

Porter Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda • January 18th, 2023

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order shortly after 6:00 p.m.

II. New Business

- Mr. Wilson- New Vice Chairperson
- Applications for the 2024- 2025 School Year....Deadline 2/1/24
- Budget...Overview provided.
- CIP Progress
- End of Quarter 2
 - Admin discussed grade review and
- Parent Handbook- Table of Contents Review
 - Ms. Mears shared a copy of the draft table of contents. Attendees were offered the opportunity to work in small groups to discuss the outline and identify questions about the draft.
 - Parents reviewed the draft and requested an opportunity to provide comments separately due to tech issues.
 - Parents – Please ensure you provide feedback because the school wants this to be meaningful.

III. Superintendent Representative Report

- Representative provided a briefing of the Superintendent Representative meeting, which included a discussion about the gifted program and special education services.
- Restorative practices principles are also considered when students present with behavior challenges and ensuring that the consequences are meaningful and, where possible, result in rehabilitation
- Attendance focus was also discussed. The standard of requiring medical notes for doctor's absences when a student has over 10 absences and disenrollment over 15 consecutive days of absence. Parents have 5 days to provide an excuse.
- Admin provided an explanation of how the school can work with families when special circumstances require review for approval, such as out of state sport opportunities and other family events.
- Counseling Department provided an overview of Porter communications regarding absences as a way of engaging on absences.

IV. Counseling Department

- ASCA RAMP Update: Attendance Small Groups
 - Counseling team reviewed action plan to address absences and identified second grade as a higher trend of absences from last year. The team will engage at the student level on attendance.
- SEL Night- Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30 pm
 - Second SEL Night theme will be "Better Together." There will be activity stations to reinforce the theme. Parent involved activities will be included.

V. Upcoming Events

- Winter VGA's
 - Testing process and future communications were discussed.
- ELL Access Testing
 - Brief overview provided
- Application Deadline 2/1/24
 - Reminder of process provided. Noted that siblings have priority at the first grade and all other grades depend on how many students depart, which is not frequent.

VI. Citizen Comment Time (15 Minutes)

- Parents had the following questions points:
 - Questions regarding application deadlines and anticipated vacancies
 - Suggestion provided regarding box top fund raising. Parent advised that PTO has a box top fund-raising account, but it isn't used as much since the program went to the scanning method. PTO will be engaged.
 - Parent suggested that PTO make the box top funding a contest between grades
 - Parent asked if there would be opportunity to volunteer in classrooms beyond field trips?
 - Admin explained past practice of having parent led reading groups or providing copier support. We want to avoid parents being a distraction. Can offer to collaborate with the teachers.
 - Does Porter offer spelling B's? Yes, but it's at the middle school level.

VII. Next Meeting

- February 15th, 2024 at 6:00 pm on Zoom

VIII. Adjournment

- Happy Code Red 1/19/2024!