

Parent Key Communicator Meeting
May 9, 2019
Minutes

Present: Belinda Brown, Meenakshi Krishnamurthy, Priya Bhuvanendran, Padhmaja Kannan, Lynnette Grant, Jamie Sindell, Jamie Conrad, Emily Stahl, Melissa Brilliant, Jodi Segarnick, Jennifer Blake (Facilitator), Dr. Regina Speaker Palubinsky, and Samantha Jouin (School Board Representative).

Good News Sharing

General Wayne Elementary School

- Two fundraisers are scheduled for May:
 - May 10: GW Spring Fair – Theme: Greatest School on Earth
 - May 21: Scoops and Smiles
- The PTO hosted a Teacher Appreciation Lunch on May 7. Dixie Picnic provided lunch.

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- Over 21 countries were represented at Heritage Night.
- May 17: Spring Fling

Sugartown Elementary School

- Students participated in a poetry contest.
- The ST PTO hosted a mixer.

Great Valley High School

- GVHS was awarded 1st Place in the NJM Insurance Group's "Just Drive" public service speaking contest.
- Graduation Speaker Auditions – Nine students submitted applications to speak at graduation.
- Campus Change – Freshmen and Sophomores will have study halls in lieu of "campus time."

Information Sharing

Accessing School District Information

Jennifer Blake shared that the District is planning to review/research how GVSD parents communicate online. She asked that parents share the ways in which they obtain District/school information and the sites they frequently visit. Parents would like schools to communicate online in a manner that is consistent across the District.

Over the course of the 2019-2020 school year, the District will implement a process to review its online communication needs related to a website. A committee of parents, teachers, and staff will do this work.

Parent Speaker Series

Jennifer Blake solicited input about the Parent Speaker Series. She asked for recommendations on ways to increase the participation level (time change, length of presentation, etc.) and best meet the needs of parents.

The final presentation for the 2018-19 school year will be held on Tuesday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m., at the District Office. Structured as a panel discussion, this event is the first in a planned effort to engage in community conversations around how we can nurture relationships, lead classrooms, and build schools that are successful, thriving, and stronger because of their diversity.

As a follow up to this foundational conversation, community members will be invited to express their interest in serving on a steering committee for the Great Valley Council for Diversity and Inclusion. This new council will focus efforts in the 2019-20 school year on developing a series of important conversations and other initiatives around equity in education.

Summer Learning Opportunities

The deadline for registration for summer camps is Wednesday, May 15. Payment is due by Friday, May 17.

Issues From the Floor

- School Start Time
There will be no changes to the school start times for the 2019-20 school year.
- Homework Guidelines: [Homework guidelines](#) are posted on our website.
- May 21 is Primary Election Day. School Board Member Samantha Jouin encouraged registered voters to vote

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled PKC meeting is Wednesday, June 5.