

Porter Ridge High School

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Site Based Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2011 6:30pm Media Center

Introduction – Began 6:30 pm

- Present – Sam Basden, April Dawkins, Brooke Stegall, Patrice Boyd, Susan Forgione, Colleen Johnson, Leah Morgan, Elvia Lopez, and Renea Steeb
- Absent – Kelly Crowell, Matt Doll, Ian Faires, Steve Jackson, Michelle Kania, Ciera Martinez, Trey Staviski, Donna Wilber, Tony Facey
- As a quorum did not exist, this board could not vote to approve, disapprove, or amend the minutes from February, 2011. We will postpone this and any other vote until the next meeting in April.

PRHS Student Services

- PRHS will hold graduation ceremonies at the Cabarrus Arena again this year. Mr. Basden and other principals from UCPS high schools holding their ceremonies at this facility are negotiating with Cabarrus Arena management to formalize an ongoing agreement which should lower costs.
- The end of year senior activities will be similar to those of last year (please refer to the PRHS website for more details):
 1. Senior portraits will be taken on Friday, April 15.
 2. Graduation rehearsal will take place on Friday, June 3.
 3. Graduation will take place on Tuesday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m.

PRHS Instruction

- PRHS will hold a freshman orientation for rising ninth graders on Thursday, March 10 at 6:30. We encourage parents to attend with their child.
- 2011/2012 Class registration begins soon. Our website contains all necessary information:
 1. Tuesday, March 15: Connect Ed will describe information regarding registration. Registration information is also available on the PRHS website.
 2. Wednesday, March 16th: Grade Level Assemblies will be held in the Auditorium. We will discuss the plan for registration with the students. Registration cards and transcripts will be passed out in homeroom with report cards.
 3. Monday, March 21st: Students will turn in their registration cards to their homeroom teachers.

4. Tuesday, March 22nd – Friday, April 1st: Guidance will go over registration cards with each student individually through their homerooms.
- PRHS is considering adopting a required summer reading program incorporating a single book for all grade levels and staff members. The English department is recommending "A Long Way Gone" as it is engaging for seniors yet readable for ninth graders. This non-fiction book encompasses globalization and reading across the curriculum. Further review by administration is necessary prior to any formal announcements.

Operations/Facilities

- This month, Mr. Basden hosted a Superintendent's Cluster meeting including the three principals, two parents from each school, and members of UCPS school board to discuss the budget and other issues. Mr. Basden called this a positive event. Most parents seemed pleased with what we are doing.
- Staff make-up days for the three snow days called this past winter will be added to the end of our original calendar: June 15, 16, and 17 will be listed as "optional work-days" for 10 month employees.

Site-Based Operations:

- The 2011/2012 school year will incorporate 5 half-days for students with the balance of the day used for mandatory staff development. These educational seminars are in preparation of the new "core curriculum" guidelines in place for the 2012/2013 school year.
- For the 2011/2012 school year, PRHS will include August 17 and August 18, as required teacher workdays in addition to the optional work day on August 19 and required workdays on August 23 and 24. This is a standing decision from this committee's unanimous vote on August 10, 2010.

New Business

- All teachers must complete their NCFalcon training on Formative Assessments by April 15, 2011.

Special Programs/Upcoming Events

- Athletics: Spring sports are in full swing.
- Band is participating in sectional competitions.
- Theater I will have a minor production in the near future. The spring production/musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", will be performed the end of May.
- Fine Arts is exhibiting their ceramic based upon "Where the Wild Things Are" in the Media Center.

Conclusion

- April Dawkins made a motion to adjourn this meeting 7:25 p.m. and Brooke Stegall seconded the motion.
- Next meeting will be held on April 12 at 6:30 p.m.