

P-CCS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 28, 2018

2018-2019 Officers

President:	Beverly Chetty	Corresponding Secretary:	
Vice President:	Angie Guerin	Membership Coordinator:	Judy Hart
Recording Secretary:	Julie Ealovega		

Representatives

Bentley:	Michael Greene	Discovery:	Andrea Schultz
Bird:	Amanda Krinke	East:	Meena Saravanan, Swathi Bangera
Dodson:		Liberty:	Michael Greene
Eriksson:		Pioneer:	Aamina Ahmed, Betsy Burger
Farrand:	Lisa Madden, Becky Krupa	West:	Lisa Madden, Laura Anne VanSickle, Pam Cornell-Allen
Field:			
Gallimore:		Canton:	Gina Thibault, Swathi Bangera, Angie Guerin
Hoben:		Plymouth:	
Hulsing:		Salem:	Aamina Ahmed, Cathy Vredevelde, Becky Krupa
Isbister:	Pam Cornell-Allen	PCEP:	Radhika Murali, Meena Saravanan
Miller:	Andrea Schultz		
Smith:	Laura Anne VanSickle		
Tonda:	Betsy Burger		
Workman:		EEF:	Gretchen Ward

School Administration: Monica Merritt, Nick Brandon and Deborah Piesz

Guests: Karen Palgut and Gail Greiger

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Chetty at 9:33 am.

- Attendance/Roll call was taken by sign in sheet.
- Old Business: Corresponding Secretary position is still open. Looking for nominations. Angie Guerin and Beverly Chetty will switch positions due to personal reasons. Voting will be at October meeting.
- P-CCS Clothing Bank - Karen Palgut – The Clothing Bank was founded by Flossy Tonda in 1975. She also founded Parent Council in the 1970's. They are in need of clothes for elementary students (boys & girls), underwear size large women and size large and extra-large men's boxers, and adult socks. High schoolers wear adult sizes. Socks and underwear need to be new. Most of the Clothing Bank's funds cover the cost of socks and underwear. You can now donate funds online through EEF. Go to EEFforkids.org, click on the donation button and then click clothing bank. They also need volunteers to go through clothes. They keep about 25% of donated clothes, because they are not clean or not school appropriate. Please have your school wash the Lost and Found items before they are donated to the Clothing Bank. The Clothing Bank is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 am. You just can't come to the Clothing Bank. You must be referred by a teacher, principal or other organizations like 1st Step.
- PARC Millage Proposal – Gail Greiger, Executive Director – Nick Brandon reminded Parent Council that the PARC is directly connected to P-CCS and is a great partner. Gail Greiger is educating Plymouth residents about the proposal before the November 6 election. PARC is a place you can have fun with your family and come together with your community to preserve the past and create a future. The PARC leases space to groups that run their own programs. PARC does run the open gym time and pool programs. The proposal is 7.5 mills over 20 years to renovate the building and build a theater. It's about \$10/month on a \$300,000 taxable value home. None of this money will go to the running of the PARC. The millage will need 50% or more yes vote from Plymouth City AND 50% or more yes vote from Plymouth Township in order to pass. If the millage doesn't pass the building will be boarded up until sold. The funds from the sale will be donated to charities. At this time, \$50,000 is left to be paid to P-CCS School District for the sale of the property.

- P-CCS Finance Policies/Changes for PTO's – Debbie Piesz, P-CCS Chief Finance and Operations Officer – She spent 17 years at Plante Moran, then in 2002, she worked for Birmingham Public School District until this July when she started at P-CCS. Due to a change by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement #84 that established new criteria for state and local fiduciary (cash handling) activities. Government entities like P-CCS and EEF a 501(c)3 can no longer control funds for PTO's and Booster Clubs. EEF is helping their PTO and Booster Club's transition out of the EEF. It will be up to each PTO or Booster Club to decide if they want to get 501(c)3 status if they don't already have it. P-CCS will not monitor PTO or Booster Clubs. All groups are responsible to IRS guidelines. The P-CCS Booster Handbook is available on the district website under the parent tab. It is a great resource. Debbie gave a few cash handling tips that all groups should use. 1. All funds should stay at school in a safe if they can't be deposited into the bank the same day. 2. All funds should never be taken home. 3. The person who reconciles the bank accounts should not be the person who counts the money. 4. 2 people should count the money and sign the envelope agreeing to its contents. All envelopes should be kept and attached to bank receipt. 5. PTO/Booster Clubs should have insurance to protect board members from being sued personally. 6. PTO/Booster Clubs should have an insurance rider when using inflatables at events.
- Education Excellence Foundation (EEF) – Gretchen Ward, Executive Director – Showed a new EEF video. EEF gives funds so students have a learning experience above the basics. The Showcase of Grants is Oct 24 from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Plymouth Cultural Center. It's an open house style event so please come see the teachers show off how the grant money was used in their classroom. There are 3 grant cycles: Summer, Fall, and Winter. The summer grant cycle gave about \$20,000 to P-CCS classrooms. The EEF website was redesigned. It highlights all the exceptional things our teachers do.
- P-CCS Communications Update – Nick Brandon, P-CCS Executive Director of Communications and Marketing – Please promote the bi-weekly district newsletter. On the next Moments with Monica she will talk with the new Safety Director. Showed an LPT Podcasts. They are about 3 minutes. School Board subcommittee applications are due today.
- Superintendent Update: Monica Merritt, P-CCS Superintendent – The school year is off to a great start. Enrollment is up. A lot of representatives attended Monica's coffee and the SEPAC meeting, so she took questions instead of repeating the information they heard at the other events.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 26, at 9:30 am. There being no further business, Cathy Vredevelde made a motion to adjourn and Swathi Bangera seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Guerin
Vice President

Resources:

Educational Excellence Foundation: <http://eeforkids.org/>

EEF email address: eef@pccsmail.net

PCCS Clothing Bank: pccsclothingbank@gmail.com or 734-416-6179

PARC Millage Proposal: plymouthparcproject.com

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