



Plum Borough School District
900 Elicker Road
Plum, PA 15239

TO: Plum Borough Board of School Directors
FROM: Dr. Gail Yamnitzky, Acting Superintendent
RE: January Discussion Meeting
DATE: January 16, 2018 @ 6:00pm in the PHS Auditorium

Call to Order

Mr. Schlauch called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

Roll Call

Mr. Zahorchak took roll.

Present: Anderson, Caldwell, Coulson, Kolar, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Wisniewski (via phone), Zucco

Absent: None

Solicitor: Chelsea Dice

Citizens' Comments on agenda items

Dave and Leann Weiss, 425 Vale Ave, spoke regarding revenue problem and alternatives to reducing programs, salaries for teachers and tax increase for additional revenue

Seerce Nutter, Conneaut Dr., spoke regarding large class sizes and comments regarding Special Education positions, full day kindergarten and tax revenues

Kate Schmida, Pampico Ct., spoke regarding laws of Special Education and advocating for students

Adam Hill, New Texas Rd, spoke regarding District mission statement and preliminary budget proposal, real estate tax revenue, cuts to Kindergarten and Special Education

Karen Litzenger, Blossom Court, Adam Hill spoke on her behalf

Dan Laird, Winchester Dr., spoke regarding petition of over 2,000 signatures to not reduce programs and courses

Chris Cooley, Harvest Hill, spoke regarding physical education and social studies taking to the state minimum and asking teacher to make concessions

Valerie Wolfson, Chris Cooley spoke on her behalf

Jessica Cooley, spoke regarding class sizes and keep class sizes lower, considering leaving District, reduction of Kindergarten programs

Ryan Delaney, Black Hills Rd., spoke regarding advantage of education in Plum, spoke regarding raising revenue, reduction of Kindergarten program, class sizes

Melanie Parente, Blossom Court, spoke regarding finding solutions to program reductions, continuing the humanities, keeping opportunities for students, willing to take increase in taxes

Erin Hill, New Texas Rd., Melanie Parente speaking on her behalf

Michelle Gallagher, spoke regarding 5 minutes to speak as a board policy

Jennifer Charrie, Providence Drive, spoke regarding being a Plum resident for many years, concerned about class sizes and quality of Kindergarten program

Jennifer Werley, Chateau Ct., spoke regarding class sizes, and willingness for real estate tax increase

Ric Vigna, Surfside Dr. spoke regarding budget review and not just making cost reductions alone, spoke regarding a sacrifice for all concerned parties, tax exemptions for seniors, consider balance

Melanie Parente, spoke regarding cuts to teachers and how stretched the teachers are

Melissa Hixon, Dunwoody Dr. spoke regarding relationship between teacher and student, reductions to Kindergarten program and Special Education program

Dana McGraff, Muirfield Ct., spoke regarding Special Education students, happy with current education program and what the plan is regarding least restrictive environment

Erin O'Connell, Douglas Fir Dr., spoke regarding new housing plans, reason why citizens move into Plum, be competitive with other schools, reducing will not help with revenue

Sara Ahrens, Red Oak Dr. spoke regarding progression of students, very happy with teachers and administrators, making sure that students come first

George Irwin, Carriage Blvd. spoke regarding not wanting students to have to give up their education

Shawn Richardson, Blossom Court, spoke regarding protecting students education, continuing full day kindergarten, do what is best for the children

Chevonne Morgan, Cherrywood Dr., spoke regarding cut to Kindergarten program, looking into other options if the cut occurs

Christie Potochnik, Havana Drive, spoke regarding reductions to Special Education and Kindergarten programs

Tracy Riggins, Allegheny Ave. spoke regarding Regency Park, teachers are dedicated to the building, know every child by name

Kathy Shearer, Samoa Dr., spoke regarding benefit of full day Kindergarten program, concerned about not having a full day for her child

Lori Vickroy, Carrie Ave., spoke regarding Kindergarten going half day, cost savings from AP courses, embarrassed by school district

Jennifer Kearney, Mower Dr., spoke regarding high quality programs, teachers and administrators, concerned regarding program reductions and consider comments from tonight, need to increase revenue and addition to Center

Jason Decheck, Meadow Drive, spoke regarding move to Plum for full day Kindergarten and people not moving to District due to program reductions

Leann Weiss, Vale Ave, advocate regarding Regency Park and doing the best thing for students, not reducing programs, work together to help create solutions

Michelle Gallagher, spoke regarding concerns about board

Michelle Stepnick, spoke regarding potential Superintendent candidate being selected prior to the process

