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October PSCC Meeting Minutes
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- PAC Review
 - Thank you Mindy Payne!

The first PAC meeting of the 2023-24 school year was held at the Pittsburgh Zoo education center. Erica Gandy, manager of Family Community and Stakeholder Engagement welcomed the group and went over expectations for PAC members. Each school may have 1-3 PAC member representatives. Members are asked to attend a minimum of six meetings per year (meetings may be split between members if there are more representatives from one school) and to commit to a two-year term. The purpose of the PAC is to give parents the opportunity to assume leadership roles by serving as liaisons between parents at their school and District officials.

The speakers, Martha Greenway and Staci Walker of Greenway Strategy Group, discussed the District 5-year plan. Greenway Strategy Group has been meeting with PPS high school students, business owners, service providers and other groups to get feedback about what they want and envision for the District. The main question the groups are asked is: Where does the District want to be in 5 years, and what transformative practices need to be implemented to get there?

In November 2023, a draft of all the meetings should be available with opportunities for feedback. This draft should be widely distributed to parents at schools.

The PAC members were then tasked with answering four questions to work on as groups, elevating their most critical or important concerns. The questions are below:

1. What resources are currently available that support students and families?
2. What opportunities and interests are most important for you and your student(s)?
3. What are the most significant barriers to student success and quality experiences?
4. What are your top priorities for school district practices to address through this strategic plan?

The 10+ groups then shared the following goals to be their most important areas of concern:

- equity across all schools within PPS in regard to resources, programs, opportunities



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- LTF and supports for students with disabilities, special education, students in need of services
 - mental health support
 - make neighborhood schools more appealing/school choice
 - a level of excellence and expectation regardless of where school is located/what school it is
 - address staffing shortages
 - restorative practices (lack of time, space, staff to implement correctly)
 - barriers to attendance such as transportation
 - safety and security in buildings
 - not enough time for recess/recreation (it's a very long day for K students and they need more rec time)
 - language barriers (affects parent involvement, communication with families)
 - lack of opportunities for students with medical needs
 - more engagement with community
 - lack of flexibility for families/students (start times, times when specific classes are flexible)
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- **Review tentative FACE Calendar**
 - Parents reviewed upcoming events for November and December.
 - We are going to do the Concord Cares Walk for the Blessing Box on November 18th.
 - We are going to look at plushies for a December Bear sale.
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- **Parent Training Suggestions**
 - Parents would like math resources and Open Court Supports.
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- **Mentorship Programs**
 - Concord has teamed up with YWAM (Youth on a Mission), Casa San Jose, Jewish Community and Family Services, and BCAP to provide in school mentor opportunities. Students who are signed up



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for these programs go to 45-minute-long groups once a week.

- Equity
 - The staff at Concord is engaging in equity work to make sure that each student is provided with an equitable school experience.
 - We have developed an Equity Committee and will engage in Equity Walk Throughs.

- School Improvement-
 - Concorde's School Improvement Plan is located on Concord's Website. In our plan, there are goals for both literacy and mathematic instruction. This year, we are also focusing on increasing the WIDA scores of our English Language Learners.

- Parent and Community Volunteers
 - Being a PSCC member
 - We had two more attendees today!
 - Staff will make targeted phone calls to invite parents.
 - Will hand out flyers at dismissal.

- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Hoagie Distribution 10-26-2023
 - Mrs. Pozza will send out a Talkingpoints message and do a Facebook post.

- Fundraising
 - Kona Ice at Fall Festival-We raised \$200



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- Hoagie/ Pizza sale during the month of October
 - Sarris - November
 - Spirit Wear Sale -November
 - Pepperoni Roll Sale-January
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- Upcoming Events
 - Halloween Parade (Alternative Celebration)

 - November – Concord Cares Walk for the Blessing Box
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- Parent Concerns –
- Parents are wondering how we can make children aware of the languages and countries that are represented in Concord classes.
 - Mrs. Nath suggested a newsletter that features each country.

 - Raffle -Congratulations to Nar Sanyasi, who won \$25 to Aldi.