

**PCCS Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
February 28, 2020**

**2019-2020 Parent Council Board Officers**

**President:** Judy Hart

**Vice President:** Pam Cornell-Allen

**Membership Coordinator:** Andrea Schultz

**Recording Secretary:** Betsy Burger

**Corresponding Secretary:** Sofia Saleem

**School Representatives**

Bentley: present

Bird:

Dodson: present

Eriksson:

Farrand: present

Field: present

Gallimore: present

Hoben:

Hulsing: present

Isbister: present

Miller: present

Smith:

Tonda: present

Workman: present

Discovery: present

East: present

Liberty: present

Pioneer: present

West: present

Canton HS: present

Plymouth HS: present

Salem HS:

Starkweather:

School Administration: Nick Brandon, Executive Director of Comm. & Marketing

Monica Merritt, PCCS Superintendent of Schools

Guest Speakers: Dr. Andrew Steinman, Assoc. Director- Integrated Technology Systems

Anthony Ruela, Executive Director for Middle Schools, Data, and School Improvement-  
Standardized Testing - Uses, Changes and What We Should Know

The meeting was called to order by President, Judy Hart at 9:33am.

- Attendance was taken by Recording Secretary, Betsy Burger
- Andrea Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes from January 31, 2020; Melissa Burnham seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

**Speakers:**

**Andrew Steinman** - Associate Director of Integrated Technology Systems

- "One to One Program" - how these devices are managed
- "Summer Take Home Program" - students keep device over the summer
- District Vision: P-CSS will deliver an innovative educational experience
- For more information, contact [technology@pccsk12.com](mailto:technology@pccsk12.com)

## **TPACK: Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge**

- Michigan Academic Standards
- Michigan Integrated Technology Competencies for Students
- ISTE Standards for Students

## **Triple E Framework: How we integrate technology**

- Extend Learning
- Enhance Learning
- Engage Learning

## **Elementary Classroom Technology**

- Interactive Flat Panels (IFP)
- Document Cameras
- Audio Enhancement
- STEM/Maker Technology - available to all students

## **Elementary Student Devices**

- iPads (K-2 grade Classrooms)
- Touchscreen Chromebooks (3-5 grade classrooms) - option to take home
- iPad cart
- Touchscreen chromebook cart/lab

## **Technology Integration Showcase - Elementary School**

- Through coding, students are able to show mastery of problem-solving skills, known as computational thinking
  - This involves breaking larger tasks into a logical sequence of smaller steps, diagnosing errors, and coming up with new approaches when necessary.
  - Public and corporate partnerships and grants via Bosch and EEf are critical to support this work

## **Middle and High School Technology**

- Interactive Flat Panels (IFP)
- Document Cameras
- Audio Enhancement
- Several Specialty Classes and Labs

## **Secondary Student Devices**

- Non-touch Chromebooks (grades 6-12)
- Bring your own device (BYOD)
  - Encourages any device that can run Chrome browser
  - Greater bandwidth is available on the students network vs. guest network

## **Future Technology for P-CCS**

- Much of the technology shared today was able to be purchased thanks to the community's support of the 2013 bond.

- If the 2020 bond passes, we will be able to provide upgrades to current technologies, as well as, provide new and innovative technologies and opportunities to our students.
- Technology:
  - Classroom Technology Upgrades
  - Student Devices Refresh
  - Innovative Technologies
  - Interactive Flat Panel (IFP) Refresh
  - Projector Refresh at Secondary Schools
  - Rewire classroom Cable Systems (HDMI, ethernet)
  - Staff Devices Refresh
  - Copiers and Printers Refresh
  - Scanners Refresh
  - Document Cameras Refresh
  - Public Address Systems Upgrades
  - Video Announcement/Distribution System Refresh
  - Access Point (AP) Refresh
  - Building Server Refresh
  - Network Switches Refresh
  - Firewall, SAM Storage Refresh
  - UPS Battery Replacements
  - Install infrastructure and equipment related to building additions and renovations

**Anthony Ruela** - Executive for Middle Schools, Data and School Improvement - Standardized Testing

- Uses, Changes, and What We Should Know
- Participants will understand:
  - The difference between the various types of assessments of P-CCS
  - The similarities and differences between proficiency, achievement, and growth data
  - How internal and external assessments fit into the broader balanced assessment program at P-CCS

