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**Site Based Meeting**  
**October 29, 2014 6:30pm Media Center**

- **Introduction-** Mrs. Johnson welcomed everyone and started the meeting.
- **Members Present-** Dr. Harris, Elenia Daniels, Shane Ferron, Colleen Johnson, Tawnee Bounds, Shirley Bennett, Jill Reed, Regina Snelson, Ryan Williams, Gabriella Grello, Amanda Conti, Marianne Conti, Lynette Reed, Sherri Davison, and Lisa Horstkamp.
- **Members Absent-** Kelly Crowell, Trey Staviski, Jan Kerley, John Arnett, EC representative.
- **Approval of Minutes-** Mrs. Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Daniels seconded.
- **PRHS Student Services** – October has been a busy month, and there was overwhelming student participation and spirit.
  - Spirit Week- October 6-9, 2014
  - Homecoming Game- October 10, 2014
  - Homecoming Dance-October 11, 2014
  - PLAN (10-22-14) and PSAT (10-15-14). Testing went well and they were well promoted on social media and school commercials.
  - Blood Drive- October 24, 2014. The largest blood drive collection ever with 160 pints being collected.
  - Celebrate your Drive - \$100,000 in pledges. We had great participation and will work to improve next year.
- **PRHS Instruction**
  - E.O.C. Strategies- PLC's meeting consistently (CTE, Math) and tutors have been hired for Math and English.
  - Promotion of the ACT – Scheduled to be given on March 4, 2015 and taking steps towards improving the scores.
- **PRHS Operations**
  - PRHS Needs/Wants Revisited (CCEP)- Reviewed this list at the last meeting.
  - Sign Out Policy – there has been an overwhelming number of students leaving early without proper authorization. Dr. Harris is looking at alternative and uniform processes to resolve this issue. PRHS is working toward implementing a data entry card to update contact information and add a security question.





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- New Staff Member- Naomi Tesemma, the on-campus IT engineer. She has been doing an awesome job with the teachers, students and staff.
- BOE Policy Committee Review Member Needed- name, address, email and phone number
- District Proposal- (for PRHS school attendance numbers without losing the Pirate climate)
  - Elementary School: 700 was proposed
  - Middle School: 1100 was proposed
  - High School: 1400 was proposed
- Grading High Schools (A-F) The grade is assigned by the State and PRHS will know our grade sometime in February.
- Freshman Grading – all 2015-2016 Freshman will be on the 10 point grading scale. Parents indicated a negative family impact as two of their children will earn a 92 and one will have an A and the other will have a B. At this time, there is no indication of the 10 point grading scale change affecting non-freshman.

- **Old Business**

- College Night for Scholarship Information- September 16, 2014 and was very successful. It was well advertised and we had an excellent turnout.
- Open house (revisited)- drop-in vs. structured. Staff is currently determining a date for the Spring Open House.
- SAT/ACT Prep Course (revisited)- Mrs. Davison has several quotes and information on programs and possibilities that are currently being considered. Most are for a Saturday class and have additional costs. Parent response was for Mrs. Davison to move forward with research and to advise parents of options.
- Athletic Scholarship Information- A representative from UNCC has agreed to come and host an NCAA information night. This date is to be determined.
- Driver's Education – The state has discontinued funding for the program, however, they are requesting the program to be continued to be taught in high schools. ABC districts to give back funding for this program at the school level. Currently the parent cost is limited to \$65 per student. Site Based Committee elected to offer the online Drivers Education with a Lab Facilitator to monitor the students. It was also suggested to partner with local Car Dealerships to offset vehicle maintenance.

- **New business**

- Parent Concerns- It was mentioned that a group of students were engaged in inappropriate activities in the student section at the football games and out in the parking lot. The administration was aware of the issue and has a plan to address the concern.
- Student Concerns- None noted.



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- Teacher Concerns- None noted.
- Administrator Concerns- Currently looking at steps to improve test scores and academics in the classroom are going well.
  
- **Special Programs / Upcoming Events**
  - Athletics- Football has two more games, Soccer and Golf have completed their season.
  - Theater- Nothing noted.
  - Art- Nothing noted.
  - Chorus- Nothing noted.
  - Band- Pirate Cove Classic went well and PRHS hosted 21 bands for the competition.
  - Community Partners- Nothing noted.
  
- **Conclusion**
  - Next meeting – TBA
  - Mrs. Grello made the motion to adjourn and Mrs. Bennett seconded.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Tawnee Bounds, Secretary*



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