

Board Members

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Discussion Topics:

1. COVID Updates:

Numbers

- a. September: 39 cases
- b. October: 7 cases
- c. November 1-15: 3 cases

Note: These numbers present an interesting drop-off. There could be multiple factors: students being used to the protocols/mask wearing perhaps. It could also be a sign of less reporting as I know in general, we are feeling fatigued by the pandemic.

2. Events:

- a. Pep Rally: Earlier in the year we had to cancel our Pep Rally due to a spike in COVID cases in September. We were able to hold our Pep Rally this past Friday and the students were tremendous. Weather was perfect and there were no negative incidents.
- b. Academic Letter: We previously were holding off on holding this ceremony due to the inability to socially distance. However, since then, there has been guidance to where we have been able to hold many other events. Having in-person celebrations for academic letters is back on the table and we are currently reviewing dates.
- c. Winter Sports: The PWCS Mask Guidance does mandate masks are worn in doors when attending these events. They are recommended, but not required, for the athletes involved.

3. Lunches:

- a. The supply chain and staffing issues are impacting lunches. Food Services is a function of the PWCS Central Office, not the school, so we don't set the policies-- however there have been reports of some of the more popular items running out. Our Cafeteria Manager is trying very hard to order more of the popular items, but those orders are not always filled.

4. Substitutes:

- a. There remains a shortage of substitute teachers available. We try our best to fill every position, but sometimes teachers are asked to cover classes on their planning period. We have started compensating teachers after school for their missed planning time. We have a list of teachers who prefer to be asked, so that we can prioritize asking them first to limit the number of times we ask teachers who prefer to keep their planning during the day.

5. Project Lead the Way (Mr. George Bishop):

- a. BHS officers 5 of the 9 specialized courses offered by PWCS (engineering, graphic design, architectural design)
- b. Students simply need to express an interest in the program to participate. There is no formal criteria outlined by BHS.

6. PWCS Vocational Programs (Ms. Alissa Bridges, Administrative Coordinator of College and Career Counseling Services):

- a. All students use a program called Naviance. This program offers students a variety of assessments and interest inventories. School counseling works with students starting in middle school and guide them through each of these programs.
- b. Ms. Bridges shared with us the PWCS specialty program website. Every high school in PWCS has a large collection of courses offered, and all high schools offer at least one specialty program.
- c. BHS Counseling Services homepage was highlighted.
- d. Fast Track Career Training Programs that help students become certified and go directly into workforce with credentials needed.

7. Superintendent's Advisory Council Update (Ms. Gruninger):

- a. The meeting is upcoming this week Thursday 11/18/2021. We do need a representative to go for BHS. Please contact one of the officers if you can attend.

8. Open Share/Other Business: No open Shares

***Next meeting not until January 2022**