

Parent Key Communicator Meeting
June 5, 2019
Minutes

Present: Kathleen Bergen, Sangeetha Voyalur Sakthi, Belinda Brown, Meenakshi Krishnamurthy, Jeremy McGirl, Priya Bhuvandendran, Padhmaja Kannan, Lynnette Grant, Jamie Sindell, Jamie Conrad, Cristina Hartley, Emily Stahl, Melissa Brilliant, Jennifer Blake (Facilitator), Dr. Regina Speaker Palubinsky, and Chuck Linderman (Director of Business Affairs).

Good News Sharing

Charlestown Elementary School

- There is a good sense of community at Charlestown.
- The spring fair was successful.
- Field Day: June 7
- Over 200 people attended the Charlestown BBQ.

General Wayne Elementary School

- Students enjoyed the Scoops and Smiles fundraiser.
- Field Day was May 17.
- 5th grade graduation will be held June 13.

Sugartown Elementary School

- Arts Night was well attended and enjoyed by parents and students. Principal Kyle Hammond read poems, and there were interactive activities for students throughout the school.

Great Valley Middle School

- The Henlopen trip received high marks from students and staff.
- Eighth grade students are looking forward to the "Amazing Race."

Great Valley High School

- The Senior Walk Through is scheduled for June 10.
- GVHS students will speak at 5th grade graduation ceremonies.
- The 2019 yearbook is dedicated to librarian Kelsey Bogan for creating a positive, welcoming atmosphere in the library.

Information Sharing

Transportation/Busing

Meenakshi Krishnamurthy, GW PKC, asked if additional bus stops would be added to the Atwater development next year. Director of Business Affairs Chuck Linderman responded that two additional bus stops will be added to the Atwater development in the 2019-20 school year.

Council for Diversity and Inclusion

Jennifer Blake shared that the District is implementing a Council for Diversity and Inclusion in the upcoming school year. The Council's mission is to recognize and celebrate the diversity of the growing Great Valley School District in a way that maximizes opportunities to build an inclusive culture and positively impacts on students' experiences. The Council will focus efforts

in the 2019-2020 school year on developing a series of important conversations and other initiatives around equity in education.

The District is welcoming applications from parents and community members who would like to be considered for the Council. Applications are available online at www.gvsd.org/CDI. The deadline for applications is July 1. The steering committee will be limited to 12 people. Applicants will be selected to represent the diversity of the Great Valley community, including race, ethnicity, geographic location, and school/grade represented. The steering committee will be a planning group for larger community opportunities.

Feasibility Study

Dr. Regina Speaker Palubinsky shared that the District secured an architectural firm that is charged with helping the School Board and administration identify and understand future facility needs. Over the course of the 2019-2020 school year, the firm will evaluate the condition of existing buildings and will work with a demographer to look at enrollment projections and the impact that projected housing developments will have on those projections.

In addition to the growing enrollment it has seen over the past few years, the District also plans to address the aging infrastructure of its schools.

Once the study is complete, architects will present information to the School Board that will include options for meeting capacity demands, especially at the middle school and high school. In addition, options for possible grade reconfigurations may be considered. The final report will include an overview of the financial impact associated with any of the various options.

PKC in the 2019-2020 School Year

The Parent Key Communicator Group was first formed approximately 14 years ago. There was a brief discussion about the format of the PKC meetings. Jennifer Blake shared that current members will receive an end-of-year survey.

The meeting was adjourned.