



PROVISO AREA FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

"QUALITY EDUCATION WITH CARE FOR THE HUMAN SPIRIT".

PAEC CENTER BOARDROOM - 9:00 AM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

AGENDA

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **CLOSED SESSION**
3. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**
4. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES**
5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**
 - B. **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**
 - C. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**
6. **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT REPORT**
 - B. **MAYWOOD-MELROSE PARK-BROADVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT # 89**

I move that the Executive Board recommends the Governing Board approve the Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview School District 89 request for a student to attend PAEC for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.
 - C. **FOREST PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT # 91 STUDENT PLACEMENT**

I move that the Executive Board recommends the Governing Board approve the Forest Park School District 91 request for two students to attend PAEC for the 2025 - 2026 school year as presented.
8. **DUPAGE/WEST COOK REPORT**

The information is attached.
9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT**
 - A. **CURRENT DISTRICT CHILD COUNT 2025-2026**

The information is attached.
 - B. **CURRENT ENROLLMENT AND CLASSROOM STAFFING PATTERNS 2025-2026**

The information is attached.
 - C. **TRANSITION REPORTS**

The information is attached.
 - D. **INITIAL REFERRALS**

The information is attached.
 - E. **POLICE REPORTS**

No reports for the month of October.

F. PAEC ACTIVITY FUND

The information is attached.

G. PAEC EVENTS

The information is attached.

H. PAEC PROGRAM UPDATES

The information is attached.

I. PAEC DISTRICT GOALS

The information is attached.

J. ComEd - Energy Efficiency

Less Electricity

K. PROVISO TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION DONATIONS

Items were donated and distributed to all PAEC Programs.

L. CHARGING STATION

M. PAEC ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The information is attached.

10. OTHER/ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD

A. MEETING RECAP

ComEd shared that PAEC has substantially reduced their energy consumption.

At this time, due to the new information gathered, PAEC will not be pursuing having a charging station on the campus.

Proviso Township Mental Health Commission donated toys for all of the programs.

PAEC has received 3 out of district student requests. Two of the students are coming from Forest Park D#91 and the third student is coming from Maywood D#89. Both districts are aware that they are fiscally responsible for their student's tuition, transportation, and possible 1:1 staffing. The tuition fees at 105% for both districts help to defray costs from member districts.

11. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence for the month of October.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next PAEC Executive Board meeting will be on December 11, 2025. District # ___ will be facilitating the meeting. _____ will be the Executive Board Representative for the Governing Board's _____ meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Safety Drills Practice



