

# Porter Ridge High School

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## Site Based Meeting Minutes

**November 9, 2010 6:30pm Media Center**

### **Introduction – Began 6:30 pm**

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

### **PRHS Student Services**

- 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. One concern is that this may be too excessive. Ms. Richert volunteered to research the policies of other schools in the county and report to this committee next month for further discussion.

### **PRHS Instruction**

- Two teachers resigned last month: one math teacher and one CTE teacher. These names are not yet public.

### **Operations/Facilities**

- Budget: Our website contains a dropdown link to a video by Dr. Davis discussing a projection of a 31 million dollar budget shortfall for 2011/2012. His plans are to remove approximately 300 positions throughout the county as a reduction in force, not through attrition. PRHS currently staffs 72.5 positions making it one of the largest schools in the county. We should expect cuts from all areas. In addition to instructional cuts, we should expect technology cuts as well.
- Technology update: Technology will direct the installation of a new school server over the Christmas break. To support this, the memory on teacher computers must be increased. This should also happen over the break.

### **Special Programs/Upcoming Events**

- Soccer and cross country teams are now done for the season.
- Our football team continues with its success.
- Basketball and wrestling begin practices and scrimmages this week.
- Ms. Crowell is researching the formation of a middle school cross country team to act as a feeder for the varsity team. We need to hire a coach through the booster club.
- Marching band has had a great season with top finishes in its competitions.
- The theater department will bring two stories to the NC Regional Conference this week. We wish them well. The next step would be a performance at the Southeast Regional Competition.
- Our most recent blood drive collected 171 pints. We accepted blood from some parents.

### **New Business**

- Mr. Basden received proposals for two new clubs at PRHS:
  1. Computer Science Club, Paul Rallo advisor
  2. Sports and Recreation Club:
    - a. this would be a general intramural-type club offering Frisbee, volleyball, ping pong, etc.
    - b. Trey Staviski cautioned that we have liability concerns (do we have proper physical documents on file for all participants, etc.), where will they play, and who will supply the equipment? Conflicts of space might occur as we have school teams practicing after school on a daily basis in the gyms.
    - c. This committee will revisit this request next month as Mr. Staviski obtains more information.
- Ms. Manning made a motion to approve the formation of a computer science club, but to await the approval of the formation of a Sports and Recreation club until we have further discussions with more details. Mrs. Richert seconded this motion. All present were unanimous.

### **Conclusion**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:15
- Next meeting will be held on December 14 at 6:30 p.m.