

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
P-CCS PARENT COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2022

The P-CCS Parent Council of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools met at the Board Office (454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI) in a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 25th, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was recorded and will be posted on the district's P-CCS Official YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCrmvPI7A1k6jPVlRrWQSxoA>.

President Judy Hart called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Board Member(s) Present: Judy Hart, President; Pam Cornell-Allen, Vice President; Antoinette Jackson, Membership Coordinator; Andrea Schultz, Recording Secretary
Board Member(s) Excused: Ann-Marie Gerrity, Corresponding Secretary

Administrators Present:

Dr. Monica L. Merritt, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Nicholas Brandon, Executive Director of Marketing & Communications

School Representatives:

Bentley ES:		Discovery MS:	Present
Bird ES:		East MS:	
Dodson ES:	Present	Liberty MS:	Present
Eriksson ES:		Pioneer MS:	Present
Farrand ES:		West MS:	Present
Field ES:	Present		
Gallimore ES:		Canton HS:	Present
Hoban ES:		Plymouth HS:	Present
Hulsing ES:	Present	Salem HS:	Present
Isbister ES:		Starkweather HS:	
Miller ES:			
Smith ES:		Allen Early Learning:	
Tonda ES:		Virtual Academy (K-8):	
Workman ES:		Virtual Academy (HS):	

Approval of Old Minutes: February meeting minutes will be posted on the district's website, Parent Council page, for review. Motion to approve by A. Schultz; second by A. Jackson. Approved 4-0.

Old Business:

Motion to extend nominations for officer elections one more month; vote in May for officer elections; Motion by A. Jackson; second by P. Cornell-Allen. Approved 4-0.

Celebrating P-CEP Achievements:

P-CEP Senior Graduation, End of the Year - Cheri Steckel, Principal, PHS

Ms. Steckel has 5 daughters, one of which graduated from the district via drive-thru in 2020. This year the graduation ceremony is back at EMU, June 12th: 11 am SHS, 2 pm PHS, 5 pm CHS. Decision day, to celebrate post-secondary plans, will be in early May. Honors Convocation for seniors will be in the Salem Auditorium May 17-19. Senior checkout, "the business side of graduation" is June 1st. At checkout, Seniors will receive graduation tickets, are served breakfast, take pictures, take pictures with staff, verify credits, and turn in books. Additional tickets are \$7 each from EMU.

Prom is June 2nd for all three schools at Suburban Showcase in Novi. After the graduation ceremony is the Senior Party on June 16th from 3 pm to 7/8 pm. It is a parent planned event. Last year it was outside on the P-CEP campus. All three schools celebrate together.

Final exams for Seniors are 2 days prior to checkout. The last day for seniors is May 31st. The last day for lower classmen is June 15th.

Lightning Robotics Program - Jay Obsniuk, Lead Teacher, CHS

Robotics just had states/world competitions, two weeks in a row. They just got back from Houston, TX. Mr. Obsuniuk started the Robotics club in 1989. There are now over 200 people in the club. There are 9 subgroups in the club, including design, programming, fabrication, electrical, strategy, newsletter, marketing, awards, and communication. The club won the world championship Entrepreneur Award, out of 450 teams, for their business plan. It was all done by students. Each year former students

come back and help out. The club is year-round. They just finished up with competition season. Summer is the off-season for planning. Pre-season starts in September for teaching new students. January is build-season; they meet Monday-Saturday; 6-10 pm M-F; 7 am-5/6 pm Saturdays. It takes 6 weeks to build the robot. There are 10-12 matches in competition against assigned teams that are determined at the competition. Some sponsors of the Robotics program are Bosch, Ford & GM. The motto of the club is that the robot doesn't get built unless the students do it.

This year the club has 24 seniors, each graduating with a minimum \$5K scholarship; two got full ride scholarships at the world championship. Five kids have been hired by Bosch and three kids were hired by Ford, all right out of high school. A former student that works for Microsoft flew to Dallas for a competition recently.

Robots in the Park in downtown Plymouth will take place this year around August 15th. There are plans to take the robot to the Back to School Bash. On May 21st there is a Lego League competition from 8 am -12 pm. They are bringing the robot to Relay for Life this year. Each summer they raise money by visiting businesses with the robot. It took approximately \$150K this year to run the program. The club participates in community service too: United Way, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army, fixing up houses. The club has a YouTube channel with presentations, former matches and conferences. Their website is <https://lightningrobotics.com>.

Regarding robotics clubs in the lower grades, there are 5 middle school teams that meet at the high school, and there are three elementary school teams. There used to be about 15 middle school teams and 20 elementary school teams. The club used to tour all of the elementary schools with the robots when the seniors got out early at the end of the year.

