

Parent Key Communicator Meeting
November 14, 2018
Minutes

Present: Kathleen Bergen, Jason Choi, Meenakshi Krishnamurthy, Jeremy McGirl, Padmaja Kannan, Bobbijo Pinnelli, Lynnette Grant, Jamie Sindell, Jamie Conrad, Cristina Hartley, Emily Stahl, Melissa Brilliant, Danielle Kennedy, Jodi Segarnick, Jennifer Blake (Facilitator), Dr. Regina Speaker Palubinsky, and Samantha Jouin (School Board Representative).

Jennifer Blake opened the meeting by welcoming two Parent Key Communicators. They are Jason Choi (CT) and Padmaja Kannan (KDM)

Good News Sharing

Charlestown Elementary School

- Chick-Fil-A bingo was a huge success. Approximately 250 parents and students attended the event.

General Wayne Elementary School

- About 478 people attended Soup Night, raising approximately \$5,100. The funds will be donated to DIPG (pediatric cancer). The event was featured on Fox 29.

K. D. Markley

- The Franklin Institute Traveling Science Show wowed KDM second graders with a fascinating presentation on how air pressure, condensation, evaporation and barometric pressure affects our atmosphere. Fourth graders participated in the fun as they increased their knowledge about magnetism, electricity and circuits. This assembly is one of the school's favorites each year.

Sugartown Elementary School

- The A-OK Ambassador Recognition honors students in every grade level that exemplify what it means to be a GREAT PERSON. These students are kind and generous individuals that set the example for others through following our Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Great Valley High School

- High School students were involved in the interview process for the selection of the high school band director.
- The Desmond Senior Citizen Luncheon will be held on December 5.
- Parents reported that Dr. Capetola is doing a fantastic job as Principal of GVHS.

Information Sharing

Calendar Committee

The Calendar Committee is an ad hoc calendar committee that was formed to provide input for the District's 2019-20 Board approved calendar. Committee members are charged to make calendar recommendations to the School Board. This is not a decision-making committee, and the group will be dissolved when the 2019-20 calendar is approved by the Board of School Directors.

Committee members provided their input/recommendations for a calendar survey which was emailed to GVSD families. The committee's input was shared with Dr. Regina Speaker-Palubinsky.

NOTE: Since the time of these minutes, the 2019-2020 calendar was Board approved. [Click here](#) to see the calendar.

Full Day Kindergarten

The District is exploring the possibility of a Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) program. If approved by the Board of Directors in February 2019, FDK will be implemented in the 2019-20 school year.

Representatives of the District will meet with the principals of private, preschool, charter schools in the area for their input.

Parents will receive a survey via SchoolMessenger to gather their opinions on FDK. Additional information, including panel discussion dates, is available on our [website](#).

The meeting was adjourned. The next Parent Key Communicator meeting will be held Tuesday, January 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m.