

NOTES
Peninsula School District Parent Council
Tuesday, Oct 2, 2018
Tentative Agenda
9:30am-11:30am

I. Attendees:

Kristin Nordquist, Art Jarvis, Karen Brooks, Joy Stanford, Lori Glover, John Hellwich, Kris Hagel, Sara Hoover, Dacia Paganelli, Tamara Saarinen, Marcia Harris, Dan Gregory, Angie Keefe, Nicole Riesche, Meg Conant, Patricia Green, Barb Trotter, Stacey Kronquist, Lisa Anderson

II. Levy Lid Lift for Pierce County Library on Nov Ballot (Tamara Saarinen, Holly Smith, Karen Brooks)

- On the Nov 6th ballot there will be a restored levy vote for the Pierce County Library. The restored levy would return the tax rate of 50 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. The below link provides you with all of the numbers.

<https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/about-us/restored-levy/Default.htm>

A restored levy would maintain services for growing and changing communities.

- [If YES vote](#): Restored levy would maintain library services: Weekend, weekday and evening hours • 1.5 million books, movies and materials • Staff to support learning • Computers, printers, Wi-Fi and technology • Public meeting rooms
- [If NO vote](#): Eliminate and reduce services: Fewer open hours • Fewer books, movies and materials • Fewer classes and events • Close 2-3 libraries

Other library news:

- Libby App and OverDrive are tools used by many could be affected by levy.
- Tamara and Holly recently visited high school freshman and within the next few weeks they will be issuing 800 new library cards. They worked on waving fines.
- 2019 library will be re-examining their fines/fees and benchmarking with other libraries around the state.
- Link to the Testing and Education Reference Center which has PSAT and SAT/ACT prep along with college essay and resume writing help. It is at the bottom of library database page in the catalog. You need your library card and pin # to login.
<http://polariscatalog.piercecountylibrary.org/polaris/Search/misc/esources.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.7&Category=73>
- Life After High School important dates. <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/files/library/lahs-fall-brochure.pdf>

III. Teacher/Staff Grants for PSEF (Barb Trotter, Patricia Scott)

- Peninsula Schools Education Foundation (PSEF) was founded 27 years ago when district was in bad financial shape. It is meant to give classrooms ability to go beyond what was/is available to them and be creative in pursuit of knowledge and experiences.
- For the past 25 years they have given over \$500K to Peninsula School District classrooms.
- How it works: Grant is submitted for project of \$1000 or less by end of Oct. PSEF board reviews all of the grants and then they decide which projects they will support in mid-

November. PSEF donates money. Teacher/Staff uses money to do project. Teacher/Staff reports back to PSEF with pictures or powerpoint on success of project.

- This year's grants are due on **October 31st**. Spread the word to your schools! Barb and Patricia are also meeting with high school and middle school Principals and elementary principals to help spread the word.
- Big fundraiser for the year was held on Thursday, Sept 27th with a breakfast and lunch at Canterwood. They raised close to \$40K (don't have official number yet) but close to 97% of the money earned goes straight to classrooms.
- Grant application is REALLY SIMPLE. Takes 15 minutes to complete. It can be found on <http://www.peninsulaeducationfoundation.org/> there is a button on the homepage that says "Grants for Teachers".
- Examples of Grants from last year: Artondale: Ukulele Joy, Peninsula High School: Thermal Imaging Bio T-shirts.

IV. District Update (Dan Gregory, John Hellwich, Kris Hagel)

Elementary (John Hellwich)

- Discovery had first 8 days of 2nd grade held at Boys and Girls club. Now all of 2nd grade are at home in their new portables.
- Working on rehabilitating the playground at Discovery from all of the construction.
- Developmental Pre-school that was housed at Harbor Heights started on Sept 24th at the Boys & Girls club. It will be the home for the Pre-School for the year. Portable being installed during year but transitions are difficult for these kids so they are going to stay at Boys & Girls for the year.
- Cottessmore has moved out of Henderson Bay. Still working on what they are going to use the space for.
- Space is biggest issue for elementary this year. Each of the elementarys has a STEM room. Kinder numbers are at 616. The other high enrollment grade is 2nd grade. Overall for the district we are just up 30 kids from last year.
- Working on Social/Emotional behavior education.