88.1 The Park - Evie Cadotte, Station Operations Manager and SHS Senior

Ms. Cadotte is a senior at Salem and has been with The Park since her freshman year. She currently holds the 2nd highest student position at the station, responsible for fundraising and production. As a junior, she was co-sports director. The Michigan Association of Broadcasters has named 88.1 The Park "High School Station of the Year" for 5 years in a row. There are currently 45 people on staff, and auditions are in the

spring. Recently, The Park celebrated its 50th anniversary, in February. There is an exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum on the history of the state until June 26th. Details are at plymouthhistory.org.

P-CEP Hospitality and Culinary Arts - Diana Woodward CEC, CSCE, Head Instructor/Coach

Ms. Woodward is currently working on piloting a new curriculum for hospitality and working on a front of the house curriculum. She is in charge of the Rock Cafe/Restaurant Operations program. The Rock Cafe is a fully licensed restaurant. Students write the menu, write the SOPs, source products from vendors, set prices, and design the menu. It operates like a real restaurant with a formalized brigade system that rotates. It was named in the top 50 secondary culinary facilities. Students can get 6 full college credits through Schoolcraft, restaurant certifications (food-safe, e.g.), and there are lots of scholarship opportunities. It qualifies as a senior math credit, 2nd language, and a performing arts credit. Lots of kids go on to higher education in programs offered at MSU, Schoolcraft, Grand Valley, U of M and out of state (RI, CO). The program also works on mental health and teaches coping mechanisms when faced with accountability. An after school club, the Gourmet Club, has nine teams. There are solo competitions through SkillsUSA; teams placed 1st & 2nd at Regionals and almost swept the state competition (1st & 2nd place). Nationals are in Atlanta in June.

SJ5K - Sahana Kotha, Emily Mundorf, Students & SJ5K Organizers; Melanie Burkett, Special Education Teacher, ASD Classroom, PHS

This year's recipients are: Natalie Tanana, Lane Kleinglass, Rev. Clarence Davis, Marty Kraft, Dale Palmer. The promotions are all student designed: posters & video. The event is May 1st at 8 am at the P-CEP Varsity Field. Packet pickup is April 30th at PHS. Students & staff can pick up W-F during lunch. The cost is \$25 for students and \$30 for adults, and it includes a t-shirt. Go to sj5k.org to sign-up, donate, and volunteer. There are 70 total students in the club. They do community based service projects. There is an adult board, but events are planned by students. The club hosts a spaghetti dinner and an ice cream social for the families before the race. They also make projects for the families (blankets, gift baskets) leading up to the race. 88.1 The Park plays music at the arrival for the race. The opening ceremony has speakers from recipient families. Club

meetings start in January, but the group has been meeting during advisory period since November.

District Update - Dr. Monica L. Merritt, Superintendent of Schools; Nick Brandon, Executive Director of Communications & Marketing Administration has been working with students and staff to look for issues with hate and bias and how to be more accountable. We need students to report incidents. Students of color are saying they feel numb; we don't want any student to feel unheard. A new Hate & Bias Reporting Form has launched. The reports go directly to Dr. Lilly, Hal Heard, Anthony Ruela, Maureen Malloy, and Dr. Merritt. OK2SAY is from the state and is truly anonymous. The new district form can be anonymous, but students are encouraged to provide contact info for follow-up. On May 11th there will be a forum, a facilitated discussion by Dr. Jay Marks a diversity and equity consultant with Oakland County schools and Ms. Jenny Winters from RESA. Police Chiefs from our municipalities have been invited. It is open to all families and students.

Work on the horizon: new dynamic plan has a pillar to be anti-racist; a new office of student & family engagement is being created; continued professional development for staff. There are plans to use the advisory period as time to engage students at school with facilitated discussion.

The Mental Health & Wellness Fair is April 30th from 10 am - 2 pm in downtown Plymouth at Kellogg Park. Information is on the homepage of the district website. Please promote it on your social media.

For the fall, we have been approved for an early college program. Students can earn college credits and graduate with an associate degree.

Right now the district is going through the budget process. The district has seen enrollment declines. Currently, we graduate more kids than we enroll in kindergarten, so we are still offering 250 school of choice seats. There is a potential \$450 foundational allowance increase coming from the state. The 3rd round of ESSR funds have to be spent in one year. 20% must be spent on learning loss/summer programs.

This summer's Back to School Bash will be held on the P-CEP campus in August.

Durham (Transportation) is still working on hiring to fully satisfy our ridership needs.

A motion to adjourn was made by A. Schultz and seconded by A. Jackson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Our next meeting is the Bond Site Tour and Rock Cafe lunch on Thursday, May19th, starting at 9:30 am.