National Theatre for Children Presentation



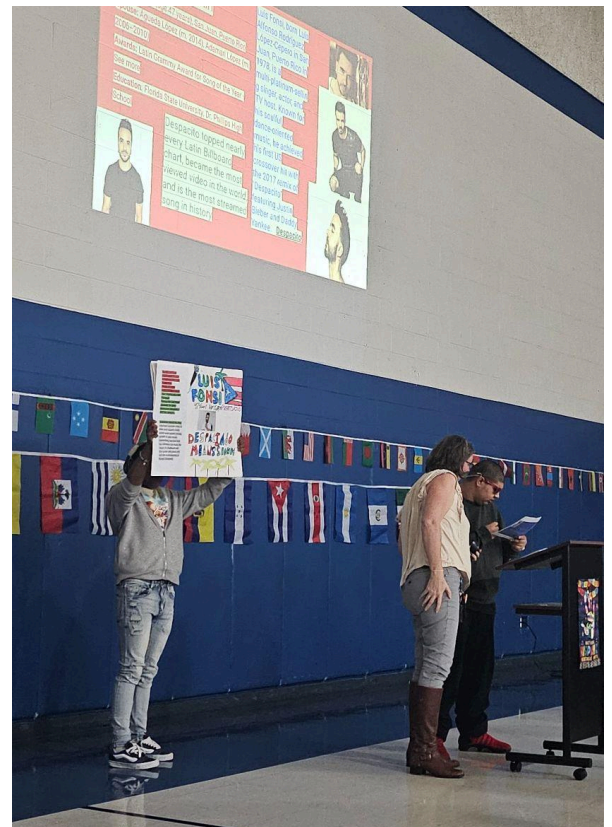
On-Site Dental Services



Halloween 2025



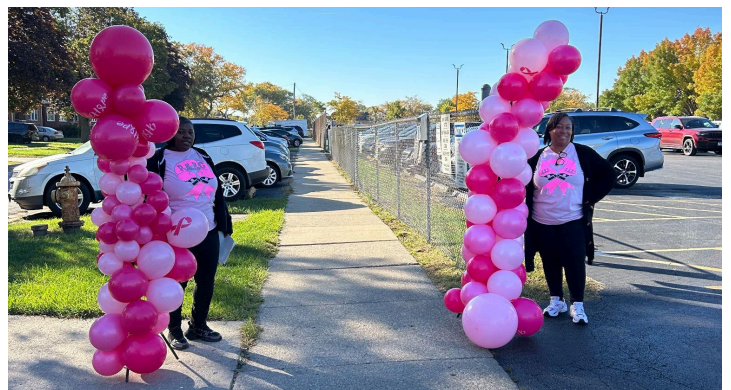
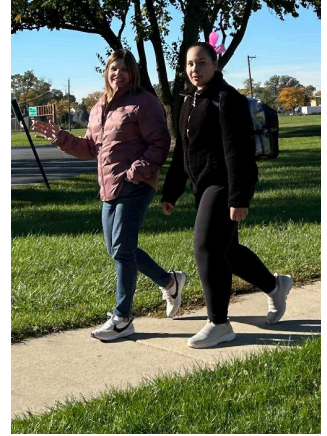
Hispanic Heritage Celebration at PAEC High School September 15, 2025



PAEC HIGH SCHOOL HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK



HALLOWEEN AT A-POD!



Precious Clay

How long have you been at PAEC?

I have been with PAEC Center since September 2024

What do you enjoy about your job/position?

I love being able to contribute to such an amazing population of students. What I enjoy most about being a paraprofessional is the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with students and support them in ways that truly impact their growth. I love being part of their day-to-day progress—whether that’s helping them master a new skill, gain confidence socially, or feel understood and supported in the classroom.

I also enjoy collaborating with teachers and staff to create an inclusive learning environment. It’s rewarding to know that the small steps I take each day—like offering encouragement, adapting activities, or simply listening—can make a big difference in a student’s experience and success.”

What advice would you give to others in your position to help them excel?

Working in this field could be overwhelming but it can be so rewarding because you are helping individuals who look forward to you being there.

My advice to others in this role is to lead with patience, empathy, and consistency. Building trust with students is key, so take time to listen and learn what motivates them. Always be open to collaboration—communicating regularly with teachers, parents, and staff makes a big difference in meeting each student’s needs. I’d also encourage staying flexible and creative; every day can bring new challenges, but being willing to adjust your approach helps you succeed. Finally, don’t forget self-care and reflection—supporting others can be demanding, so taking care of yourself allows you to show up as your best self for your students.”

Tell us something interesting or funny about yourself.

I am a Fashion design sketch artist/ Designer.



Michael Hughes



How long have you been at PAEC?

24 Years

What do you enjoy about your job/position?

Helping people; making sure my job is done.

What advice would you give to others in your position to help them excel?

Keep going; have faith. Don't let anything turn you back.

Tell us something interesting or funny about yourself.

I have a loud voice and love to sing throughout the building.

I enjoy fishing since that is my relaxation time.

Chelsea Hands



How long have you been at PAEC?

This is my 7th year at PAEC. I joined my first year out of grad school as a CF and have been here since!

What do you enjoy about your job/position?

The population I work with (PreK). I love working with the littles.

It is a blast to watch them grow and I love how ingrained all areas of development are when it comes to supporting them. I love how every single thing is a communication opportunity. It is always extremely fulfilling to see their growth.

What advice would you give to others in your position to help them excel?

Set clear boundaries and prioritize advocacy.

The education system naturally demands a lot from everyone but we can only effectively support others when we support ourselves.

Tell us something interesting or funny about yourself.

My family is from Ireland. Growing up I spent the entirety of every summer there and in a way it is somewhat of a "home" for me also.

My fiance was born in Mexico. We are embracing the intertwining of our two cultures and upbringing. We're excited to get married in Cancun in July!

Kristin Lockwood



How long have you been at PAEC?

I have been a direct hire for PAEC 11 years.

What do you enjoy about your job/position?

I enjoy the diversity and variety of students that we provide services for. It keeps you on your toes and allows you continued time for learning.

What advice would you give to others in your position to help them excel?

Stay positive. I firmly believe that nobody comes to work to do a "bad" job, we all do the best that we can with the tools that are available.

Tell us something interesting or funny about yourself.

I have a horrible poker face, its something I am working on 😊
I pretty much will show you my opinion, just by looking at me.
Let's phrase it positively, I am transparent. 😊



Patricia Carlwell

How long have you been at PAEC?

