

# Canon-McMillan School District Parent Council

## Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2018

The February meeting of the 2017-2018 Parent Council was initially scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, however due to a school cancelation due to flooding in the district, it was rescheduled for the following Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was called to order at 9:35 on Friday February 23, 2018, at Borland Manor School by Julie Serenyi, Parent Council President.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of last month's Parent Council meeting held on January 26<sup>th</sup> were reviewed by those in attendance and were unanimously approved. Motion by Denielle Bickmeier and seconded by Carla McCulla.

**Welcome:** Mrs. McConnell, principal at Borland Manor welcomed everyone for coming out to the reschedule meeting. She briefly went over the Principals Report (See attached) and left the floor open to our special guest speakers.

**School Reports:** See attached for all updates.

### **Guest Speakers:**

Mr. Michael Daniels and Mr. Scott Chambers were here to discuss and answer questions regarding what's going on with the safety of our school district.

- Initial topic of the recent incident that prompted a district wide email from Mr. Daniels.
  - The district handled the "Snapchat" post related to an airsoft gun @ the North Strabane Intermediate school by involving all 3 municipality police forces and worked all weekend to investigate alongside.
  - All parents were contacted with student that viewed the snapchat in question.
- The clarification was made that when a Disciplinary Action such as an expulsion occurs in our district, the student is NOT permitted to return to any school within the district.
- GET THE NEWS FROM THE SOURCE:
  - Lesson Learned – Moving forward, notifications will be made district wide if there is a broad concern over the district to eliminate cause for confusion.
  - Incidents will still be handled on a case to case basis, however the district is aware that in todays age social media causes for additional concerns and the district does not want to minimize misleading information.
  - Law enforcement recommended to the district to keep notifications in "Plain Language".
- The CM current Rapid Notification System can send communications out to all numbers, emails etc. included in PowerSchool.
- Threat Assessments are currently done by Law Enforcement/ Police Chiefs in conjunction with the district.
- District is currently investigating an App for the district. What it will all do, is TBD.
- Question: What about Metal Detectors in the schools?
  - This has been explored by the district.

- Other districts shared that Metal Detectors were not always money well spent. They will not eliminate all threats.
- Request made for a parent portal or pamphlets on the ALICE protocol.
- SPECIAL ELECTION – will be held during school hours. Each school this will impact has a plan in place which includes Police Officer, and armed Constable at polling location.
- National School Walk Out – April 20<sup>th</sup> date? Principals at each school will be handling specific motions.
- Next Year's school calendar (2018-2019) will be sent out soon by Mr. Chambers.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Next Parent council meeting will be March 16, 2018 at 9:30 at North Strabane Intermediate School.

**Announcements:** None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Byron Timmins and seconded by Melissa Fetty. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25am.

Minutes submitted by: Becky DiDaniels, Parent Council Secretary.