**Assessment Types:**

- Summative - Measure what students know and are able to do at the end of an instructional period
- Interim - Provide real-time information about a student's continuum of learning and growth trajectory
- Formative - Assessment for learning

**Types of Performance Assessed:**

**Proficiency:**

- Measure of whether a student has demonstrated a pre-set level of mastery of specific content
- Criterion-Referenced - cut score
  - Examples:
    - M-STEP
    - Advanced Placement exam
    - Classroom exams
- Reported as:
  - Levels of proficiency based upon a cut score

**Achievement:**

- Measure of how much a student knows of a range of content
- Norm Referenced
  - Examples:
    - NWEA
    - PSAT
    - SAT
    - WorkKeys
    - WIDA
- Reported as:
  - Scaled Score
  - Percentile Ranking

**Growth:**

- Difference in academic achievement between two points
  - Examples:
    - M-STEP Student Growth Percentile
    - NWEA Conditional Growth Index
- Reported as:
  - Scaled Score
  - Percentile Ranking - norm referenced

For more information, please see the district website for the full presentation or contact [anthony.ruela@pccsk12.com](mailto:anthony.ruela@pccsk12.com)

**District Update:**

**Ms. Monica Merritt, P-CCS Superintendent of Schools**

- Ms. Merritt said she is proud of our students and how they are prepared. She wants our parents and students to be proud of our facilities. She is encouraging everyone to vote on March 10th. \*\*turn the ballot over, this proposal is on the back side of the ballot.
  - On March 10, voters in the PCCS communities will be asked to consider a bond proposal for facility and site improvements, enhancing learning spaces through both remodeling and building, and upgrading technology throughout the district.

- An estimated ZERO INCREASE to the current annual debt millage rate. If the bond proposal is approved by the voters it is estimated that the annual debt millage required to repay the District's outstanding and the proposed bonds will remain at or below the current debt millage rate of 4.02 mills.
- For more information or to see the list of 'Frequently Asked Questions', see the district website main page and click on "2020 Bond Proposal"
- Coronavirus concerns were discussed and Ms. Merritt said that the district is actively involved at State and County levels
  - She advised that we remind students to wash their hands often and we keep our children home when they are sick and have a fever
  - Deep cleaning is currently done and "Clorox 360 Machines" are used
  - An email will be sent out the first week of March with more communication
- As announced earlier, there will be NO boundary changes for the 20/21 school year
- Schools of Choice - limited to 250 seats for K-8 grade
  - Application window begins March 12 for "out of district" students
  - Intradistrict students, wanting to apply to choose a different school, can do so beginning on March 11

**Nick Brandon**, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing

- The Budget Feedback Survey is in the Newsletter, please take this survey! "Celebrating 190 years of P-CCS" The district newsletter is posted on the website and facebook page. Check out the Podcasts!

**Miscellaneous:**

Melissa Burnham, parent, spoke about the P-CEP Graduation Vendor Fair at Salem Cafeteria on Saturday, March 7 from 11am-2pm in the Salem HS Cafeteria.

This is a great opportunity for families of our graduating Seniors regarding parties, supplies, signs, balloons, rental companies, and all other supplies for Grad. parties.

Email [pcepgradvendorfair@gmail.com](mailto:pcepgradvendorfair@gmail.com) for more information

P-CCS Parent Council is taking nominations for Board positions. Elections will be held on Friday, April 24th, during the meeting from 9:30-11:30am.

**Reminders:**

- March 10, Tuesday - NO SCHOOL (K-12)
- March 11, Wednesday - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL (K-12)
- EEF's biggest fundraiser is "Uncorked" - a Wine Tasting and Strolling Dinner. This year will be the 10th Anniversary. It will be held on Friday, April 24th from 7-9:30pm. Tickets will be available soon.

With no further business, Andrea Schultz made a motion to adjourn and Julie Ealovega seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57am.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 27 at 9:30am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Burger  
Recording Secretary  
P-CCS Parent Council

*P-CCS Parent Council comes together once a month to engage parents within the district to discuss important topics, advocate for parents, students and schools, and provide a forum for open communication with P-CCS administration and fellow parents of the district.*