



# PARKVIEW PTO

## **DRAFT** General Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 11, 2020

### Handouts

- Draft PTO General Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2019 (for approval)
- Treasurer's Report (08/01/2019-07/31/2020), as of February 11, 2020
- Our Tree House Flyers
- Girls on the Run Flyer and Registration Form

### Agenda

- Welcome
- Science Fair Update: Renee Ragsdale
- PACS update: Kaatri Jones
- Auction Update
- Update from Principal
- Vote to Approve November 2019 Minutes
- Community Speakers:
  - Caitlin Koch, Our Tree House,
  - Girls on the Run
- Guest Speaker: Aileen Gardner, Parkview Counselor

### Welcome

The meeting is called to order by Jennifer Seltz at 6:30 pm with a welcome.

### Science Fair

- The Science Fair is Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Gym and Cafeteria. It is a free, non-competitive event.
- There are approximately 140 students participating, some in small groups. 5th grade students are required to participate.

- The day of the Science Fair, students will setup their boards in the Cafeteria and Gym. Each classroom will have a chance to do a walk through to see all of the exhibits during school hours. The night of the event there will be volunteer Science Experts to walk through and ask each participant about their project. Each participant will receive a field notebook.
- The PTO will also sponsor up to five students to go to the County or State Science Fairs.

### Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Update: Kaatri Jones

Kaatari Jones attended the December and January PAC meeting on behalf of the PTO. The committee discusses a variety of topics each month. The most notable topic was a presentation by Sehome High School Students from its Peer Centered Outreach Program. They surveyed students on what items they wished parents and caregivers had discussed with them earlier. Kaatari felt this might be very relevant to parents and caregivers of elementary aged students:

- Sex
- LGBTQ topics and issues
- Consent
- Ways to define “healthy” relationships, both friendships and romantic
- Open and honest discussions about various topics, including drugs, alcohol and mental health issues.

The PAC also received positive feedback from a PTO member from another elementary school regarding the Elementary Equity Program.

### Auction

- The Family Fin Night and Auction is Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Depot Market Square.
- Cara Piscitello is coordinating and working to gather donations. She is also still looking for volunteers for various jobs the week and night of the event.
- This is intended to be a social event, not just a fundraiser.
- The teacher and staff donated items are very popular.

### Update from Principal, Mylo Allen

- There is a change to the original school design to build a new gym and use the existing gym as a multi-purpose room.
- Construction start date has been pushed to Summer of 2020. Goal is to complete the school by Fall of 2021.
- Information will go out to the school at the end of February or early March. Another logistical email will go out towards the end of the school year.
- Mylo will be the guest speaker at a Spring PTO meeting and will discuss some of the logistical changes for the 2020-2021 school year.

## Community Speakers

### **Girls on the Run**

Girls on the Run is looking for Coaches – they need 2-3 coaches for 7-15 girls. No running experience necessary. One day a week, Tuesdays from 2:30-4:15.

### **Our Tree House**

Our Tree House is a non-profit, free resource offering grief support to kids and their families. They also provide services to schools. They have groups for young children, teens, young adults, and an anticipatory group. The intent is to help children connect with one another and to strengthen the normalization of the grief process.

### Guest Speaker: Aileen Gardner

Aileen Garner led all attendees in a sample Morning Meeting, part of Parkview’s Social Emotional Curriculum. Each morning, students greet each other and discuss a topic or perform a quick activity. Once a week there is a “Featured Student” who gets to present some things about themselves and then students have a chance to ask questions.

### Vote to Approve November 2019 Minutes

Minutes were approved.

### Adjourned

Jennifer Seltz adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.