

P.K. Yonge School Advisory Council
February 17 Minutes

In attendance:

- Members: Cinton Alford, Mo Deel Coleman, Rob Cox, Lori Dassa, Carrie Geiger, Ashley Pennypacker Hill, Caley Lape, Brian Mathien, Megan Miller, Nigel Newbutt, Erin Scarborough, Marisa Stukey, Cory Tomlinson, Dicy Watson, Megan Weber, Alisha Williams, Peyton Janicke
- Guests: Megan Koppitch, Campbell Johnson, Harlow Knowles, Ewelina Czyz, Monica Webb, Katoya King, Jorelle Degen, Christa Blaske

Meeting called to order at 5:30

- Reviewing November 2025 minutes with QR code
- Reviewing February Agenda
 - Megan Miller asked to be added to the Faculty Presentation with Christa Blaske so that their partner presentation be shared at the same time and not in addition
- No Community Members for discussion
- Chair updates
 - We need a secretary- one more meeting this year, and then nominations in the fall
- Director's Update- Dr. Geiger- GYM update
 - Groundbreaking 2/10
 - Shared new poster with plan
 - Goal finish a year from now and be in March 27
 - Fitting 1000 people
 - Being built on the parking lot- current gym won't be demolished until new one is
 - Hope to do a farewell to the old gym and ribbon cutting ceremony for new gym at the same time
 - Old gym entrance is going to face the new gym
 - Save the floor to sell
 - Floorplans in the work, no rendering of inside yet
 - Question
 - Impact on parking
- Principals
 - Dicy- Elementary
 - Survived cold weather with pipe burst- cancelled 1 day
 - Academics- PM 2 midday data looking strong
 - 3rd grade 77% on or above level 3
 - Student selected to share art
 - Elementary basketball strong
 - Registering for soccer now
 - Creek camp (collab with Galapagos high schoolers)- teacher workday camp as a fundraiser; another happening in the spring
 - Upcoming field trips
 - Leadership
 - Professional learning
 - Sonic foundation supported for Ron Clarke Academy- Angie Gonzalez and Angie Flavin
 - Shop with a Cop

- Sunshade campaign for Gator Giving Day for Elementary Patio sunshades
 - Student Leadership
 - Student-led conferences on Feb 25
- Ashley- High School and Middle
 - Jay Morant- Clay Electric- trip to DC
 - Sports District Champs
 - Deca team qualified for state
 - Odyssey of the Mind- 7 teams this year and going to regionals on Saturday
 - 2025 AP School Honor Roll- platinum member (highest we can get)- 100% of seniors take at least 1 AP exam; 83% of seniors scored at least 3 or higher (leaving with college credit); 39% of seniors took 5 or more exams
 - Offering free SAT and ACT tutoring on Saturdays- partnering with Florida Partnership- Palm Beach State College
 - Check the HUB- Dr. Sheppard and Counselors are working on it with webinars and monthly newsletter; good place to check for updates
 - Beauty and the Beast 8th grade production
 - 26-27 Course Registration is underway
 - Rising 10-12th grade webinar on 2/12- sent out about which courses will be offered
 - March 3- current 6 and admitted 6 grade students info in the PAC
 - March 5 in person event for current PK students and admitted students for parents AND students in PAC to learn about pathways
 - Rising 7-8th grade students- info through webinar
 - *trying to make sure kids and families are getting the information
 - Reach out to school counselor if you want to set a meeting- especially around course progressions and scheduling
 - Marisa asked about January parent night and admissions- Dr. Hill shared that Fabiana (director of admissions) shared there are more secondary applications this year than in the past, but that we also need to get the word out and recruit
- Faculty Presentation
 - Christa Blaske and Megan Miller- NCSS- shared about their experience in starting Rho Kappa Jr. in middle school; student centered and focused; wanting to tap into resources at the university and community and to make space for social studies not just STEM
 - Christa Blaske- shared about work with Dr. Carla-Ann Brown- 3rd year of research together
 - Ewelina Czyz- Role of AI Feedback in the Writing Classroom at NCTE with Angela Kohnen from College of Ed- wondered about the use of AI giving feedback to help with class-size/teacher load; they found that AI provided a lot of feedback (quantity) and so they are playing with prompting with AI to be specific and not overwhelm students; want to use to support teachers not replace feedback; this year they want to help students guide them to using AI as a tool not as a task completion
- Student Gov Update-
 - Highlights- High School and Middle School High Tide in January

