PSCC Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2022
5:00-7:00

- Welcome
- **Pittsburgh Carmalt Student Pledge:**
- **Hispanic Heritage Month:** Mrs. dePoultiloff showed a video highlighting the importance of this month’s celebration.
- **Meet Assistant Principal Burgess-Davis:** Assistant Principal Burgess Davis introduced herself and said how happy she is working at Pittsburgh Carmalt. She spoke of student safety at A.M. arrival. She displayed a map of the Carmalt parking lot and described where students will be getting off the bus. She also showed where parent/guardian drop off will be. The procedure will ensure that all students are exiting curb side. This new procedure will eliminate some students crossing traffic patterns and will start on Monday, October 3, 2022.
- **PSCC Schedule for 2022-23 School Year:** Meetings will be a combination of virtual and in-person. In an effort to reach as many parents and guardians, some in-person meetings will be held in communities that support our student population. There will be a link provided at all in-person meetings for anyone that would like to attend virtually.

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### Back 2 School Basics - Tips for helping parents and students find balance:
- Connect with other parents at PSCC meetings, PTSA meetings and other social media sites.
- Talk with your child about their day. What did you enjoy the most today and why? What was the easiest for you to learn? What was the hardest thing that you learned? What made you smile today?
- Meal Prep with your children for together time.
- Parents and guardians can schedule conference with their child’s teacher on the last Wednesday of every month.

### Weekly Family Dragon Communication: Assistant Principal Burgess Davis sends out a weekly Parent Dragon every Friday that contains important and useful information for the following week. Talking Points and email alerts are sent to remind parents to take a look to help prepare for the next week. Last week, there were 492 views of the newsletter.

### 2022-23 Electronic Device Policy: Mrs. Tokarski-Jones described Pittsburgh Carmalt’s phone policy as it is contained in the Student-Parent Handbook.
- **Grades 5-8:** Devices are collected upon entering the school, are housed in the main office during the day and are returned to students at dismissal.
- **Grades K-4:** Students turn in their device to their homeroom teacher and are given back at dismissal.
Mrs. Tokarski-Jones explained that this rationale is centered around school and student safety and to ensure that all students are engaged in learning. She cited the District Policy 216 and informed that students understand this expectation because it is taught at the beginning of the year with mini-FIRE lessons.

Some parents were very pleased to hear of the policy, while others voiced their concerns about wanting their child to have their device on them while on field trips. Mrs. Tokarski-Jones said that she would include this concern as an agenda item at the next School Culture Team meeting.

- **CDT Overview - Ms. Yekich, CDT Test Coordinator**: Ms. Yekich explained that the CDT, Classroom Diagnostic Tool, is an on-line Math and ELA assessment that all students in grades 3 through 8 will take. Students in grades 4 and 6-8 will also complete the Science CDT. This assessment will be taken in the Fall, Winter and Spring and is designed to measure students’ strengths and to identify areas of growth. The CDT is aligned to the PSSA and will help teachers and students monitor skills as they prepare for end of the year PSSA testing.
- **Conference Day**: October 10, 2022. Letters regarding conferences will be sent home this Friday.
- **PTSA**: The first meeting is October 11, 2022. The new leadership team is excited to start planning for this school year.