

Porter Advisory Council

Meeting Agenda - February 16, 2023

I. Call to Order

II. New Business

- Positions:
 - i. Appoint Secretary Ms. Redd
 - ii. Appoint Vice Chairperson: Ms. Wenzel
- Budget Status
 - The director of School Counseling position has also been fully funded.
 - Next year, the position of Parent Liaison has also been approved, which will be a positive benefit for the school as a whole.
- Staffing Needs
 - Retirement changes have been shared, Mr. Denny and our life learners 1 full time aid will sadly be leaving us. Some internal changes are being made as well for the next school year.
 - Staffing at the middle level also has been heightened by the increase of 2 full time social studies teachers.
- CIP Progress
 - Our CIP plan is focused around the county wide strategic plan, with a specific need at Porter being focused around students with learning disabilities and English Language Learners.
 - Through unit assessments, progress of these students is being monitored including remediations and retakes. Our goal is for these students (42 students) to score 80% or higher on summative assessments.
 - Reading is at 26% of students are achieving this goal, 50% of students are meeting this goal for math.
 - 2nd Quarter goals are being shared with staff, and we are excited to keep working with our students to achieve these goals.
 - The 2nd goal of the CIP includes students social-emotional wellbeing including having a trusted adult and heightening coping strategies as well conflict resolution
 - The 3rd goal included parent involvement, and satisfactory with extra-curricular activities. Currently, the Porter Basketball team has been thriving.
- Additional Decision-Making Process
 - Parents are being involved in the decision-making process, through surveys and communication. Through discussion and outreach, community can be grown within the school community.
- Parent Involvement and Volunteer Opportunities
 - Parent involvement in the PTO and field trips was discussed. With the PTO meetings on Zoom, parents could submit questions to the PTO prior for the questions to be addressed during the meeting.
 - More parent involvement and volunteer opportunities are coming up in the spring which will need many volunteers.

- 2022-2023 Porter Applications Complete
 - Applications for the time being are done. 1289 applications have been submitted for next year. Lottery will take place within the week. Parents will be notified March 1st.

III. Superintendent Representative Report

- Ms. Dinarte
 - Dr. Latif came and spoke at the last meeting, and updated the group on paying and retaining teachers. Safety was also discussed as it is a main focus for all. Budget is also a focus, where the board of county supervisors shared that the per pupil allocated amount will be raised for next school year. New buildings in the county include a multiple new elementary schools.
 - Questions to be asked at the next meeting can be shared with Ms. Dinarte, who in return will share with the board and come to the next meeting with other questions.

IV. Counseling Department

- High School Specialty Program Acceptance Notifications
 - February 1st was the application deadline for high school programs, and students are excited to hear placements when they do come out. High school scheduling is already coming into play, and base schools are asking everyone to create a schedule as a baseline.
 - If accepted to a specialty program, then a high school schedule will be made in person at Porter Traditional when accepted.
- Trusted Adult Quarter 2 Surveys
 - School counselors will be meeting with students who noted that they did not have a trusted adult. Class meetings, lunch bunches and individual check ins will be used to support students who are still in need of trusted adults.

V. Upcoming Events

- STEAM Night- 3/14: technology focused with robotics demonstrations
- Literacy Night- 4/17: before SOL's and parents will be able to gather resources, students can dress up as book characters and take home a book!
- June 9th will be the rescheduled Day of the Arts.
- Writing SOL's: 5th & 8th Grade: Will begin in March, with a 5th grade field test. Parents will receive communication on the different tests
- Parents will receive more communication and schedules on the SOL spring dates.

VI. Next Meeting

- March 16th, 2023 at 6:30 pm on Zoom

VII. Adjournment