

# PATRIOT HIGH SCHOOL

## PTHS Principal's Advisory Council Minutes

September 24, 2024

Motion passes to begin at 5:32pm

### Agenda

#### 1. Introduction

- a. In attendance: Dr. Bishop, Dave Van Gelder, Carla Shaw, Marianne Ragins McGee, Polly Salter, Jeannie Lowder, Renee Pete, Amy Lenahan, Margaret Power, Denise Hendershot, Veronica Adame, Kathryn Jett McVea

#### 2. Welcome: State of the School

##### a. Dr. Bishop speaks –

- i. Cell phone policy has been well received
- ii. Sports teams having strong start
- iii. Homecoming date adjustment due to PWCS calendar: only 2 games in October and both on a Thursday 10/10, 10/31, with Homecoming dance on Saturday 10/19

##### b. Lenahan reports –

- i. SCA elections last week – Homecoming theme is “First Class Ticket”
- ii. Pep Rally day of game
- iii. Following T-F is Spirit Week
- iv. Tickets for dance available on Hometown Ticket App; \$24 early, \$27 after; no tickets sold at door
- v. Shaw stated to remind the community that Homecoming is for everyone, not just underclassmen and that parents need to help get the word out to Jrs and Srs

##### c. Dr. Bishop speaks of Christian's passing –

- i. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) available for 3 days after report of student passing
- ii. Admin visited all classes of staff/students who had a class with Christian
- iii. Renee Pete inquired as to when the announcement was made; Dr. Bishop stated end of day once he had confirmed with parents
- iv. 9/25 viewing at Pierce Funeral Home and 9/26 Mass service

#### 3. CIP Introduction and Review

##### Van Gelder reports –

##### Making ground on student achievement for ELL and SWD

##### a. Commitment 1: Learning & Achievement for All

- i. Increase percentage of EL student and SWD earning a passing score on the Biology EOC SOL state assessment
- ii. Increase percentage of EL student who earn a passing score on the Writing EOC SOL state assessment

##### b. Commitment 2: Positive Culture & Climate

##### i. Increase student positive responses in the School Belonging Domain

1. Van Gelder reported that 1300 students responded on school wide survey and 85% felt that they were free from bullying
2. Shaw spoke to Advisory lessons and recent ‘speed dating’ activity which allowed 12/10<sup>th</sup> grade & 11/9<sup>th</sup> grade mentor/mentee relationships to form
3. McVea suggested getting student leaders to share what they're doing and that cultural clubs/associations should be announced over the morning announcements (ex: National Hispanic Heritage Month)
4. Senior class is trying to organize Red Nation tailgate for Homecoming game

- a. Salter suggested tailgates should be expanded to all sports
    - 5. Lenahan stated that Advisory Reps were selected to assist SCA and meet 1x month to foster excitement in the school by reporting back to Advisory classes (which will include the entire student body)
  - c. Commitment 3: Family & Community Engagement
    - i. Establish a high-functioning advisory council that collaborates the parents and staff members to make decisions for our school community
      - 1. Van Gelder spoke about being transparent with the community as a focus
      - 2. Boosters – 250 athletes with 7-10 active parents at meetings
      - 3. PTSA – 26 members with 5 people active at meetings; we need to raise participation in things like PTSA Holiday Market and Robotics Events
      - 4. Band Boosters – 8+ active members
      - 5. McGee asked how communication was typically handled with parents?
        - a. Dr. Bishop reported School Status and social media
        - b. McGee stated that if it went to text, parents would likely respond more quickly
      - 6. Suggestion to establish a personal connection – give a community service hour to students if they bring a parent to an event; no vote on this
      - 7. Hendershot suggested that a shout out for parent contributions on PTHS social media or in community events in the auditorium; also prizes for more involvement but no vote on this
4. Bylaw Review and Adjustments
  - a. Annual review, while being mindful of Commitment 3 of the CIP
    - i. This was tabled until the board was better organized
    - ii. Salter will send the bylaws to all members present via email
5. PAC Business
  - a. Officers: Polly Salter, Chair and Kathryn Jett McVea, Secretary
    - i. Motion passes for these two persons to stay in place
  - b. Vice-Chair position is vacant
    - i. Hendershot was nominated and motion passed for this position
  - c. Determine the 2024-25 dates for PAC meetings
    - i. A motion was made to change the meeting day to Mondays and passed
    - ii. Sept 24 – 5:30 - Zoom
    - iii. Oct 14 – 8am – in-person Coffee and Convo (Principal’s Board Room)
      - 1. Hendershot will make an invite to community parents in Boosters, Band, PTSA, Red Nation, Leadership, etc.
      - 2. Katie Moore will be asked to get student representatives
      - 3. Food? - Jett McVea?
    - iv. Nov 18 – 5:30 - Zoom
    - v. Jan 13 – 5:30 – in person
    - vi. Mar 17 – 5:30 – Zoom
    - vii. May 12 – Zoom (tentative date) – elections for next year’s positions
  - d. Increase interest of 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents and all grade-level students to join PAC
    - i. Dr. Bishop requested parents to promote PAC to freshmen parents on community pages
  - e. Training in support of Commitment 3 of the CIP
6. Superintendent’s Advisory Council on Instruction
  - a. Primary and alternate representatives are needed from PAC
    - i. Primary elected – McGee with husband as backup
    - ii. Secondary elected – Jett McVea or Lowder (cannot start until February)

- b. Will attend monthly meeting and present at the following PAC meeting
  - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from 7-9pm at KLC
- 7. Open Discussion
  - a. Dr. Bishop reported that October 25<sup>th</sup> is First Responders breakfast
    - i. Speaker is Vick Segley – was on ground at Pentagon on 9/11 and he will be honored by PTHS
  - b. Dr. Bishop reported on an ELL teachers invited to participate with Red Nation
    - i. New to country and didn't speak a lot of English
    - ii. Enjoyed American football and hotdogs and being in stand with peers

Motion to Adjourn at 6:56pm passed