PK Yonge School Advisory Council
11/10/2026 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

- Members: Mo Deel Coleman, Lori Dassa, Amy Neal, Carrie Geiger, Meryl Klein, Megan Miller, Nigel Newbutt, Cory Tomlinson, Dicy Watson, Megan Weber, Alisha Williams, Jan Merritt, Jay Morant
- Guests: Campbell J, Ella G, Brian Moody, Jalea Turner, Peggy Roach

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 5:36
- Quorum established
- Review of September meeting minutes with QR code
    - Minutes approved without changes
- Review of November agenda
    - Approved without changes

Updates

Chair Updates – Mo Deel Coleman on Behalf of Dr. Marisa Stuckey

- None

Student Government Update – Jay Morant, 26-27 Student Body Pres, Campbell J, Ella G

- Update from first semester:
    - Communications: Sports (SGA does sports), updates (Blue Wave Currant) slides for the P.K. Yonge community.
    - Outreach: Helps with elementary and middle school SGA
    - Policy: FASC preparation. Resolved to work on teachers' salaries, matching to current needs. Presenting on December 9
    - Staff appreciation: Birthdays, get well soons, congratulations cards.
    - Fundraising: New committee! Lunch activities, building community
    - Senior events: Build community during seniors last years
    - Athletics: Pep rally was a success!

- Winter Market: Coming up December 3rd, Clubs showcase what they do and fundraise
- Holiday Events: Spirit days for winter holiday season, Boo Grams for Halloween
- Deck the Halls: Each hall gets a theme, decorates the hall, and winners get to sign the P.K. Yonge Paddle
- Kindness Week: Spread kindness through the school, notes around campus + other decorations
- Wave Week: New spirit week that celebrates wintersports (basketball, soccer) | Similar to homecoming for Fall sports

Faculty Presentations

- Peggy Roach – Attended National Council for Teachers of Mathematics with F. Aguirre. Attended various sessions:
  - Session on classroom stations for mobility among students. These stations allow for more individualized attention for students.
  - Ethnomathematics session on mathematics throughout history, across the world.
  - Session with personal accounts from a presenters' life and relationship with math.
  - Specific precalculus sessions – looking for details on how they can improve teaching this subject.
  - Teaching fractions in elementary school. Trying to build relationships with elementary math teachers. They aim to develop lessons together to target common math struggles early on.
- Susan Johnson, Brian Moody – Florida Arts Educators Association
  - Susan Johnson could not attend and will speak in February.
  - Hard to access much of this conference due to cost, may not be worth it to stay for this entire conference next year.
  - Moody received positive feedback for his presentation on assignment asking students to draw images in black-and-white and inverted colors to build drawing skills. The activity helps with color-matching, drawing from sight; he included account of a student whose skill drastically improved from the exercise.
  - Bowling scholarships are the largest unclaimed scholarships. Moody learned about this, and has already looked into becoming a bowling coach.
- Jalea Turner – International Conference on Education and Justice

- Collaborative project with UF COE, Claremont University – research on the state of teacher education in Florida regarding recent legislation. Received positive feedback.
- Attended a session on self-care for educators to avoid burnout.
- Toured the University of Hawaii's lab school. The school had issues in the community involving cultural assumptions made by students about their peers. They acquired funding to send students to experience the culture as a way to address the issues.

Director Updates - Dr. Geiger

- Gym update. Future events to put on your radar:
  - March 6: Larry McDaniel is organizing an alumni event for past athletes and coaches to say goodbye to the old gym.
  - March 12, 4-7PM: Evening event celebrating the new gym
    - Old gym will begin demolition in April. We will continue to use the gym through March 11.
- Anita Zucker is speaking to 6-12 grade students this week about her family's experience during the Holocaust.
  - Presentation is age-adapted.

Secondary Updates – Dicy Watson on behalf of Ashley Pennypacker Hill

- Hosted visitors from Lithuania
- FluMist this week
- Learning Walks this week
  - Prek-12 faculty open classrooms for feedback from PK faculty peers
- Rob Brunson: School-related employee of the year
- Senior college applications
- FAFSA lab
- PSAT scores are out
- All About HS Night – For current PK students and prospective families – Nov 18
- Athletics accomplishments
- Winter play: Almost Maine
- Marching Band: Marching MPA – all superior rating, state competition this week

Elementary Updates - Dicy Watson

- Beginning of the year testing is done, and we're gaining.
- Elementary feast: Nov 18.

- Mid-year book fair: Sponsored by KG-1st grade learning community
    - 3 per year
- Successful fall conferences.
- Pre-K trick-or-treating at Normal Hall
- Clubs are going strong.
    - Example: The PK Currant – new issues bimonthly
- Pre-K started going to exploratory – science lab and art bimonthly

Faculty Policy Council Update – Megan Miller, 26-27 FPC Chair

- Conversations between teachers, admin, leadership
- Faculty members creating a handbook to support new faculty
- Teacher evaluations – working with administration to clarify our evaluation system
- Request for collaboration across COE: Instructional framework changes

PTO Update – Dicy Watson on Behalf of Jorelle Deegan, 26-27 PTO President

- Turkey Feather Fundraiser
    - Received suggestions from MS asking to extend to secondary
- Hoping to have winter wear spirit wear fundraiser within the week.
    - 2-week pre-order window, one-time shop
- Next PTO meeting: Feb 11

New Business

- School Recognition Funds - Carrier Geiger
    - PK received them for our test scores
    - Recommended to distribute equally among faculty and staff who were present last year, or a pro-rated amount based on FTE and effective date.
    - **Vote: Motion to support** passed with no oppposition

PKY Community Discussion

- Floor open for community members, no discussions

2026-2027 Meeting Dates

- February 9
- April 13

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm