



Minutes of the Peak to Peak Board of Directors

Meeting (Regular Meeting)

Wednesday, October 14, 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: Colleen Elliott @ 5:01 PM

In attendance by video conferencing:

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

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

Absent: None

Guests: Jen Dausvardis, Katherine Martin, Traci Schoeneweis, Kristianna Vedvik, John Wilcox

2. 5:05 PM Consent Grouping:

Approval of the meeting minutes from 9/09/2020

Motion to Approve: Thomas Willetto

Seconded: Eveline Grady

Vote: The motion passed with 7 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions

3. 5:07 PM Kudos/Celebrations:

Melissa Christensen – our front office staff is working hard every day to keep things running. They do it well with grace and kindness.

Gretchen Mosca – I echo Melissa's comments. Kudos to ELT for excellent on-going discussions. Our staff is working collaboratively and passionately for our community. Outstanding effort in a difficult environment.

Thomas Willetto – Tracy Durland and all staff that were part of PSAT day. They did a great job on a difficult day.

Heather Caruso – I would like to give a shout out to so many people sending in great ideas from community, volunteers in general, and volunteers that helped on Q2 pick up day.

Eveline Grady – I would like to highlight our high school teachers and counselors who are shepherding our seniors through the college application process this year. Also, kudos to Coach Ventimiglia who coached Boys Golf team and they had a great season.

Kyle Mathews – Thanks to all of our high school teachers who are writing meaningful recommendation letters for our HS seniors. Thanks to HS teachers for hosting conferences. Thanks for all the meaningful conversations.

Kelly Reeser – Thanks to all of our parents for their heavy effort in supporting students in this difficult environment. We know parents and family are shouldering a heavy burden through this process.

Colleen Elliot – I am very proud to be part of this community wrestling with our pandemic challenges. This is a lot for all of us to manage and we are appreciative of the respectful feedback we are getting from families. Kudos to Jen Dauzvardis for the comprehensive Communications Report. A great summary of a huge, broad amount of work and communications efforts across our organization and our strategic plan.

4. 5:16 Public Comments:

Kate Martin – 4th grade parent, Chair of Accountability committee. Committee is place where all parents can participate in our community. Development of SRS committee is a welcome addition to our committees. We request that Accountability committee member be added to the SRS task force.

Brandi Scott – thank you to all the volunteers that helped with PSAT and Q2 pick up. Kudos to Miss Mylott for her outdoor theater efforts. She is a gem at P2P.

Tara Ford – 5th and 8th grade parent. All the teachers are doing a phenomenal job. We appreciate teacher efforts. Question to address: if we are going to be online next semester, can we move to 8 period semester schedule so that students are getting full experience and not falling behind like they are currently?

Emily Duke – mother of second grader and kindergartener. Strongly urge P2P to open up fully, immediately. P2P can and should open up. School is now failing our students. Continued closure is affecting mental health of students. Broomfield county has stated schools can be open.

Mary Campbell – parent and counselor at P2P. Thanks to the last person who spoke. I too believe having an in-person option is essential to our learners. We need to reevaluate and not wait until December. We need to get our ES students back in class.

Jenny Kirchner – faculty member and parent. 1st grader is loving remote learning. 2nd grader is suffering and now hates school. Devastating to see effects this is having on our students. I urge us to give students opportunity to be back in school.

Michelle Hall – three kids at P2P – echo comments of prior speakers. Severe struggle for working

families of community. My own students are struggling and have not learned even half as much as my older students that have taken the same courses. Teachers are doing their best. I think the fault is with the quarter system, limited number of classes and reduced curriculum content. Returning to in person or offering in person option would be extremely helpful for all kids K-12.

Alison Dumont – parent of two P2P students. Echo all the thoughts of the prior speakers. All the research shows students can go back to school safely. We should consider this now and not wait. Urge our school to figure out how we can work together to return to school. We also need more classes. Our kids are not learning very much.

Lisa Walther – one student at school and past Board member. Please strongly, urgently consider many of the comments just made tonight about reconsidering allowing our children to return to classroom. The data has been presented and it is strong. There are devastating effects to mental health and academics for being out of class for so long. As an organization serving our community and students, our number one guide in decision making used to be asking if what we are doing is first and foremost best for kids. Keeping them out of school is not living up to our promise.

Nicole Harrison – two kids at P2P – have to say losing confidence in school. My daughter is in 2nd grade and she is struggling mightily and feels very disconnected. I am severely disappointed with learning. I am hopeful you will reconsider and follow data and do what is best for our kids.

Roberto Casini – according to COVID site in Colorado, number of cases in state have grown.

Alison Dumont (second comment)– urge Board to ask parents and staff who wants to return to school and understand our numbers, which could make a difference in our planning, logistics and overall needs.

Veronica Mansur – 2 students. In person option should be implemented now. I echo many of the previous comments on mental health. We need to put our kids first. Let's start with survey of who would return.

Shannon Berg – know this is hard on kids, however, decision to keep kids home was for public safety. Asking to bring kids back is unreasonable. We need to rally together to make best of things.

Sheona Nerstad – 3 kids at P2P, appreciate all the comments shared. Most of Boulder Valley has kids back in school. A survey to families is something the Board needs to do to understand what students would come back and what students would not to inform our decision making.

Belinda Campbell – 2 students - would like to bring up, as a single parent who is an essential worker, not all families have ability to have someone at home with students. We are seeing significant negative impacts in their academics. They are actually sliding backwards, we can stop that but are choosing not to do so. We don't understand why. I urge you to reconsider children going back to school. Most of the data is showing kids are not spreading this disease. Please consider our children's whole health, not just one aspect or risk.

Veronica Mansur (second comment) – please share what it is going to take to return to teaching.

Tracy Vogel – 3 students at P2P. If we do not return to school, how can we improve delivering

education which is sorely lacking in our current mode. We are only getting 40 minutes of interaction with a teacher each day. Our students are going backwards and not learning. We need a lot more support and instruction for our students.

Monika Bunting – English teacher at P2P. I would like to give a shout out to everyone who is working to figure out this difficult situation. Teachers at P2P are working incredibly hard to support students. There are other factors we are considering in these decisions.

Jennifer Douglas – acknowledge this is very hard for everyone. Grateful for every single teacher and recognize the struggles the teachers go through on a daily basis. Any resources you can send the way of the teachers to help them reinvent teaching would be appreciated.

Meredith Hughes – 3 kids at P2P; kids are all very different and DL works for some and not for others. I am now of opinion that we should go back to in person schooling. If we truly view ourselves as essential workers. We need to have students in class to get a full, rigorous interaction and social interaction, both of which are severely lacking at P2P currently. I urge you to consider the option to return to class for those that want and those that don't can stay at home.

5. 5:52 PM Accountability committee report:

(Written report for response to 2020 family survey provided)

Kate Martin provided an update from the Accountability Committee, reviewing response to 2020 family survey including for Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Facilities and Operations, Food Services and Cleaning.

6:08 PM BREAK

6. 6:18 Curriculum Proposals:

Motion to approve the 6th Grade Transitions curriculum proposal: Heather Caruso
Seconded: Elizabeth Gable

Vote: The motion passed with 7 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions

Two Ninth grade text proposals submitted. International texts appreciated. 3 positive comments from community and a very thorough review from one community member.

New course proposal for Middle School Kitchen and Chemistry. Combines nutrition and kitchen chemistry approved for HS course.

7. 6:26 Q2 planning update; update on Safe Return to School Task Force (SRS)

Kelly Reeser provided an update on second quarter planning. Appreciate all the feedback. Recognize we are not set up to be a virtual school and are working to address challenges. Our goal is to return to in person learning as quickly as possible. Environment of guidelines and protocols changing daily. BVSD has taken different interpretation of guidances. Working hard to get students back on campus. Discussion of current status and options.

Colleen Elliott provided brief update on SRS. First meeting has occurred, will be meeting weekly.

Working to get data for discussions of topics. BVSD returning early will provide additional data.

8. 7:25 EDE Report

(EDE written report provided)

Ms. Reeser provided the EDE report, much of which was covered in Q2 plan discussion. EDE 2020-2021 goals were reviewed.

9. 7:35 PM EDO Report

(EDO written report provided)

Mr. Todd provided the EDO report. \$574K COVID relief funds allocated to P2P. Have spent \$130K thus far. Portion of money will be spent on teacher salaries and benefits. Received \$68K in ESSER Funds and \$123K from BVSD 19-20 budget reconciliation. Financial reserves measured as days cash on hands increased to 159, with \$7.6 million unrestricted cash reserves. Rachel Hurt has provided written report on P2P fundraising. Clarissa Rosales joined P2P as Employee Benefits/HR Specialist. Mr. Todd reviewed changes to budget.

Mr. Todd reviewed EDO 2020-2021 goals.

10. 7:52 PM Board Meeting Reflection

Jen Dauzvardis commented on the overall Board discussion. Allowing extended public comments was welcome and beneficial for the community and Board. Ms. Dauzvardis highlighted the need for the Board to research, consider and discuss whether decisions on return to school plan are Board level decisions for voting.

11. 8:02 PM Adjourn Peak to Peak Board meeting:

Motion to Adjourn: Colleen Elliot

Seconded: Eveline Grady

Vote: The motion passed with 6 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions (Thomas Willetto lost connection at 7:59).

Respectfully Submitted,

Derek Cole, Secretary

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