

Porter Ridge High School

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Site Based Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2010 6:30pm Media Center

Introduction – Began 6:30 pm

- Present – Sam Basden, April Dawkins, Sarah Brandenburg, Kelly Crowell, Steve Jackson, Brooke Stegall, Rebecca Manning, Susan Forgione, Colleen Johnson, Donna Miller, Ciera Martinez, Leah Morgan
- Absent – Matt Doll, Trey Staviski, Renea Steeb, Tony Facey
- Steve Jackson made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Kelly Crowell seconded the motion. These minutes were approved unanimously.

PRHS Student Services

- At last meeting, April Dawkins asked the committee to review the attendance policy at PRHS and compare it to the policy of other schools and of UCPS. PRHS policy states that a student tardy by 15 minutes or more will be considered absent from that class. Mr. Basden met with the principals in Union County Schools and determined that all schools will work towards this standard. As this is put in place, the principals will review and recommend a change for next school year if appropriate.

PRHS Instruction

- 1. Austin Schroth left his math teaching position which is now filled by Pam Midland.
- 2. Mark Wells in CTE resigned. Mr. Basden has found a replacement who will start January 3.
- 3. Mr. Hasty has been formally hired to assist with security.
- This board approved unanimously to hold a Spring Semester Open House. We are considering Monday, February 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. As an informal session, the teachers will open their doors to the families of their second semester students and parents. Mr. Basden will offer Flex Time to teachers. Members of Student Council should be present to help.

Operations/Facilities

- Budget: Dr. Davis emphasized in a meeting with the principals that the budget situation is not good. We will hold school for our children, but we must realize that there will be changes such as fewer teachers, less support staff, and fewer educational dollars. Also, there is no limit to the class size.
- Technology update: As a repeat note from last meeting, Technology Services will direct the installation of a new school server over the Christmas break. All teacher computers should be upgraded so that they can interface with these changes.

Site-Based Operations:

- Ms. Dawkins will relinquish her chair to a new appointee at the next meeting.
- Approximately one-half of this committee will turn seats to new department representatives.
- On December 15, Ms. Dawkins and Mr. Basden added sections to our accepted School Improvement Plan. These items exist in our documents, but, per Union County Schools, must be included in the SIP. Please see the revised edition on our website.

Special Programs/Upcoming Events

- New Clubs:
 1. Ms. Yearick agreed to sponsor the recreation sports club. Mr. Basden assured this committee that all before-mentioned concerns would be addressed by administration. Colleen Johnson moved to approve the creation of the Recreation Sports Club. Susan Forgione seconded this motion. All present were in favor: none opposed.
 2. Ms. Hoff, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Hill proposed the formation of the African American Heritage Club. This team created an ad hoc committee with Brooke Stegall, Kelly Crowell, and Ciera Martinez to investigate the purpose and potential activities of the club with its sponsors. We will uphold any decision or clarification made by this committee and act upon its decision to approve or disapprove the formation of the African American Heritage Club. All present today unanimously approved this action.
 3. Michael Hertz and Kathleen Richert agreed to sponsor 'Heroes at PRHS' program designed to pair a high school student excelling in a particular area with an elementary student with similar interests. This will be an mentoring program which will grow into a club status. Brooke Stegall motioned to support the Heroes Mentoring Program. Donna Wilber seconded the motion. All present were in favor. None opposed.

New Business

- Winter athletics (wrestling, basketball, track, swimming, and a new group of cheerleaders) have begun.
- Band and chorus held their winter performances last week.
- Drama held its Holiday Spectacular Thursday, December 16.
- Ms. Haver will sponsor an art show one evening in January. She will include small ensemble music and light snacks.
- Theater will present "Noise of the Toys" on January 6 and 7.

Conclusion

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
- Next meeting will be held on January 11 at 6:30 p.m.