Athletic Committee - Mrs. Caldwell, Chairperson

A. Numbers of athletes - participation by sport (Report given by Mrs. Caldwell and Mr. Alpino)

1. Recruiting (Update provided)

2. Co-ops (Request for additional information from Jr. High wrestling program and invite booster group)

II. Education Committee - Dr. Anderson, Chairperson

A. Kristen Rowe, high school librarian was nominated for the American Library Association's 2017 I Love My Librarian Award (Information provided)

B. Approval of overnight trips:

Requested by:	Purpose:	Destination :	Cost:	# of Students	Paid for by:
Colonel	Curriculum-	Washington	\$175 Per	50	Boosters

Peterson	in- Action Trip	, DC March 9-10, 2018	Person \$30 Student Cost		and Out of Pocket
Colonel Peterson	Compete in the Air Force Air Rifle Championships	Camp Perry, OH Feb. 15-18, 2018	\$200 Per Person	5	Booster and Out of Pocket

(Move forward to voting meeting)

C. 2018-2019 Calendars

1. Teacher
2. Academic (Parent/Student) (Move both calendars forward)

D. Accept a donation of:

1. Photo enlargement equipment from the Monick Family
2. STEM Quadcopter Kit; Awarded by CAP (Civil Air Patrol) to SMSgt. Drew Riddle of the AFJROTC
3. \$500 grant from the United Way of Allegheny County to support the Hi5! Transition to Kindergarten - AIU Transition MOU
4. \$1,300 awarded to Jane Boyle, Holiday Park through Donors Choose to fund African Drums for the World Drumming Unit in Music
5. \$700 awarded to Lindsey Lamm, Regency Park from Target for a Field Trip that will be a guided walking tour of Pittsburgh, North Shore Riverwalk, and a Gateway Clipper Tour
6. \$100 Donors Choose Gift Card awarded to David Evans, Regency Park for participating in the Hour of Code National Initiative. (Move all forward to voting meeting)

- E. Grade Configuration options – Mrs. Anderson gave report on board meetings schedules and configurations. She discussed building configurations by not making addition to Center and a stable plan for ensuring students have a consistent building. Recommends full day K-5, 6-8 and 9-12, allows for growth, allows for better utilized space and an effective middle school model. (Move forward)

III. Finance Committee - Mr. Schlauch, Chairperson

- A. GOB Bills January (Move to voting meeting)
- B. General Fund Bills December (Move to voting meeting)
- C. Cash Flow Statement comparison (Move to voting meeting)
- D. Budget 3 (Prepare both preliminary budget and resolutions options for special board meeting)

- E. Approve Allegheny Intermediate Unit joint purchasing agreement and resolution (Move to voting meeting)
- F. Approve Tax Collector resolution (Move to voting meeting)
- G. Approve Budget transfers for January (Move to voting meeting)
- H. Approve Resolution from PDE (Move to voting meeting)

IV. Policy Committee - Mr. Wisniewski, Chairperson

A. Recommend approval of the following Policies:

- 1. Policy 004 - Membership
- 2. Policy 011 - Principles for Governance and Leadership
- 3. Policy 104 - Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices
- 4. Policy 113.3 - Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
- 5. Policy 115 - Career and Technical Education
- 6. Policy 116 - Tutoring
- 7. Policy 127 - Assessment System
- 8. Policy 218 - Student Discipline
- 9. Policy 304 - Employment of District Staff
- 10. Policy 609 - Investment of District Funds
- 11. Policy 711 - Use of Vehicles for School Business
- 12. Policy 806 - Child Abuse
- 13. Policy 822 - Wellness Program
- 14. Policy 823 - Naloxone (Move all items to voting meeting)
- 15.

Safe Schools Committee - Vicky Roessler, Chairperson

A. Information Items:

- 1. Report on Lead Testing Regulations (Information provided)
- 2. Safety Committee Reports (Information provided)
- 3. Metal Detectors - Handheld Wands (information provided)
- 4. Calendar on Website
- 5. PSP Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (Update provided, report to be complete in Spring)

B. Discussion Items:

- 1. SRO Grant - \$60,000 for the 2017-2018 school year, and an additional \$30,000 for the upcoming 2018-2019 SRO - 2 year grant. (Move to voting meeting)
- 2. High School Vestibule (VEBH) (Discussion and Mr. Engen will provide updated list)

Additional item: Move forward closing the Regency Building and motion to advertise the closing on January 30th meeting.

Adjourn