Secondary (Dan Gregory)

- Changing way to treat behavioral issues. Instead of suspensions working on restorative process. Teaching replacement behavior.
- Open house for Henderson Bay is on Tues 9th of Oct. All of the other middle schools and high schools have had their Open Houses (with 3 of the middle schools having theirs on same night).
- Science curriculum 6-10. Having been working on this over the past year. Involving teachers to no longer work in silos but collaboratively. Working so common between schools. What they have found is Biology teachers can tell which school kids come from by the skills they do or don't have. Same is true for 6th grade Science teachers from the 5th graders. Collaborations on Wednesday mornings are working to change the inconsistencies.
- Social Studies is kicking off looking at curriculum for 6-10 this year. The science model mentioned above has been very successful. There is disparity in content/skills. A focus for this school year.
- Co-teaching is rolling out this year in response to intervention in English/Math. District used to double-dose the student but this would eliminate an elective and the elective many times is the hook that keeps the student in school. Co-teaching is higher

ratio teacher/student without giving up elective. Some growing pains as there was no formal training for the teachers most of the difficulty is in classroom management.

Working on ironing out the kinks.

PSD Possibilities 1 to 1 Implementation (Kris Hagel)

- During the month of October the Peninsula School District is rolling out 1 to 1 implementation of Google Chrome book devices to each student in the district grades 5-12. The name of the project is called “PSD Possibilities” named for endless kind of learning possible.
- The model we were using was chromebook carts. Once examined found that reallocation of these Chromebooks 30% more we could have the 1 to 1 model.
- New Chromebooks would be issued in 5th and 9th grade. Student would receive Chromebook in 5th grade and maintain for 4 years and turn in at the end of 8th grade. 9th graders would be issued new Chromebooks for the 4 years of high school.
- Every student gets a device.
- There is a handbook for how to use. There are controls that can be set. Filtering applications that are available. There are reports that can be run for parents. If there are regulations in a household that no devices after 9 pm. These can be put on the devices.
- Fees/damages. After examining how other districts have rolled out devices, PSD is going with the free device and must pay any damages to device. Other district have done a fee for device and 1st damage is free.
- Lost device: If device is stolen, there is no fee but a Police Report must be turned in for the stolen device to not pay the fee.
- Roll out will be announced by communication from each Principal. Goodman was first and information went out to parents on Tuesday.
- Re-allocation of devices. The rolling out of existing devices to secondary frees up 70 or 80 carts. Those devices used by 5th grade classrooms moves down to 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. Kinders will get IPADs. Each building will decide what to do for 1st and 2nd. Some will do IPADs and some will do Chromebooks and some will do a blend before moving to ChromeBooks in 2nd grade.
- Sleeve for Chromebook will be provided. Students are allowed to upgrade and decorate with stickers.
- Biggest challenge is that students need to bring their device fully charged to school each day.
- Auburn school district just went through reallocation and it took a couple of weeks but all is running smoothly now.
- Loss & Damage estimate is about 3%. Using 5% for the first year. Each lost device costs approximately \$290.
- For more information on rollout you can visit www.psd401.net and click on the Possibilities link on the homepage.

V. Emergency Preparedness, The Great American Shakeout, Safe Schools Alert System (Sara Hoover)

- All of the elementary schools are in the process of holding Safety Emergency Nights with fire and prevention personel. Purdy had their’s last spring, Vaugh held their’s last week. Harbor Height’s was on the 3rd of Oct, Evergreen the 10th, Voyager is Dec 3.
- Incident Awareness Night on Thursday Oct 11th at 5:30 at the Boys & Girls Club. Good for anyone who volunteers in the schools. Hands On Art, Communities in Schools,

Harbor Watch are all participating so they know what to do in case of an incident takes place at schools while they are in the buildings. Anyone is encouraged to attend.

