

Porter Ridge High School

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Site Based Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2011 6:30pm Media Center

Introduction – Began 6:30 pm

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

PRHS Student Services

- PRHS Open House for second semester went smoothly with the support of JROTC and Student Council. This committee recommends repeating this next year.
- Enrollment for spring semester classes is almost complete. Through Google docs, the guidance department handled almost 600 requests in a timely fashion.
- On the basis that our report card schedule should not change due to 'snow days', we will hand out progress reports as originally scheduled as well. Teachers should give students their reports during the week of February 14.

PRHS Instruction

- Staff Changes:
 1. Miss Carney replaced Mr. Wells in CTE after Winter Break.
 2. Miss Kiker (horticulture) returned for second semester.
- Union County Board of Education is reviewing the exam exemption policy with a consideration to remove the ability for students in good standing to exempt their finals as allowed. After much discussion for and against such a change, this committee voted to recommend not removing the exemption policy as the majority felt that grades would be kept high and absences would be kept low as students aimed for the end of the semester. The school board's position is that the ability to exempt an exam may not be adequately preparing students, especially seniors, for college the year they graduate.
- Mr. Basden warns teachers to truly understand the difference between failure of a course due to merit (a true failure) and failure of a course due to absences. Failure due to merit always prevails in grading over the latter.

- First Semester EOC results were quite positive with an increase from 2009/2010 composite percentage of 84.1 to the current 88.63. We still have another semester to combine with the 88.63%, but our classes are quite similar, so we should expect little change. Scores and trends are outlined on our Moodle site.

Site-Based Operations:

- Nothing new. Our budget situation still looks dismal. Tough decisions must be made.
- The membership of this committee changed by only one representative; Fine Arts department appointed Ian Faires. There is no turn-over in the Media Department with April Dawkins continuing, the English department reappointed Brooke Stegall, and the math department reappointed Colleen Johnson.
- April Dawkins turned over the position of committee chair to Susan Forgione. The committee approved unanimously.
- The School Improvement Plan is updated per Union County Board of Education's guidelines. This can be viewed on the PRHS website.

Old Business

- The sub-committee of Brooke Stegall, Kelly Crowell, and Ciera Martinez reviewed and supported the formation of the African American Heritage Club as presented in our December meeting. Ms. Hoff, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Hill, sponsors of this endeavor took into consideration our concerns and will alter accordingly. Based upon last month's minutes, this committee will uphold the decision of the sub-committee. Therefore, we approve the African American Heritage Club and permit it to now hold meetings and activities.

New Business

- Spring sport tryouts begin Monday, February 14, as winter sports come to an end.
- PRHS hosted the All County Band on Friday, February 11 through Sunday, February 13.

Conclusion

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
- Next meeting will be held on March 8 at 6:30 p.m.