

PATRIOT HIGH SCHOOL

PTHS Principal's Advisory Council

Agenda

November 18, 2024

Attendees: Heidi Murphy, Michelle Fair Kincaid, David Van Gelder, Mike Bishop, Susie Denham, Katie Highfill, Polly Salter, Renee Pete, Amy Lenahan, Tatiana Gomez, Kathryn Jett McVea, Marianne Ragins, Margaret Power, Denise Hendershot



Jeanine Lowder to join later

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1. Meeting Minutes Approved
 - a. October Minutes: voted and approved.
 - i. Community outreach, translation, parent assistance
2. Introductions
 - a. Tatiana Gomez, parent liaison
 - i. Community involvement, translation, parent assistance
 - b. Katie Highfill and Heidi Murphy, Patriot Positive Climate and Culture Advisors (PCCA)
 - i. Monthly meetings with KLC that revolve around developing student leadership, community involvement, and to develop resources to assist
3. Superintendent's Advisory Council on Instruction (SACI) Update
 - a. Meetings—11/14 and 12/12
 - i. Statistics provided with commentary focusing on cost per pupil and PWCS lower rate. Graduation on-time rate goal is 95% by 2026(5?). PSAT/SAT rates increased along with gifted, etc., among GAP groups. Scholarship totals increased, including PTHS. Chronic attendance. Racially charged incidents across the division.
 - ii. Dr. Bishop explained our current graduation rate (98%) then the cohorts we are currently working with and the success we've had in the past.
 1. Other solutions in place will be covered later under the CIP topic.
 - iii. Marianne expanded on the racially charged incidents by stating that students are afraid of using the restrooms at PTHS. Bullying, activities, etc., discouraging use. Polly agreed. Racial slurs said to/around students after election to Ms. Hendershot's student. Reported to Mr. Brown and student told to go to Mr. Derrick if it continues.
 1. Discussion about having teachers in the bathroom/by the bathroom.
4. By-law review
 - a. [PTHS Bylaws Mar 2023 \(PDF\)](#)
 - i. Floor open and sections reviewed. One area was topic of when to hold elections— March, April, or May.
 1. Add "elections to be held in May." Voted and approved.
 2. Polly to send the wording to Michelle for editing.
5. Student Achievement Data
 - a. Academic coaches program
 - i. Q1 students dropped and those needing assistance for Q2 being added. 30 students and 10 coaches.
 - ii. Chronic absenteeism and on time graduation rate (Marianne)

1. Student interaction about “just being there” and Dave expanded on Student Voice Committee, electives fair, announcement, etc., to engage students.
2. Cedar Run website shared and intent to make clubs more accessible to parents.

((Missed a portion due to the computer’s filter scan having to do a restart; back on at 6:13 p.m.))

6. Update on CIP Goals
 - a. Goals reviewed for this year’s continuous improvement plan.
 - b. Best Practices conference brought up by Polly Salter. Last known one was in 2020.
 - c. Dave mentioned the training for PAC as discussed in information under the CIP.
 - d. Kathryn Jett-McVea has to submit an action plan under FACES—QR codes, user friendly website changes—all came from parents comments to PAC.
7. Open Business
 - a. Advertising to the community and building PAC membership
 - i. Bring a friend idea (January 13 in-person); please bring someone
 1. Make it a competition for gift card, some type of initiative
 2. Use for in-person and hybrid meetings
 - ii. QR codes suggestion after Touch Base is have them upright to bring attention to them, and recognition.
8. Open Discussion
 - a. Dr. Bishop shared details of the internship through building trades and the success the students have been having with their employers.
 - b. Polly shared the NHS outreach to tutor math to 4th-grade students and it being great stuff.
 - c. 2016 PTHS graduate, former CTE student, was recently shared by PWCS and a great story as shared by Kathryn. Dr. Bishop mentioned another CTE student who has been.
 - d. Tatiana shared that Michelle Mahoney is a little short (38/50) for Thanksgiving and Winter Break gifts. They are asking for \$25 gift card to Target. Please reach out to Michelle Mahoney.
 - i. Polly Salter mentioned going to NHS students and helping pack bags, etc.
 - e. Susie/PTSA has the Holiday Market on 12/7. PTSA has virtual Wednesday meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn 6:36 p.m.