

Porter Ridge High School

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Site Based Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2010 6:30pm Media Center

Introduction – Began 6:30 pm

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

PRHS Student Services

- During home room on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, teachers will notify students of overdue books and outstanding debts. Teachers will distribute report cards.
- October 12 – 14 is homecoming celebration. All school conduct codes still apply.
- On Wednesday, October 13, PRHS will administer the PSAT during the first part of the day. Students not taking the exam will remain in first block until testing is complete.
- Thursday, October 28, 6:30 pm, will be named "Post Graduate Plans Night", formerly "College Night". Community, junior, technical, and four year college representatives along with military recruiters will be present.

PRHS Instruction

- Mr. Wenger accepted a position and has left to teach at Cuthbertson High School where he will also act as assistant basketball coach. His replacement, Miss Weaver will join PRHS as Mr. Wenger's replacement in the social studies department.
- We have two newly created positions in the EC department (transition to adulthood).
- A new hire in the EC department handed in her resignation. Mr. Basden will replace her once Union County completes the appropriate clearance procedures on a selected candidate.

Operations/Facilities

- No real news: money is tight. We are operating with 8 fewer teachers and only 30 fewer kids along with a decrease in the operating budget from last year's figures. This means we are expected to continue the increase in student performance with less funding.
- After careful spending due to lowered funding by the state and county, PRHS may have a positive balance which may be used for instructional purposes but not specifically earmarked. Teacher laptops as replacements for antiquated CPUs would be an example of use of this money.
- Due to requirements of OCS (Occupational Course of Study), PRHS purchased an additional smartboard package for virtual online instruction dedicated to the "Big 5" courses. This funding is designated as a special project expenditure and comes out of that budget. (See Appendix A)
- Mr. Basden proposed to use any remaining special project funds to
 1. offset state and local shortfall,
 2. fund salaries for additional months of current clerical staff, keeping the full time status of these vital office employees,
 3. add a security staff member for the remainder of the year,
 4. invest in funding ten extra days previously cut from each of the assistant principal's status in order to maintain a well run PRHS and resume before school detention/after school detention/recovery, and
 5. if available, after the above expenditures, use on technologically related equipment.
 - Susan Forgione made a motion to accept the above proposal. Rebecca Manning seconded the motion. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

Site Based/CLT

Of those teachers who voted on the school improvement plan as posted on PRHS website link, 2/3 voted for the plan. Therefore, we adopted this document which remains on the PRHS website.

Special Programs/Upcoming Events

- The chorus will present a "Dessert Theater" during Homecoming week.
- Ms. Dawkins created and installed an updated website including new banners, active videos, and journalism articles.

New Business

- A request was made to enforce the use of visitor passes and to extend this use to parents delivering food during lunch time. All visitors must wear a pass.
- Be aware of parents or other non-staff members or students knocking on the doors off the various wings. All visitors must be referred to the front office for registration and to receive a pass. No one should be admitted through any door other than those by the front office during school hours.

Conclusion

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30
- Next meeting will be held on November 9 at 6:30 p.m.

September 22, 2010

Special Projects Funding Request

Porter Ridge HS will submit a full/formal request for the appropriation of Special Project funds in the near future. This request is in response to an immediate need and will only be for a percentage of the projected funds.

Request:

Porter Ridge HS requests to use Special Projects Funds to purchase a “Smart Board” and the supporting hardware/software.

Explanation of Request:

PRHS is a participant in a pilot program to provide “Highly Qualified” instruction to students enrolled in the Occupational Course of Study (OCS) program. This pilot program is a result of new legislation limiting the ability of OCS teachers to be the “teacher of record” in many academic subject areas. Additionally, new graduation/diploma guidelines require students in the OCS program to take the traditional “Big 5” End of Course Tests (EOC’s). The pilot program, a partnership with NCVPS, allows our OCS students to receive instruction from an on-line instructor while the in-class OCS teacher facilitates. This “Blended Instruction” is only possible with a “Smart Board” and all the accessories.

Cost - \$5,798.40

The cost for the complete setup:

- board,
- projector,
- laptop,
- document camera,
- airliner, and
- associated hardware and software.

Thank you for your consideration.