- Conversations with your family about how to handle if there is a Major Earthquake. Sara encouraged everyone at the table to make sure they are prepared in their own home. Preparedness makes it easier to deal with the issues.
- Great information on how to prepare car kits and home kits can be found on www.pep-c.org website.
- Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition (pep-c) offers training sessions mental health, trauma, first aid.
- Oct 18th at 10:18 am is the Great Shake Out. Many businesses and schools across the nation will take part in this drill.
- Sara meets regularly with Pierce county and Kitsap county on strategic reunification plans.
- Follow up from last year's meeting Subs/Paras are getting handbook. There is a handout that is being created that goes on the back of every door that talks about what to do in case of bomb threat/lockdown/other emergencies.
- Situational awareness is what is being taught to the students and staff. Being cognizant of things around them.
- Safe Schools alert system was rolled out across district this school year. Link can be found on each schools website and psd401 website. Parents/staff/community/students can all use. Report bullying, security/safety concerns, can give kudos. It is monitored but not 24 hours a day. If there is an emergency call 911.
- Looking at maybe having "One Tall Cop" come to the district to present on Juuling.

VI. Building Sharing: – PDC reps Communications Advisory Committee

- If you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact Kathy Weymiller weymillerk@psd401.net

Pierce County Library

- Please see their information earlier in the notes

Hands On Art

- First Project of Gustov Klimt Birch Trees docents have all been trained. You will soon see in the hallways.

Artondale

Discovery

- Fondi takeover on Oct 17th from 5-8. You can purchase gift cards at that time too and all goes to VPO.
- Construction done. Hydroseeding just finished.
- STEM night coming up.
- Silent Auction in November
- VPO Purchased air-compressor for playground balls and rockets for stem night.

Evergreen

- Big concert held on Sept 15th at the Longbranch Improvement House was a big success. They made money which is great news. They may do spring fundraiser.
- PTA is looking at changing to PTO or VPO. Talking to lots of other schools to sort it out.

Harbor Heights

- Lots of parent involvement.
- Fondi takeover was a big success!

- Boo Bash is coming up.
- Playworks is rolled out at Harbor Heights. Lively discussion at general PTA about it. PTA contributed to items for games.
- Yoga Mindfulness for PE. Looking at doing PSEF grant
- Library overhaul is goal for school year. \$30K. Turn it into creative space, indoor activities, etc.

Minter Creek

- Watch DOGS kickoff Oct 3, 5:30
- New name for our October candy & game night "Monster Mash" on Oct 18th 5:30
- Bookfair Oct 22-25
- Staff dinner provided on the late conference nights.

Purdy

Vaughn

- Oct 9 PTA meeting
- Oct 9-19 Fall Fundraiser (Mixed Bag Designs Catalogue Sales and Fun Pasta)
- Oct 22-26 Book Fair
- Oct. 30 Family Fun Night, Spooky Stroll-(Pta sponsored event)

Voyager

Goodman

- VPO applying for 501(c)3 status. They never had it so working on it.
- Book fair in limbo.
- Looking at their student store and what to offer/how to proceed. Talking to other schools.

Harbor Ridge

Key Peninsula

- Staff dinner provided on the late conference nights.
- First meeting of the year Oct 18th, 4:30 at the school library.

Kopachuck

- Counselors are going into 6th grade Packs to present Second Step (social/emotional) lessons.
- Ms. Fedore and Mr. Hudac are going into 8th grade Packs to present Start Strong/Finish Strong (goal setting and organizational skills in prep for high school)
- This past month, we gave out more PRIDE cards than last September and have about half of the infractions compared to last September.
- Starting our Twitter account this week. Students turned in ideas for our Twitter handle.
- 6th grade Senator elections are happening now.
- Homework Club, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, started last week.
- Fall sports are in progress. Cross country has over 100 members. First meet was at Gateway Park which was created by Miguel at Route 66.
- ASB fundraiser was very successful.
- Creating a book drive this year to replace the book fair.
- Conferences and Staff Appreciation—10/22-26
- SOCKTOBER—socks, hats, and gloves will be donated to Nativity House in Tacoma
- Fall dance—10/18
- Coyote Corner is up and running

Gig Harbor

- Senior Information night Thursday Oct 4th
- Homecoming dance was success.
- Fall sports all in full swing
- Fall play coming in November
- Band played at ALS walk past weekend.

Peninsula

- Open house and college fair great success.
- Legend of Sleepy Hollow is Fall play Oct 12th and 13th.
- Homecoming Oct 6th. “Night at the Casino” theme
- Spanish class going to Machu Pichu
another teacher taking group to Washington DC during spring break and another to Belize.
- Lots of advertising about earning letter in community service at the school.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, November 6th, 9:30am