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Friday, December 3, 2021, 9:15-10:15am

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87014738042>

**Attendees:** Nicole Taylor, Sara Davison DeVries, Cory Smegal, Kristen Malan, Colleen Allen, Molly Lloyd, Jennifer Poole, Sarah Meyjes, Kim DeYoung, Dana Lung, Stacey Hunt, Stacy Merickel, Hope Salzer, Hyunjoo Chung, Cindy Wire, Heather Meil, Rebecca Thornborrow, Natalie Williamson, Erin Igoe, Veronica Anderson Thigpen, Mary Beth Russell, Elizabeth Shook, Nagisa Yamamoto

#### **Announcements | Nicole Taylor**

- The **Teacher Appreciation** Team, led by Kristen Dixon is hosting a boxed lunch next week. The teachers are in that final push so hearing from all of us would mean a lot. Please take a minute to send an email or a card to the student's teachers
- **Holiday Script Gift Cards:** Thank you to all of you who contributed to the fund. This year staff and teachers will be able to choose their gift cards from a list through PEF (in the past it has been Amazon)
- **Buy See's Candy Script Gift Card** at PEF event next Tuesday (will be open into the evening) Noted that we receive a higher percentage of the sale from See's than gift cards.
- **Superintendent Advisory Council:** Randy Booker approved his plan to form a superintendent advisory council with a group of parents, admin, teachers, to open lines of communication. Each school site will have a rep. There will be an application process then each school site will vote on one candidate who will be asked to come to the parent club meetings to provide updates.

#### **Parents Club Votes | Nicole Taylor**

- Quick conversation about **board quorum** and it was established that we have a quorum.
- **November Minutes Approval:** Motion to approve by Sara DeVries. Seconded by Dana Lung. Motion carried with no discussion.
- **Desk Purchase for Science Teachers:** General background is that there was a scrip refund of \$32k. The board at that time established the guidelines for how these funds were to be spent. \$5k has already been spent for technology. Adam has looked at the needs of the school and now that the STEAM building is completed the teachers need science desks (using student desks and tables right now.) The ask, which falls under the guidelines, is \$7,280 for the cost of 4 desks (the district will cover the tax and shipping.) Sara DeVries moved to approve the desk purchase \$7,280, Dawn Riordan seconded. Motion carried with no discussion.

#### **PHS Administration and District Reports**

##### **Adam Littlefield**

- **Pilot bell schedule:** Information will be sent out next week. Current plan is a month long pilot - Jan 24 - Feb 18, leading into the midwinter schedule. Designed in collaboration with students,

parents, staff and teachers. Challenging on a couple of levels because we have shared staff across PMS and PHS and MHS so the schedule needs to work across schools. Preview - foundational day on Monday with all classes. Starting at 8:30 as it is required for the 2022-2023. Tutorial which has been voluntary now will be required on W and F afternoons. Idea is to use part of the time for tutorials as we currently do and also use it for student presentations, gathering feedback such as the BESS screener that are normally done during class time. Plan is to gather feedback post-pilot to incorporate for the following school year.

- There will be an **additional tutorial** on Fri 12/10 for students to get additional support prior to finals the following week.
- **Parent Support Needed for Piedmont Consent Townhall in Spring.** The Piedmont Consent student group recently delivered assemblies for the students and parents. They are planning a town hall for the spring and when asked how parents could help, they would appreciate support for the town hall in the spring so that they can focus on organizing other activities for the students. A few parents have already volunteered to help and a core team has been formed. If you'd like to join, please get in touch with Adam.
- **Athletics:** Please support our coaches by contributing to the **Coaches Stipend Fund** via Infinite Campus. They work so hard to support our students and this is a critical funding mechanism for the program. Good news is that we've also hired an **athletics trainer** (from Children's Hospital) who will start early December.
- **WASC Accreditation:** There will be a parent meeting in January to gather feedback for our WASC accreditation report that will be submitted in February in advance of the virtual site visit in April.
- **School Site Council:** The council is a governance committee for each site. One member can no longer participate so if you are interested in joining, please let him know.
- **Professional Development on Jan 3 and 4:** On Monday there will be district level prof dev on DEI and on Tuesday there will be site specific professional development on DEI, social emotional learning, pilot bell schedule, reviewing the results of the reading assessment (SRI) that all students took in the Fall.
- BESS screener: Screener to assess the mental well being of students was conducted in the Fall (see October minutes for more details) and will be administered again in the latter part of January.
- DEIB (diversity equity inclusion and belonging) Focus Groups: Working with a consultant Extracurricular Consulting, the district will be conducting focus groups to deepen the understanding of the community across all sites in the school district. These focus groups include various student, parent, and staff groups. [see Nov 30 email from Adam Littlefield and Shannon Fiero)

#### **Irma Munoz**

- During finals week (week of 12/13 schedule sent out in the weekly newsletter.) There will be anti-stress activities during brunch such as line dancing, mindfulness etc.
- 2022-2023 Course requests deadline will be in February. There will be information sessions in January - in school for students and in evening for parents.

#### **Erin Igoe**

- Dance, band, orchestra and choir concerts happening in the next week (see [PHS calendar](#))
- Winter Ball will be on Jan 29 at the Sequoyah

#### **Cory Smegel**

- **Director of DEI:** Candidate will be formally approved at next Weds board meeting. Background information will be included in the board packet today. Candidate will be joining the meeting virtually.
- **Monthly “liaison” committee meetings** with teachers, admins and two school board members is being reinstated as an opportunity to talk informally about what is going on at the different sites.
- [League of Women Voters](#) - Critical Race Theory (expert on what it is, what it is not) today at 4pm. It will be recorded.

### **Giving Campaign Update | Colleen Allan**

- Good news is that we have raised \$2.1m of our \$2.5m goal The campaign will run until the end of December. Shifting focus to a big participation push.
- High school is currently at 38% (vs. district average of 50%)
- Giving Tuesday was a success with the community including teachers wearing purple in support of the campaign.
- Taco Truck challenge is still on for parents/students (Havens Kindergarten is in the lead)
- There will be a hot cocoa party on Dec 13th at the Exedra vase.

### **Other**

- Kim DeYoung: CIF beach volleyball was voted approved next year as a varsity highschool sport. There is going to be a committee to work with the City to explore putting a court in Piedmont.

### **Moment of Gratitude | Nicole Taylor**

Nicole offered gratitude in the spirit of collaboration and thanked...

- the teachers and administration for all the work they do
- the parents for all of their contributions - time talent and treasure
- the students for so many ways to showcase their talent
- ...and the district provides them the opportunities to thrive and explore their passions with so much support from the parents and community.

### **2021-2022 PHS PC Board Meeting Schedule:**

- Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am
- Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am
- Evening Meeting: Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm
- Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:15am
- Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am
- Changeover Meeting: Friday, May 20th at 9:15am, in-person location TBD