

# Canon-McMillan School District Parent Council

## Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2018

The January meeting of the 2017-2018 Parent Council was called to order at 9:35 on Friday January 26, 2018, at Canonsburg Middle School by Julie Serenyi, Parent Council President.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of last month's Parent Council meeting held on November 17<sup>th</sup> were reviewed by those in attendance and were unanimously approved. Motion by Byron Timmins and seconded by Beth Georgou.

**Welcome:** Dr. Greg Taranto, Principal of Canonsburg Middle School along with Assistant Principal Mr. Ken Schrag and Mrs. Lori Hedderman Guidance Counselor welcomed us to the school and acquaint us with the topic of today's meeting, "Preparing Today's Teen for a Digital World".

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

### **Guest Speakers:**

**Dr. Greg Taranto, Principal of Canonsburg Middle School,**

**Mr. Ken Schrag, Assistant Principal of Canonsburg Middle School**

**Mrs. Lori Hedderman Guidance Counselor at Canonsburg Middle School.**

- Preparing Today's Teen for a Digital World
  - Divide – technology has created the largest divide between generations ever.
  - Social Media – Big part of this divide
- Education at CM Middle School
  - Middle School Issues (MSI) – 6 week course all students are required to take
    - Topic covered
      - Inappropriate Info to post
      - Information to keep private
      - Dangerous websites
      - Using Social Media
      - Protecting yourself
      - Cyber Bullying
      - Sexting
      - Current Social Media Apps. <https://sites.google.com/a/cmsd.k12.pa.us/cms-counselors-page/home/current-social-apps>
    - Social Media causes excessive Instant Gratification and F.O.M.O (fear of missing out).
    - Instagram is currently on the top of the app list for creating mental health issues.
    - Parents are recommended to monitor your child's cell phone and create house cell phone rules.
  - Cyber Bullying
    - Don't respond

- Remove yourself/Block
- Keep Evidence
- Confide in an adult
- School Law
  - Dispute at School
    - Did it happen on campus, off campus, or cyber space?
      - Bullying is 1 sided
      - Harassment is back and forth
    - Cyber space is like the surrounding area to the school, the school does not have jurisdiction.
  - Nexus Clause – Connection between speech and connection with school.
    - Must be clear to result in a significant disruption at school to discipline.
    - Police jurisdiction over cyber space beyond the “nexus” clause.
  - Proof is Needed for disciplinary action. Be sure to know your child and know the whole story.
  - Discipline vs Intervention – the school may not be able to discipline but they can work with students to intervein issues.
    - Beyond school, police can also intervein.

**Reports:**

**Mr. Scott Chambers – Assistant Superintendent – Present**

- **Snow Day Makeup** – district will now go to school on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Special Election, elections are held as school. Working with election committee to facilitate elections at buildings while school is open.
- Moving to a 1:1 device to child ratio
  - Grades 3-6 – complete
  - Grades 7-8 – available
- **Code to the Future**
  - K-4, all schools are budged to receive for the fall of 18-19 school year.
- School Calendar for 18-19 will be voted on at the Feb board meeting.
  - First day of school is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - If board approves a copy will be brought to the next PC meeting.
- High School construction is still generally on track, total project still with in a month of scheduled deadline.
- Discussion about the gas issue at Boreland/Intermediate school.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Next Parent council meeting will be February 16, 2018 at 9:30 at Borland Manor Elementary School.

**Announcements:** None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Byron Timmins and seconded by Maureen Corwin. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50am.

Minutes submitted by: Becky DiDaniels, Parent Council Secretary.