- Elections- student body and senator elections; ongoing interviews with reps (30 spots with 60 spots)
- Schoolwide SGA Meeting- collaboration across elementary, middle, and high
- FASC Resolution Presentation- passed at district and then goes to the state level
 - Resolution- to label schools as protected safe spaces to help keep kids safe (targeting what is happening with ICE)
- Prom- Purple Rain theme @ UF Reitz
- Pickleball Tournament
- Spring Market/Volunteer Fair- similar to club showcase
- FPC Update from Megan Miller
 - Most issues are being solved at elementary and secondary leadership meetings
 - Updating Bylaws intentionality to update language to mirror COE's
 - Calendar Committee- 26-27 draft
 - TELT- meeting this semester 2x a month, 1 meeting a month is collaborating with administration; goal to have revised plan for 26-27 to be voted on no later than May
 - FPC elections will happen soon to fill vacant spots
- PTO Update- Katoya King (last year)
 - Not much happening right now
 - April 4th- Color Run (biggest fundraiser outside of spirit wear)- funds Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Teachers and Faculty- free admission
 - May 4-8- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Looking volunteers- parents and students (will give hours)
 - Next Year- we have a president but need other roles filled- VP, Secretary, Treasurer; want to have a nominating committee in April
 - Questions for Dr. Geiger from parents
 - ICE Presence- What is the protocol if ICE shows up on Campus? Will they will be required to have a warrant? Concern around sending student to school and when I come to get them they're not there
 - Unsure- anyone who comes to campus has to come through Matt at the guard shack- Matt radio to says someone is on campus; we have never experienced this; Officer Bell would be on the radio and can get in touch with UFPD and officials to get guidance around this; we would take orders beyond our authority; this is what happens with other law enforcement came such as DCF or a different county sheriff's office
 - Other PK policy- any law enforcement who wants to talk to the child is asked permission by parent
 - We would stick to protocols as best as we can
 - Exception, if DCF comes, we are sometimes/in general not to call families
 - UFPD has been instructed to follow the federal agents
 - Follow Up question- Who do you recommend parents to contact for questions about this?
 - Chief Knowles of UFPD

- Dean Good is Dr. Geiger's boss
- Business
 - Megan Koppitch- Library book purchases- K-12; list of books shared
 - How might parents donate in the future? Reach out to Megan Koppitch
 - Book Wishlist
 - Make a list of frequently checked out or requested
 - Lots of books newly purchased are series to be finished, replacements
 - "Friends of the PK Library"
 - April- library appreciation month
 - Free Library
 - EHS partnership for selling books for a dollar at winter and spring market
 - Activity Fee Draft- Dr. Geiger
 - Changes
 - Athletic Trainer Salary- set by UF
 - Dues and Memberships- Athletic Clearances- digital medical records to keep kids safe
 - Speech and Debate out of budget- they have leftover money so they don't need to have basic allocation for next year
 - Student Gov Growth- doubled budget
 - Credit Card Fees- passed onto families
 - Director's Discretion fund- increased a little bit- to help students/catch all "helping kids fund"
 - Will vote on this budget in April
 - School Calendar Draft- Dr. Geiger
 - Currently sitting at the Provost office to make sure start and end date matches teacher contract- needs to be signed off on
 - Question from Marisa- how many dates are different from Alachua County? Unsure and still needs to work
- Meeting adjourned at 6:42 by Marisa
- Next meeting on April 14 for last meeting of the year