

## Canon-McMillan School District Parent Council Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2017

The February meeting of the 2016-2017 Parent Council was called to order at 9:32am on Friday, February 17, 2017, at Borland Manor Elementary School, by McLissa Fetty, Parent Council President.

**Welcome:** Mrs. McConnell, Principal of Borland Manor Elementary School, welcomed us to the school and introduced the student helpers.

**School Reports:** See attachment

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed by those in attendance and were unanimously approved. Motion by Tara White and seconded by Maureen Corwin.

**Guest Speaker:** **Mrs. Joni Mansmann – Director of Business & Finance**

- Budget & Budget Timeline
  - ♣ Too early to talk final budget
  - ♣ Drafted preliminary budget in Nov/Dec to present to the Board in Jan
    - Preliminary budget is upside down by \$1.4M
  - ♣ Will have better idea of budget in May
    - Still getting growth and have increased costs
      - Have no idea about state money
      - Contribution for pension went from 1% to 32.5%, as per state mandate
      - 10% increase for healthcare
- Primeroedge Conversion
  - ♣ Occurred over MLK, Jr. Day weekend
  - ♣ Cafeteria software system
    - Currently used for free/reduced lunches
  - ♣ Allows for more parental oversight and control
    - Meals viewable in real time
    - Allows limits and meal restrictions by parents
  - ♣ Accessible online or via “School Café” app
  - ♣ District paying 5% fee for online payments thru 3/31/17
  - ♣ Parents will pay 2.5% fee thereafter
  - ♣ Amber Kevech works on this
- Washington County Tax Assessment Re-balancing
  - ♣ Will receive final values on June 15
  - ♣ 175 tax appeals currently throughout the district
  - ♣ School tax needs to be revenue neutral after re-assessments
    - Currently 110 mills
  - ♣ See Washington County website for process explanation

- [www.co.washington.pa.us](http://www.co.washington.pa.us)

**Reports:**

Mr. Michael Daniels, Superintendent – Present

Mr. Scott Chambers – Assistant Superintendent - Present

Mrs. Grace Lani, Director of Curriculum & Instruction – Not Present

Board Representative – None Present

**Mr. Daniels Report**

- Tax Reform (Shift)
  - ♣ State legislature looking at property tax “elimination”/shift
  - ♣ District having a town hall event on 2/27 at 7pm in the CMHS auditorium
    - People from State Reps and State Senators offices will be on hand
  - ♣ Would take away the ability to increase funds by local school boards
  - ♣ Things not taxed before will now be taxed by the state
- Project updates
  - ♣ High School expansion/stadium project money has been secured
    - January 2019 completion date
  - ♣ New Muse Elementary is set to be turned over on 5/19
    - Will have an open house for community to show off building
  - ♣ High School pool needs work and will close for the summer

**Mr. Chambers Report**

- Committee to determine school calendar will meet next week
  - ♣ Board will vote on calendar at the meeting on 3/16
- High school class rank will be eliminated with the incoming freshman class

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** Need new Parent Council board members for next year  
Suggested dates for 2017-18 fundraiser

**Blue Sheet Questions:** Answered during the meeting or will be addressed individually later.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Denielle Bickmeier and seconded by Marijke Lucia. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56am.

Minutes submitted by: Byron Timmins, Parent Council Recording Secretary