

PAC Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2018

[Minutes recorded by Stephanie Joumas, PAC Secretary]

6:30: Meeting called to order by Fiona Barshow, PAC Chair. No new attendees to introduce.

6:32-6:34: Mr. Shepard gave a student PAC membership update. He is culling through the list of recommended students and will follow up with them.

6:35-6:49: Mr. Ferrera led a discussion about his recent communications with the community about:

- Cell Phone Tower: Millstone proposed a cell tower by the high school. Before pressing forward with any decision, he posed a short survey to the community. There were more than 600 responses in 2 days, both for and against. In the end, Mr. Ferrera decided not to move forward with the cell tower proposal, citing the divisive nature of the request.
- Grading Regulation: The county's new grading regulation separates behavior from learning. A student will not get penalized for not doing homework if the student can show understanding of the material. Some teachers use a 4-point rubric, others use a 100-point scale. Teams of teachers may do things differently than other teams. The school is still implementing best practices. This topic could be a future PAC meeting major discussion topic.

6:50-7:44: Mr. Ferrera led a review of the Draft School Plan. The meeting attendees broke into three small groups and discussed goals of the school plan (culture, achievement, college readiness). Each group presented their findings to the other two groups.

- Culture: Great culture right now (improved significantly). The school is getting more engagement from parents now. There are more opportunities to support student leaders; help offsite trips, conferences.
- Achievement: There's more time to collaborate in the new plan. There's a focus on AP subgroups to improve their participation. Formative tests v. SOL test scores to measure achievement.
- Career/College: The plan includes increasing AP and dual enrollments. The IT program will be reimaged to attract more students. There is a focus on "middle" students too. Bring vocation students onsite for demonstrations (welders, etc.). Identify alternative career paths after high school.

7:45-7:59: Open Discussion

- Kirt Boyd asked for help with students exiting the parking lot; it is not orderly. He requested Administration outside to help monitor.
- The Seniors will be allowed to wear Togas for the final day of Spirit week. Students are asked to have skin covered with tee shirts under togas.
- Our next PAC meeting we will discuss Battlefield's Vision and Mission statement.

8:00 Meeting adjourned.