

Portola High School School Site Council

Meeting
May 8, 2024
4:04-5:14 PM

John Pehrson, Jen Ochsner, Nancy Wang, Caryn Cherry, Amanda Cramer,
Gabe Mutsvangwa, Nami Motwani, Ryan Itchon, Michael Shen, Christina Pa

Visitors: Janet, Chung

Minutes

- I. SPSA- John Pehrson
 - a. [Needs Assessment Data Analysis](#) - also reviewed in March
 - i. 2 focus areas or goals from the analysis:
 1. To establish schoolwide systems and strategies whereby all students have the support they need to belong, contribute, and thrive.
 - a. English Language Learners are not making progress the way we think they should be making progress.
 - i. More stakeholder discussions will be included and possibly bringing in outside input to see how we can incorporate efforts better.
 - b. Students of color are not making progress at the same rate as others.
 - i. These populations are increasing and many are entering into IUSD later than their peers.
 2. To examine and implement new and evolving educational practices that support student academic growth. Through things such as:
 - a. Mastery grading - more equitable grading practices.
 - b. Improving basic study skills - school wide work to be done around it.
 - c. Building more efficacy in exams.
 - d. Professional Learning teams.
 - e. Increase academic honesty efforts.
 - b. [Plan for Approval](#)

This drives funding. SPSA pays for things outside of salaries. Since the SPSA is long, it's best to focus on:

 - i. Overall Needs after Needs Assessment Data Analysis: pg 9
 - ii. Analysis of 23-24 SSPSA progress: pg 10-12
 - iii. Actions/Strategies for 24-25: pg 14-17, 20-25

Shen made a motion to approve the Plan, Pa 1st, Mutsvangwa 2nd, then all approved.
 - c. How it all fits into the accreditation process.
 - i. It's ongoing and important.
 - II. Embedded Honors Update- Jen Ochsner
 - a. It's continuing, and Portola is adding Modern World History and Living Earth as classes that embed the potential honors designation.
 - III. Hiring and Facilities Update- John Pehrson
 - a. Facilities, the main changes for next year:

- i. Our current food service system distributes about 1,000 meals in about 11 minutes. Coming soon, will be a satellite food service building under the overhang of the 1000s building.
 - ii. There will be an additional 6 portables next year.
 - iii. Also, the new building area will be in full construction mode next year.
 - iv. The gates and concrete between the pool and stadium are going to be redone.
 - v. There will be additional storage made for instrumental music.
 - vi. There will be office construction over the summer so that an additional office may be created.
- b. Hiring, mostly due to growth:
- i. 2 Assistant Principals
 - ii. 2 Clerical people
 - iii. 1 Education Specialist
 - iv. English, Math, Science & Spanish teachers (part-time)
 - v. Librarian

IV. Next year returners/election (two year terms - but people may run again)
People can "run again" in the fall. Christina, Nancy, and Nami would like to come back, and returning staff will need to be confirmed.

V. Other items
a. Thank you for your service!