

Central Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Gathering Agenda

Monday, March 20, 2023, 7:00-8:30 pm

Zoom Conference Call

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85109415828>

7:00 pm Welcome — *Sunny Kase, & Anika Carter Ward, PAC Co-Chairs*

- Format of PAC meetings

7:05 pm Student Showcase —

- Student Council and BSU Dance

Central Student, Ocean, came to give an update about the dance. They worked for a little over a month pulling the event together. They did a poll after the dance and got some feedback from students after the dance. Overall, it was a great success.

- Ethics Bowl Update

Team is going to Nationals in April. 8 students will go to Raleigh Durham NC, and, through fundraising efforts, all expenses are paid for the entire team to be able to attend.

- Theater and AVID field trip “Diesel Heart”

Students were able to go to the History Center to see this play. The play was written by Melvin Carter and 250 students were able to go. Sunny had some good quotes from students about the impact of going.

- Senior Buck Hill Fieldtrip

300 senior students were able to go to Buck Hill, supported by PAC. Every student who wanted to go was able to.

7:15 pm Leadership Updates — *Micheal Krech, Assistant Principal, CHS*

- Introduction

15th year in district. History/Math teacher, dean role, multiple buildings, Como/Washington/Hidden River. 1st year as an AP here at Central. Once you are at Central don't leave Central - it's a special place. Loves all the opportunities for students: Sports/clubs/opportunities for all students. Academics. Part of what makes Central is the PAC and helping to make the community a community.

- **Role at Central High School**

9th grade AP. He also works with the schedule and course registration.

Everything is driven by students' course requests. They are planning for next year right now. From today-Friday March 31st they can register for next year. Families are a big part of helping students to figure out what they might want to explore for next year. From a school standpoint, if they can get accurate requests from students, then they can figure out courses and sections for next year.

- **Vision for Central's future?**

Helping kids to focus on what opportunities exist for them, rather than just only meeting graduation requirements. Helping students try out a bunch of options and opportunities when in High School. Helping students KNOW what is out there, break some of the barriers. Figure out how to get the info out to students. Reexamining study hall. Central has IB, AP, PSEO, College in the Schools, etc. How does the school give more pathways to students to engage in these courses.

Requests from AP Krech for parents, how can we be strong partners: Be involved in your students lives and being involved in what is happening at school. Every little bit counts. Have conversations with your student. Especially right now, talk with your students about their schedules for next year. Schoology, worksheet from their advisory (shows what is needed for each grade level/options for each grade level). Help your students build their path.

Course catalog: <https://www.spps.org/Page/41673>

7:30 pm Looking Ahead

- Registration for 2023/2024 - Ashley Welke, Counselor
Open today - video in schoology - course guide is live and up - students have the worksheet as well. They will then log into campus to select courses. Students ALL need to have 3 alternates. They are course requests (so not guaranteed).
- Awards night
May 25th - Upper class awards and scholarships.
- Central Foundation Scholarships
Senior scholarships from the Central Foundation are LIVE now. Scan QR codes. Over \$500,000 is given out every year. EVERY Senior should apply.
- Graduation
June 12th - 8pm

7:45 pm Community Happenings at Central

- **Scott Howell**, Title One Director
He was at Diesel Heart and it was truly amazing! AAPID - was a super event. Thanks for PAC support and to the BSU students who helped for the day!

April Title 1 meeting will cover FEP, School Compact and our SCIP. This meeting is coming up after spring break. April 11th - St. Paul Central Invites you to dinner: reaching out to students who are struggling. Help make your students have the best quarter. Admin/staff/teachers/families/students eating together.

May 19th will be our Parent and Community Engagement Celebration.
- **Emily Punyko**, Career Pathways - Opportunity Fair
Had a wonderful time. 100 businesses showed up and made themselves available to the students. It was great for kids and community, but looking toward long term partnerships with vendors. LOTS of great feedback from all areas - fantastic feedback about our Central Students! It was like the State Fair but better. Emily had some good quotes if you want to follow up with her. They spent time training the vendors, but also did some pre-work in advisory to help prepare

students. Very appreciate to everyone who was involved and volunteered. Many thanks to Emily and her co-host Tori.

- **Tricia Wencel**, Graduation Party

Lindsay Farwell is co-chair.

They are recruiting parent volunteers! That has been posted on the FB page.

They are looking for a decorations coordinator. Inventory of existing supplies and help someone who will be present that night. Please email

centralgradparty@gmail.com if you can get involved. There is now a GoFundMe

link open. They are making the party FREE for all students, so it is even more important to help support this event. Students will sign up ahead of time. Doors

open at 10:30 and close at 12:00am. 5:00 am doors reopen. LOTS of activities and food. Safety is at the top of the list. Principal Ayers will be there all night :)

There will be a call out for 2 hour volunteer shifts from all grade levels. Please support this event however you can!

https://www.gofundme.com/f/2023-st-paul-central-grad-party?utm_campaign=p_li_co+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer

8: 00 pm PAC Business Part of the Meeting

- News:

- April PAC meeting is canceled
- Sharing about our friends at Harding High School

- Review of the 2023 Budget -**Heidi Van Schooten**, PAC Treasurer

- Bylaws and Board of Directors - **Sunny Kase**, PAC Co-Chair

- What makes sense to keep and what makes sense to evolve. Aligning with the mission/vision and objectives of PAC - we worked with an outside facilitator to help clarify that. We are also working with a parent who is a lawyer on building the Bylaws.
- Updating the Parent Advisory Council Bylaws
 - Goals of the update:

- Align the bylaws with the vision, mission, and objectives of the Parent Advisory Council
- Ensure that financial practices are standardized and have safety checks, while also reducing the workload on the treasurer
- Identify clear pathways for prioritizing funding proposals
- More clearly articulate roles and responsibilities while also trying to build in consistency and sustainability
- Timeline:
 - A revised draft of the PAC bylaws will be shared with Central families in early April. Comments and questions can be sent to centralhspacsecretary@gmail.com
 - Where feasible, we will make changes and incorporate feedback before we share the final draft in the May PAC meeting agenda.
 - Vote on the proposed changes at the May PAC meeting to be held on May 15, 2023
- Election of the Officers of the PAC Board of Directors
 - Call for nominations will go out in early April
 - Vote will be held at the May PAC meeting after vote to change the bylaws