

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) & Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC) Meeting

Minutes completed by: Lynda Gibson

Date: December 7, 2017

Time: 8:45AM-9:45AM

Total Present: 16-Lynda Gibson, Jessica Espinosa, SonJuona Salazar, Maryam Nauman, Judy Edstrom, Megan Trinter, Barbara Nordlund, Stacy Birney, Sonia Nasir, Rachida Dini, Nehal Sobu, Meriem Mansour, Dilaram Lulfi, Rosa Buzo, Catherine Korda, Kristi White

Refreshments were provided.

Peterson Staff Present: Chuck Deters, Technology Coordinator & Ghada Shehata, Arabic Teacher

There were 2 key agenda items for this meeting:

1. Presentation: Understanding Egyptian Culture
2. Review of Upcoming Events

details for all agenda items are provided below

- The call to order and welcome was completed by PAC President, Catherine Korda
- Exchange Teacher Ghada Shehata gave a presentation on “Understanding Egyptian Culture”. Ms. Shehata currently teaches the Arabic class for grades 2, 4, 6, 8; and will teach grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 in the Spring. Before the presentation, parents were encouraged to participate in the interactive game “Kahoot”, which students use in class to learn facts about Arabic culture. Ms. Shehata’s presentation gave an overview of Egyptian cities, foods, tourist attractions, customs, etc.
- Upcoming PAC Events Discussed:
 - PAC’s annual Literacy Night will be January 25th. Dinner will be provided 5:00-5:30 and literacy activities will be 5:30-7. Activities will include bingo, crafts, a book swap, presentation by Chicago Public Library, and a discussion panel with authors/illustrators. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, clean-up, serving food, and activities.
 - As part of a grant funded program, staff of Swedish Covenant Hospital will attend the February 8th PAC meeting to offer CPR Training. RSVP will be required and the staff will be asked to cover CPR procedures for infancy-adulthood. Parents participating in this training will not receive official CPR certification. Parents interested in getting certified in CPR can check with Peterson Parent, Jessica Espinosa for additional information.

- Additional Information/Topics Discussed:
 - Session I of AfterHours will end one week early. The last day for Session I will be December 15th. Students who did not get selected for this session will be put on the priority list for Session II.
 - Donations are still being collected for the 2018 Dance-A-Thon. Over \$9,000 has been raised thus far and donations can be submitted until December 19th. Funds will be disbursed to the PTA (for school-wide events) and FOP (for books for classrooms). There will be individual and grade level prizes for students participating in this fundraiser.
 - Volunteers are needed to help with the Thursday morning Parent Tea. The tea is 2X/month and the volunteer(s) would need to be in the cafeteria 8:30-9:30.
 - The PAC Lending Library was available today. The library includes books that parents can borrow if they need help/talking points for speaking with children about difficult topics (such as moving, death, puberty, etc.)

Upcoming PAC Meeting/Events:

Jan 25	Literacy Night
Feb 8	PAC Meeting (CPR Training)

Upcoming Peterson/Community Events:

Thursday's	Parent Tea (8:45AM)
Now-Dec 19	Dance-A-Thon Donations Accepted
Dec 14	PTA Meeting (8:45AM)
Dec 15	AfterHours Session I Ends
Dec 15	Tour of Peterson for Prospective Families (9AM)
Dec 25-Jan5	Winter Break

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