Minutes of the Peak to Peak Board of Directors

Meeting (Regular Meeting)

Wednesday, May 27th, 2020
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The Peak to Peak community will inspire students to fulfill their academic dreams for college, to develop their creative passions and athletic talents, and to become responsible citizens.

1. Call to Order: Eveline Grady @ 8:00 AM

   In Attendance by video conferencing:

   Voting Board: Heather Caruso, Derek Cole, Colleen Elliott, Elizabeth Gable, Eveline Grady, Jaimee Miller, Thomas Willetto

   Ex-Officio: Melissa Christensen, Kyle Mathews, Gretchen Mosca (late), Kelly Reeser, Sam Todd

   Absent: None

   Guests: Traci Schoeneweis, Jen Dauzvardis, Keri Dunphy, John Wilcox, Vicki Lundquist, Kristianna Vedvik, Ari Axelrod, Shyla Subramanian – Accountability Committee representative

2. Consent Grouping:

   Approval of the minutes from 5/6/2020:

   Motion to Approve: Elizabeth Gable
   Seconded: Derek Cole

   Vote: Approved, 7-0

3. 8:02 Kudos/Celebrations:

   Heather Caruso – Kudos to everyone involved with all the year-end celebrations. From Kindergarten to HS graduation, all effort to provide these alternative experiences is greatly appreciated.

   Jaimee Miller – Noted she is nearing the end of her 3-year term. Thanks to the board members she has served with during this time. Thanks to Jen Dauzvardis for all of her guidance and help with board governance and her commitment to the school. It has been a challenging yet rewarding experience.

   Eveline Grady – Thanks to the Election Committee for all the work around the election, especially
this year. Congratulations to returning board member, Derek Cole, and welcome to new board member, Ari Axelrod. She is looking forward to working with all in the coming years.

Thanks to Traci Schoeneweis for organizing the year-end student property pick-up. It was a smooth process and felt like it has been done this way for years. Kudos to Traci and her entire team!

Kelly Reeser – Congratulations on the board election and to the candidates. Welcome to the new board member, Ari Axelrod.

Congratulations to our 2020 graduates and their families. We are so proud of all of them and wish them the best as they continue with their lives.

Colleen Elliott – Reiterated kudos to all on the year-end celebrations. Such a great set of events in the midst of the emotional toll of being apart. All levels did such a wonderful job of creating meaningful events to honor our students and departing staff.

Sam Todd – Thanks to John Wilcox for ALL of the work being done. Many projects are being done ahead of time, such as the NW Gym renovation, and the relocation of LMC roof drainage to the underground system.

Kyle Mathews – Kudos to Cindy Guajardo, high school yearbook and art teacher, for earning a national yearbook program of excellence award for the second year in a row. Our high school yearbook program is one of 350 out of 15,000 yearbook programs to earn this award. Way to go, Cindy and the yearbook staff!

Gretchen Mosca (read by Kelly Reeser) – Kudos to Pam Rutigliano for the outstanding award the yearbook achieved for the middle school yearbook! The National Yearbook Program of Excellence designation is an honor that recognizes yearbook programs for achieving the criteria in each of the three categories listed below:
1. A meaningful book for all students
2. A book in every student’s hands
3. Effective Project Management

Kudos to the Middle School Staff for their amazing flexibility and focus during our distance learning. We kept on teaching and holding students accountable to the learning process. Our data on our spreadsheet indicated a 98% engagement rate in our middle school. While some of the engagement was minimal because we have extraordinary teachers who bring learning to life in our classrooms, we are very pleased with the engagement results and the outreach that our entire staff made to achieve this engagement. I am thrilled with the dedication of our staff and the continuous and creative steps everyone took to ensure learning continued.

Melissa Christensen – A huge thanks to Jen Dauzvardis for the lovely signs during checkout. Each day was new, different, and fun. Thanks!

4. 8:10 Public Comments:
  None.
5. **8:11 Curriculum Proposals** – Board discussed the proposed plays for the MS and the HS for 2020-21 and voted on the current 1st Grade proposal regarding ability grouping.

Kyle Mathews reviewed plays and answered any questions. The board will vote on approving the plays at the next meeting.

**Motion to replace 1st Grade cross-grade ability grouping for Language Arts and move to within-class ability grouping for Language Arts**: Jaimee Miller  
**Seconded**: Colleen Elliott

Melissa Christensen reviewed the proposal and answered any questions.

**Vote**: Approved, 7-0

6. **8:18 Planning for 2020-21 – Discussion of the planning for the Fall of 2020**

Kelly Reeser led the discussion on what plans are being developed. Following the State’s suggested options for fall. Several possibilities

P2P will set up task forces with staff to develop a model for the delivery of learning in the fall. It will incorporate guidance from the CDE, educational best practices, actual self-reflection by the staff, and input from the families and students.

The ELT is developing several options, including the possibility of shifting from one model to another during the school year if the overall health situation changes; or based on direction from the state health department, CDE, and the district.

Eveline Grady asked Kelly to pass along a big “thank you” from the board to the staff for working over the summer to participate in the task forces and the planning for the fall.

7. **8:39 Property & Casualty Insurance and Custodial Services Contract**

**Motion to approve the property and Casualty Insurance premiums through insurance broker CCIG as well as the three-year Custodial Services Contract with Service Master as outlined in the EDOs report**: Elizabeth Gable  
**Seconded**: Derek Cole

Sam Todd reviewed both proposals and the selection process and answered any questions.

**Vote**: Approved 7-0

8. **8:47 Preliminary Budget Review for 2020-21** – Sam Todd presented the preliminary budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year and answered questions. Some assumptions or items of note in his preparation of this version are:

- It was reported to the League board this afternoon that the JBC's recommendations to the state legislature will include a 5-7% cut in PPR, which is substantially lower than the 10-15% cut that we have been anticipating. It appears the 7% reduction is likely where it will land
• A 7% cut in PPR scenario will allow for 3% pay increases for all employees
• Full-day kindergarten is safe and will remain intact for next year
• Sam and his staff are proposing a new budget format for Fund 26, which separates ongoing fundraising efforts from the Scholarship Fund. The previous format tended to cause confusion as it did NOT differentiate between internal fundraising performance and the external impact of the financial markets on the scholarship fund
• Gov. Polis announced last week that he would be directing $510 million from federal COVID relief funds to K-12 schools this year. This translates to about $550/student, or about $795K for P2P. The League of Charter Schools affirms this information and that the money will be shared equally with charter schools

Sam expects the state legislature to finalize the educational portion of the state budget this week.

9. 9:23 Adjourn Peak to Peak Board meeting:
   Motion to Adjourn: Eveline Grady
   Seconded: Elizabeth Gable
   Vote: Approved, 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Willetto, Secretary
Peak to Peak Board of Directors