS
JUNE		8th Grade Grad Committee	PCS

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Teacher Appreciation	OPEN	
Fundraising & Events	OPEN	
8th Grade Graduation	OPEN	