

## PCC MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2011

Attendees: entire PCC board, Mrs. Toye, members of the playground committee and Kennedy community members (not listed) (headcount: 31)

Time of meeting: 7pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

See attached agenda.

Welcoming statements; introduction of PCC board; conducted vote for Kathy Carolan and Daniela Masters to share the PCC Chair role; vote overwhelmingly exceeded 9 counts; accepted members to the board.

Principal's remarks:

Thank you from Mrs. Toye to all present and to PCC members and volunteers; presented need to vote for student council; update on continuing construction in the school, including heat installation by 10/15/11; wonderful opening day, despite "Irene," the rain, and construction concerns. Kennedy has a 482 population, which is down 16 from last year, with 13 new students (8 new families). Welcome to any new families in the audience.

Thank you to Renata Gilarova and Sheri Jette for refreshing the Miss Patty and Butterfly Gardens, as well as to the Boy Scouts and their families who may have helped.

Announced that the family handbook is available online; there are new regulations and/or updates pertaining to attendance, home schooling and head injury.

Reminder about appropriate dress for fall/winter, including no flip flops (as they create safety concerns for foot injuries).

Update on food allergy management, with a letter to be sent home if a classroom has allergy concerns.

MCAS results to children on Monday via backpacks. Kennedy received MCAS Accommodation Distinction but we did not meet (NCLB) 100% proficient standard. Presented 2014 targets. 2010-2011 Kennedy didn't meet target or the special needs ratios (ELA and math). 2011-2012 Kennedy did make adequate yearly progress, but again special needs ratios not met. Mrs. Toye discussed the 4 criteria: 1) attendance; 2) participation; 3) performance; and 4) improvement/achievement. A banner of "no status" – which is good news. Mrs. Toye responded to audience questions about MCAS and ratios.

Feedback on parent orientation was positive, according to Mrs. Toye.

On behalf of PCC, Kathy Carolan noted there are two seats available on school council. We will conduct a vote for Sara Drake, vote for another seat at next meeting. Vote overwhelmingly exceeded 9 counts, accepted Sara as a new School Council Member. Any interest in a community representative for Kennedy (who does not currently have a child attending school at Kennedy), please refer them to Mrs. Toye.

Member of the audience (Janice) encouraged participation; each year the plan changes; decision from survey results what will help plan to improve the school.

Return to Principal's Remarks with an update on academic goals and community goals. For academic goals, 1) district literacy goal; 2) math goal; 3) response to intervention. For community goals, 1) survey 2009 plan implementation; 2) renewing commitment to open circle (anti-bullying and open circle are in place at Kennedy).

Treasurer's Report/Remarks: reviewed 2011-2012 budget with synopsis for 2010-2011, showing overall profit \$19,395. Details in the financial binder with backup information. If you'd like detail emailed to you, please contact PCC Treasurer (C. Landry). There was a request for an additional playground donation. The response was optimistic, but suggested PCC get through major fundraisers then revisit funding needs for playground mid-year.

Audience member (Jerry) asked for a recap of 2010-2011 predictions (\$28k predicted with \$8k to playground fund last year).

PCC Chair (K Carolan) thanked PCC volunteer committees for their hard work with events, which fund the PCC initiatives.

PCC Committee Volunteer (K Kerns) requested volunteers for the Fall Fundraiser product pickup on 11/9.

PCC Chair (K Carolan) reminded audience that direct donations could also be considered in lieu of fundraiser product purchase.

Enrichment Committee update on programs, including: Bubble Mania; Power-of-One; Dragon King Matrionette (Kindergarten); Plimoth Plantation (1<sup>st</sup> grade); Finally Fun Machines (2<sup>nd</sup> grade); Vibes (sound) (3<sup>rd</sup> grade); Miss Liz Poetry Coffeehouse (4<sup>th</sup> grade); Wing Master Birds of Prey (5<sup>th</sup> grade). Field trips updates, including: Southwick's Zoo (kindergarten); Stony Brook (1<sup>st</sup> grade); Plimoth Plantation (3<sup>rd</sup> grade); Freedom Trail (5<sup>th</sup> grade).

Playground Committee update with an invitation to stay after meeting for a deeper presentation into the playground fundraising initiatives and ways to help this year. Playground is all inclusive, there is a display of the design online on their website; feedback is always welcome; the cost is \$80k with a 12% discount and shipping for a final cost of \$76,862. Website: [www.kennedyplayground.com](http://www.kennedyplayground.com) This is a community build effort with supervisor provided. Raised \$4.5k during the summer; CVS donated \$3k

due to all inclusive design; \$1.5k from the Wilfork Family as well as \$1k from the Wilfork Foundation; \$2k Kennedy N.A. The completion target is Spring 2012. Final push is underway. Thank you Yoni Jones for the signage. Introduction of the playground committee: Nicki is webmaster; Sandy is fundraiser coordinator; Ariel submitted essay and we're waiting to hear. Reminder about Danimals Gator League Program, which could provide an additional \$20k plus fun recess day. [www.rally4recess.com](http://www.rally4recess.com) Family "Fun"draiser \$100 Challenge will be set in motion as of 10/1 with prizes to the top 2 families who meet the challenge.

PCC Chair (D Masters) provided an update on events (see agenda). Wishing Well update, specifically for teachers and specialists, allows families to donate directly to the teacher and know where their funds are going; any type of donation is appreciated, including monetary, gift cards (at teacher preferred stores). The checks are payable to PCC, but the funds are dedicated to the teachers. PCC also provides teacher grants and expense allowances for their classrooms.

PCC Chair (K Carolan) reminded audience that their child's library day is their Scholastic book fair time.

PCC Chair (D Masters) provided an update on Family Fun Night, including raffle (kids love it!), bake sale, pizza and games in gym. Please try to solicit donations from places that you (the audience) go to help with the raffle. Volunteers will be needed. Watch for more details. The teachers will be there.

Yearbook Committee (A Mosher) update, including thank you to 25 volunteers and meeting will be planned soon to kick-off the creation of this year's yearbook.

PCC Chair (D Masters) provided an update of the Free Money Programs.

PCC Chair (K Carolan) again thanked everyone for their time and solicited further volunteers. The more people, the less time demand on everyone. Tell us what you can do, we'll accommodate your schedule. There's plenty of tasks to assign and all sorts of things we can use you for!

PCC Chair (K Carolan) presented information pertaining to documentary film, "Race To NoWhere". High School and Adolescent level; school committee bought the film; free but need to register; 10/17 or 10/18 primarily for parents as it pertains to suicide and other student issues. This is a parent awareness program with rave reviews.

PCC Chair (K Carolan) invited audience to Wednesday, November 16th PCC meeting to hear an MCAS update from Mrs. Toye; guest speaker Justine Lakey on lice management. Thursday, January 19th PCC meeting guest speaker Maureen Sabolinski, Superintendent of Schools.

Question and Answer session held.

Meeting adjourned.