

PK Yonge School Advisory Council

April 14 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

- Members: Lori Dassa, Carrie Geiger, Ashley Pennypacker Hill, Meryl Klein, Brian Mathien, Megan Miller, Erin Scarborough, Marisa Stukey, Dicy Watson, Megan Weber, Alisha Williams, Peyton Janicke
- Guests: Monica Webb, Emily Eubanks, Megan Koppitch, Lilli Bing, Riley Brack,

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 5:31
- Quorum established
- Review of February 17th meeting minutes with QR code
 - Minutes approved without changes
- Review of April agenda, adjusting order discussions for efficiency

Updates

Chair Updates - Dr. Marisa Stukey

- Middle school rep needed, Sarah Bell stepping down as secretary.
 - Monica Webb, parent of middle schooler, asked to take minutes and serve as secretary next year.
- Community member rep still needed
- Staff member roll overs will occur as normal
- Current members will be asked if continuing
- Next year the meetings will be held the second Tuesday, freeing up previous member conflicts.
- Official membership voting will occur in the first meeting of academic year, September 8th.

Director Updates - Dr. Geiger

- Gym construction going well
- UF Trustees created PK Yonge Ad Hoc Committee to review K-12 programs

- Dr. Geiger will serve as PK Yonge representative
- UF Board of Trustee, Jed Davis will visit PK Yonge next week
- Classes of 1975-76: Class held 50th Reunion at Cade Museum. Class reunion gift was started. This is a generous group that previously campaigned for supporting the DC trip. A big thank you to the Classes of 1975-1976 for their support!
- Gator Giving Day: Raised \$25,000 to match \$20,000 gift. Gator Giving Day was a success in helping us reach \$55,000 of the \$100,000 needed for sun shade structures.

Principals' Updates

Elementary Updates - Dicy Watson

- Field trip season: Many curriculum enriching trips occurring. Kennedy Space Center trip was a success. DC, Epcot, other trips planned.
- Pizza by the Creek occurring next week. Reservations are currently open and being collected by the students who are very excited.
- Admissions has been busy. 20 VPK students admitted. Welcome event was a success.
 - Pre-selections currently occurring for Kindergarten
 - End of the month will include additional grade selections
- Z-A countdown starts next week.

Secondary Updates - Ashley Pennypacker Hill

- Currently in end of semester zone. Reminders to check canvas, speak to teachers, and monitoring grades.
- Call of 1976 50th Reunion included SG tours, wonderful stories of the history and impact of PKY.
- Grad Bash is Saturday 4/18 and will return at 4:30 am.
- Prom is May 2nd. SGA is providing prom dress support, more below.
- New head girl basketball coach: Shawn Dixon
- Mean Girls just wrapped. An amazing performance!
- Course registration currently occurring for middle and high school. Families can meet with school counselors to discuss courses for next year.

Student Government Updates – Peyton Janicke & Nora

- Recent events:
 - FASC Resolution on Safe Spaces passed, with no notes. Now it goes to the State Legislature.

- Elections: 60 student applied for SG positions
- Pickleball Tournament: began last year and grew this year from 12 to 19 teams. Various businesses donated prizes
- Upcoming Events:
 - Prom May 2nd
 - Prom Dress Shop: donations accepted and students can borrow dresses. Now available in the senior hall.
 - Teacher Appreciation in May
 - Induction April 28th.
 - School Wide SG Committee is having a table at the STEAM Night next week with elementary and middle school students
 - Senior Go week starting April 27th.
 - Senior Sunset and Graduation also coming up.
- Annual Report: New report template shared. Includes social media report, event highlights with data and pictures. Will be public facing report on website.
- Questions for SG:
 - How to donate prom dresses? Drop them off at the main office. Collection continues through prom.
 - Are there concerns about stigma? Rack is available in open space for students to shop around and use bathrooms to try on. Other schools sell them or do something similar. We're focused on donation this year. Reuseable bags would be helpful to carry the dresses out and home. SG will check in with Ms. Eubanks for current bag availability.
- Last meeting wisdom from SG leaders: Payton can't believe they've been here since Kindergarten. It's a family affair with alumni history. They appreciate giving us updates. Other SG members may benefit also sharing and recommends other SG students come to listen.
- Feedback from SACs: SG is incredible and valuable having them here. It's been wonderful seeing the growth.

Faculty Presentations

- Riley Brack, National Council of Teachers of English
 - Presented about Wayfinders and was excited to share its impact with educators across the country. Theme of conference was "Dreaming Boldly". Conference sessions provided various opportunities for bravely dreaming. Thought provoking on how partnerships with the community can impact PKY. Came back with practical knowledge and collective dreaming that led to inspiration.

- Comments: There is a Tree Walk on campus. Ms. Eubanks shared more information and stated the QR codes may need updating.
- Megan Miller, National Council for the Social Studies
 - Presented with Christa Blaske on launching Jr. Rho Kappa for Civic Engagement. Content of presentation was shared in the February SACs meeting
- Megan Miller & Lillian Bing, National Council for the Social Studies
 - Presented: *Generations of Democracy: Students' Evolving Civic Identities Across Grade Levels* as a power session in 30 minutes. Our school is unique in providing civic across grade levels. The presentation covers how student thoughts change over the years (7, 10, 11, and 12th grade). Students want real civic practice, not content alone. They want to be listened to and their voices valued. Addressing adult gatekeeping is essential. Presented scaffold civic opportunities developmentally across 7th, 10th, and upper high school.
- Megan Miller & Megan Koppitch, National Council for the Social Studies
 - Poster session: *Because Democracy Begins Here: Expanding SGA to Develop Citizenry from K-12*. Surveyed students and how they found their voices, built their skills, and the influence on developing future leaders. A lot of interest in elementary and middle schools to create SGA opportunities through clubs. Conversations were focused on logistics and lessons learned. Biggest student take aways after participating in SGA: Listening to other people's ideas above your own, planning and organizing events.
 - Question: What would be a wildly important goal for middle or high school SG next year? Question will be posed to the students. The students will likely say more funding for things like teacher appreciation (breakfast every month), pep rallies, and other events that will meaningfully pouring into school culture. This has the potential lead and lag measures. Students have stated they want a student representative on the leadership team, more voices in leadership in school governance.

Faculty Policy Council Update – Megan Miller

- Jalea Turner, 25-26 FPC Chair, not in attendance. Chair-elect Megan Miller gave update on her behalf. Different organizational issues are being discussed and problem solved . TILT is close to being presented on teacher evaluations. Goal is to get voted and done right before the end of the school year.

PTO Update – Emily Eubanks

- Katoya King, 25-26 PTO President, not in attendance. Ms. Eubanks presented on her behalf. Color run was a success with over 100 participants and over 120 volunteers. New route was great and will probably be used again next year. Faculty and Staff Appreciation is currently being planned. The theme will be announced the week before teacher appreciation week. Volunteers needed and information will go out next week. Send any questions to Emily and she'll share them with Katoya

New Business

- Activity Fees
 - Brought forward in the February meeting and recorded in the minutes.
 - Questions? Updates or additional updates? None
 - Vote: Accepting activity fees as outlined here. Motion passed unanimously to accept activity fees as projected.

PKY Community Discussion

- Floor open for community members, no discussions

2026-2027 Meeting Dates

- September 8: Voting will occur for new members
- November 10
- February 9
- April 13

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm by Marisa