

PCO Meeting - March 9, 2017

Judy Brand – HPV Discussion/Clinic on April 27, 2017

Judy introduced reps from Allegheny County Health Dept. and American Healthcare Group.

Clinic will be offered for students during school hours. No out of pocket expense for students. They will serve every child that needs immunized.

Process: complete a consent form and choose which vaccine your child needs. The nurse will administer the vaccine. Student will go home with a card identifying which vaccines they received.

From the Monday Blast –

ECS is collaborating with American Healthcare Group and Allegheny County Health Department and providing a vaccine clinic on Thursday, April 27 during the school day. We are targeting students in grades 6-8 and recommending the following:

- **Quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is recommended for preteens at age 11 or 12** for protection against bacteria that cause meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease can lead to death in as little as 48 hours. A second shot is recommended at age 16 to continue providing protection.
- **HPV vaccine is recommended for preteens at age 11 or 12 to protect against cancers and other diseases caused by HPV infection.** Both boys and girls prior to age 14 should receive two doses of HPV vaccine to protect against these serious diseases. Your preteen should receive the second dose 6 months after the first dose. ECS has a tentative date for a second clinic in October 2017 to complete the series.
- **One dose of Tdap vaccine is recommended for preteens at age 11 or 12** to continue providing protection against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

Please consider permitting your child to receive these vaccines which will be given during a vaccine clinic. Please complete the [Vaccine Consent form](#) and return to ECS.

Julie Paris – Chair of Grade Representative

Julie explained that the Grade Reps work closely with school admin and staff to discuss any issues and concerns from parents. The goal is to stay on top of trending issues and continue a dialog amongst the groups. Julie mentioned that a lot of has been accomplished including accessibility of principals (started office hours), math curriculum (changed it to Eureka math), Schoology (going to hold seminars), report cards (changed to include more information about the student rather than the activities in class). The notes from the meetings are available in the Monday Blast and the teacher's emails.

Send email to Julie and individual grade reps bring concerns to the meeting. It's not about an individual concern with one student, it's for trending issues and concerns.

Nicole Shaffer mentioned that they're trying to get the teacher's voice in the notes.

Ryan Little mentioned that the PCO meeting is also a good source and venue to get the word out and update parents on the meeting notes.

Jon McCann – High School Expansion

The expansion started three years ago and it was denied twice by the district. It was then appealed at the state level and a hearing occurred. That passed. They said yes to open a high school and another K-8. That represents close to 1,000 children. What's next? They're going to spend some time with city government and leadership. ECS has a responsibility to public education to do it responsibly. Nothing will happen to the existing two flagship schools. Some basic things will occur such as HR staff, athletic dir.

PPS has reached out and asked to negotiate how they want to move forward. This allows ECS to develop a relationship with the new Super Intendent at PPS. How can ECS be part of the visions for public school in Pittsburg? In the next month further discussions will happen. PPS may be willing to rent or provide a facility for the schools. Jon will keep parents updated as things progress over the next 3-6 months. There's a need for capitol as new buildings are considered. They own the Upper School. ECS has the option to purchase the Lower School which they may do. Arrangements will be made in the next six months. This will help to reduce costs and have more funds for students. A good plan is in place to allow ECS to afford this growth. More will be discussed regarding when, how and where.