



The Philadelphia Home and School Council

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General Membership Meeting - AGENDA

May 7, 2013 @ 6PM

Room 1075 - Education Center

Welcome	Angela Canady, Vice President
Sergeant at Arms	Angela Canady, Vice President
Roll Call	Executive Board
Roll Call	Attending Members
Membership Report	Christine Gordon, V.P.
Treasurer's Report	Millie Cappetti, Treasurer

Speakers

Chief Cynthia Dorsey	Office of School Safety
Executive Director Brendan Lee	Office of School Safety
Director Michael Whalen	Office of School Safety
Commander Augustine Pescator	Office of School Safety
Commander Craig Johnson	Office of School Safety
Kelley B. Hodge	Office of Safe Schools Advocate PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Meeting Start: 6:05pm

Parents for Parents for Students!

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Board Attendees Present: Angela Canady, Millie Cappetti, Tyrone Patterson, Shakeda Gaines, Arleen Gargano, Jay Cohen, Rose Lentz, Gina Rivers

Board Attendees Late: Jeffrey Dickerson (6:10)

Board Attendees Absent:

Angela is running the meeting

Millie did the treasurer's report

Speaker: Chief Dorsey

Would like to establish safe corridors for children

Are you going out to all of the schools? We are going to the 24 closing schools. We will be working with the Home and Schools for the schools that have them.

Are you doing training for parents? Yes. We are planning on working with the parents and the students

Rosemarie & Christine walked in from the Lindbach awards.

Green and Johnson is missing a crossing guard at Linglebach (Green and Johnson). Is there something that can be done? We will look into it.

Fighting is unacceptable behavior. Teachers have to intervene. It teaches other children that it is acceptable. Parent volunteers are one way to help.

Missing crossing guards at Hopkinson since April. Being told that nobody passed the test. Can anything be done? We will look into it although there is a hiring process so I can see where it is along that process. We can also look at the actual safety of the intersection.

Safe corridors wasn't working. Parents quit because it wasn't working due to kids fighting and they couldn't interfere. What could be done? This is unacceptable. The correct training is necessary.

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There are no consequences. ISS does not work. The lunchroom becomes a separate playground. Any advice? Find out what the problem is and then bring the parents in.

Ideas:

- No place for hate is something that is working at South Philly and Bok. Why not
- Peer mediation is also something that can be used. This is something that can be used with kids.
- "Talk to it" is something that has worked in other parts of the country. Kids don't want to be called Snitches so this program offers another way. Students can text information about a fight without giving their personal information.
- cdorsey@philasd.org

Brendan Lee - Focus Safe Corridors

- Thrust will be on the receiving schools. Committee is staffed with people that are familiar with SEPTA, Mayor's Office, Education Works, City Year, Bike Coalition and more. Timeline is aggressive.
- You will be seeing in the next months to community and parent organizations to get support and help to do safe corridors.

This all sounds good but no one from the District has come to them to talk about safety? We are working on a comprehensive plan that needs to start now. We are reaching out to you. We are trying to get the kids to mix.

If parents have a meeting of parents then Chief Dorsey will come out.

Parent: We need to talk to children about real life as it is so that children need to hear things that are real from real people. What is going on in the street as well as other aspects of life.

Dorsey: We aren't getting that so we need to get more volunteers like you.

Can you clarify clearances and issues?

The school district has now known about the closings for two months? What is the plan given the resources that the District will have next year? We have plans from each Captain but what we need to have input from each community to customize the plans for each community. We can give a commitment that we will schedule meetings at all of the receiving schools. We need to get the students and parents mixing together and do it now.

Augustine Pescator: Security officer from closing school could be at the receiving schools.

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Kelly Hodge: Office will be funding an outward bound project to get students from closing and receiving schools to work together.

Dorsey: I would like to come out to the community to meet with the receiving schools and talk about the plan.

There was a feeling among the parents that the District needs to come out to the schools and get the schools ready. We need to hear concrete resources and how they will be allocated.

The response was that

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