

Portola High School School Site Council

Meeting
May 18, 2022

Minutes
Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm

I. Climate Survey Results

- a. Timeline-wise, the school-wide survey was implemented sooner this year so we could get our results now, have time to make plans from them, and then to "hit the ground running" in the fall. The survey is reflective of just Portola this year (it was not compared to other schools in the district). Some things that the survey showed / that were discussed include:
 - i. The sense of community is increasing
 - ii. All departments continue to work toward mastery grading
 - iii. Because of an Academic Honesty problem a "task force" of sorts has been created to make sure that honesty efforts are enforced
 - iv. As a school we're working on 12 hours of professional development in regard implementing Social Justice efforts across the curriculum
 - v. Continuing to monitor teacher well being
 - vi. Continuing to encourage academic risk-taking
 - vii. Mental health still shows to be a challenge and we're working on it
 - viii. Office Hours - they could be used more, and there's a hesitancy amongst learners to ask questions / for teacher help
 - ix. There was discussion about whether students feel prepared for college and all of the opportunities they have to be prepared through optional college workshops, etc.

II. SPSA

a. Evaluation

- i. There was discussion around this, such as that the CAASPP data was probably a false high last year since less students than usual took it
- ii. As new graduation requirements take effect in the next few years, students will be required to take an additional A-G course in some subjects.

b. Plan for Approval

- i. Melissa Misenhimer made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 SPSA, all were in favor, and it approved

- III. Equity Work
 - a. Social Justice, EOS
 - i. Working on the topic of *Identity* starting with PHS staff, understanding where it comes from, implementing challenges in the classroom that relate to it, and then having discussion afterward
 - ii. The topic of *Diversity* will be worked on next year
 - iii. *Cultivating Genius* is the title of a culturally responsive book about social justice issues. It has been selected as the whole staff read for this summer.
 - iv. PHS continues to offer supports for learners who choose to challenge themselves in rigorous classes
 - v. Social Justice will continue to be a focus for professional development next year
- IV. Bell Schedule Update
 - a. We will for sure start at 8:30am for the 2022-2023 school year
 - b. We're still looking at a possible schedule to adopt with the hope of getting out / ending the school day as early as possible.
 - c. There may or may not be an anchor day.
- V. Summer Work
 - a. Student Intervention and Preparation
 - i. Teachers will be planning / Professional Learning Community work
 - ii. Transition camps will be held such as AP Boot Camp, Link Crew, Equal Opportunity Schools, and some counseling support
- VI. Rotation of Members
 - a. Terms Up: Rashmi, Melissa M., Nancy W.
 - b. Returning: Jon, Amanda C, Amanda D.
- I. Other items
 - a. Thank you for your service!

[Acronym Reference Sheet](#)

5:08 p.m. meeting is adjourned