August 1, 2025

What do you enjoy about your job/position?

Seeing how the program has changed and working with new people.

**What advice would you give to others in your position
to help them excel?**

Be patient with yourself, keep an open mind,
and be willing to learn new things.

Tell us something interesting or funny about yourself.

I don't know. I don't think I'm very interesting. Is that funny?

James Barnes



How long have you been at PAEC?

I joined PAEC last year, and it's been a rewarding journey ever since — full of growth, learning, and plenty of memorable moments.

What do you enjoy about your job/position?

I love being part of those small victories — when a student masters a skill or lights up with understanding. Helping them grow a little more confident each day is the best part of what I do.

What advice would you give to others in your position to help them excel?

Lead with patience, stay flexible, and keep your sense of humor close by. Every day is different, and sometimes a smile (yours or theirs) can turn everything around.

Tell us something interesting or funny about yourself.

I love finding creative ways to connect — whether it's using a song, a silly voice, or a quick doodle to make a student smile. Laughter is my favorite classroom tool.

Nathaniel Turner



How long have you been at PAEC?

I have been at PAEC going on 10 years.

What do you enjoy about your job/position?

Being from Maywood/Bellwood myself
I enjoy being able to help the kids from our community.

**What advice would you give to others
in your position to help them excel?**

Having patience and tolerance for our students
while working in our position goes a long way.

Tell us something interesting or funny about yourself.

I've inherited the name Church at our school because I've been known to
preach knowledge to the kids and also bless them from time to time.

Jonathan Slowik



How long have you been at PAEC?

This is my fifth year at PAEC

What do you enjoy about your job/position?

I enjoy the people, the relationships with both staff and students, and, most of all, being able to both witness and have a part to play in the transformation of our students into exceptional young adults.

What advice would you give to others in your position to help them excel?

ABC: Always be creative. There's always another challenge and ways to improve the way you approach lessons, behaviors, and the process of teaching.

Each new class is an opportunity to change things up.

Also, try and have fun.

Tell us something interesting or funny about yourself.

The spicier the food, the better.

June Thomas



How long have you been at PAEC?

I have been with PAEC going on 30 years, in August, I feel my patience, empathy, and strong communication skills have consistently helped me to build skills, trust and a good rapport with both children and their parents. I am very committed to thinking positively and bringing a great impact on children's lives and believe that my knowledge and background in education will show that my dedication will align perfectly with the values of this organization throughout the years.

What do you enjoy about your job/position?

I believe that you should take the lead in your role and improve your knowledge and prepare yourself for interactions and getting along with your colleagues at work. I believe in being open-minded with your colleagues and honest. So that everything can work smoothly within the organization. Teamwork is the best way to ensure that everyone is on the same page with each other.

What advice would you give to others in your position to help them excel?

I believe in communication skills and maintaining a positive, professional role in my job. It's very important when dealing with students and parents, it can be very challenging at times, but you must always stay professional no matter what. But one of the most important things to me is to be confident in whatever you are doing. willing to adjust your approach helps you succeed. Finally, don't forget self-care and reflection—supporting others can be demanding, so taking care of yourself allows you to show up as your best self for your students.”

Tell us something interesting or funny about yourself.

I am a very outgoing person, loving and kind, I am a person who enjoys talking with people and just listening and not passing judgment on anyone. I love my family and friends. We have a great relationship with each other, we have built a solid foundation.



PAEC Events November 2025



ALL PAEC PROGRAMS

November 9 –

Take The Wellness Challenge Ends

November 11 – NO SCHOOL (Veterans Day)

November 21 – 1 Hour Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm

November 24 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 25 – 28 – NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Break

PAEC EARLY CHILDHOOD

November 20 –

Thanksgiving Celebration

10:30 AM & 1:00 PM

PAEC HIGH SCHOOL

November 21 – Giving Thanks Day

PAEC ACADEMY

November 3 – Student Council Speeches

November 4 – Student Council Voting

Tigers VS Cicero – Away game

November 5 – Cernan Center Field Trip

November 12 – Tigers VS Berwyn –

Away game

November 15 – Tigers VS WSSRA –

Away game

November 17 – Picture Day

PAEC CENTER

November 3 – Marrea Winnega

November 12 – Veteran's' Fair

November 14 – Picture Day

November 19 – East Field Trip;

Animal Care League, Petco,

McDonalds



PAEC ACADEMY TIGERS TEAMS

Submitted by Coach Nurse Sheri

