

# Canon-McMillan School District Parent Council

## Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2017

The October meeting of the 2017-2018 Parent Council was called to order at 9:30 on Friday November 17, 2017, at Wylandville Elementary School by Julie Serenyi, Parent Council President.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of last month's Parent Council meeting held on October 20<sup>nd</sup> were reviewed by those in attendance and were unanimously approved. Motion by Kristina Hollandsworth and seconded by Bridget Coleman.

**Welcome:** Mrs. Unitas, Principal at Wylandville Elementary welcomed us to the school and gave a brief run through of what has been going on at her school and that shortly she will no longer be with Canon McMillan, that she had accepted a new position with the Pittsburgh Public School District.

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

### Guest Speakers:

#### **Mr. Bob Chuey – Special Education Coordinator**

- What do we do here at Canon-McMillan
  - Specialize plans for the 70 Students in our district have special needs, large diverse group of special needs.
    - IEP – Individual Education Plans
      - Process in place to determine how to fulfill each child's specific special needs.
      - Half remain in district and other half go out of district.
        - Watson Institute – Autism, new location in Bridgeville off Hickorygrade Road.
          - Also contact onsite
        - Pathfinder – Autism and Medical Complications. Fort Couch Rd.
        - Western PA School for the Blind/Deaf – Visual and Developmental delays.
        - Wesley Family Services – Emotional and Behavioral.
          - Also contract onsite
      - Additional resources available to families with students with special needs through Washington County Development County Services.
      - Transitional Age Services students 14+, plans for post-secondary training and education living.
        - Work with H.S. to facilitate these students.
          - ARC Human Services
          - TEC
    - GIFTED IEP- Enrichment and Advancement (SCOPE)
      - Initial Screenings: Does the student meet PA Ed. Requirements. Meet with support psychologist.

- How does one begin the process along one of these special needs IEP paths:
  - **CONCERN** –
    - Academic/Behavioral
    - Social/Developmental
      - **Well Checks** – Teacher & Principal with Guidance, Special Ed and Parents
        - **Evaluation**
          - **Service provided**
  - 760 students with individual Ed. Plans. (Does not include gifted)

**Reports:**

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

- Local Community Services – Scan a copy of the book from Mr. Chuey, upload as attachment to meeting minutes.
- Mrs. Shannon Balch (coming from South Central Elementary) will be taking over the role of Principal at Wylandville Elementary as Mrs. Unitas goes to her new role with PPS.
- Open spot at South Central Elementary for A. Principal, unsure if that spot will get filled, and if who it will be.
- Board Meeting Update:
  - District transferred 3Million reserves to Cap. Improvement for Middle School Project
  - Board rejected bids for stadium, supported that the bids came in too high, exceeding budget plans by 1.2 Million.
    - Back to redesign to stay on budget, delay of 3 months.
    - Effects visitor side bleachers and locker rooms.
- First Epic Builds at the CODE elementary schools took place.
- 150 teachers were GOOGLE certified at the last teacher in-service.
- Mrs. Chambers is the Homeless Lesion
  - Variety of services to keep children in the point of origin school.
  - 1 in 10 kids age 14-18 will experience homelessness.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Next Parent council meeting will be January 26, 2018 at 9:30 at Canonsburg Middle School.

**Announcements:** None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Melissa Fetty and seconded by Byron Timmins. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11am.

Minutes submitted by: Becky DiDaniels, Parent Council Secretary.