

# Porter Advisory Council

## Meeting Agenda - April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m

### II. New Business

#### a. Staffing Update –

Porter is in full blown hiring and budget season.

BOCS changed allocation and this is a significant impact to current budget. The proposed cut is \$31 million. This may impact incidentals, but are not projected to impact core functions. For instance, field trips that are funded may not be funded in the next budget year. We would try to fundraise and find creative solutions.

#### b. Discussion on Family Engagement (Wood)

Mr. Wood reviewed the results of the most recent quarterly surveys. Areas of growth were noted, such as “better communication.” Mr. Wood asked for input on how parents see that improving.

Mr. Wood provided examples of the comments received such as, ParentVue updates should be more frequent.

Parent participant provided comments and noted that ParentVue is used, but only around report card time. Messages flow and gradebook is helpful but a lot of information is received from emails so it seems redundant.

Another participant shared her experience with ParentVue and noted that her student was in middle school. Parent noted that it took time to figure it out and play with the app. Parent stated it was a great tool but Porter could offer support to newer parents. Participant noted that updates are not consistent. Participant noted that the 7<sup>th</sup> grade PowerPoint updates are helpful.

Mr. Wood shared comments received about volunteer opportunities. Participant shared that there seem to be a lot of opportunities to engage. The signup genius has a lot of opportunities posted so there doesn't seem to be a lot of problem with opportunities being available.

A participant suggested that teachers might include volunteer opportunities in their individual weekly updates. Teachers send those weekly and perhaps the volunteer opportunity link could be included in those communications to increase awareness.

Mr. Wood shared the range of comments about discipline and asked for feedback. Participants agreed that the school is transparent and that is key.

#### c. E.O.Y. Activities

Admin discussed end of year activities and transition from elementary and middle school.

Information regarding promotion ceremonies was provided and general planning reviewed.

Save-the-dates are forthcoming, so please look for those and volunteer opportunities to support.

#### d. Family Handbook

The Handbook should be launched next year. Admin noted that feedback is welcome and will be solicited.

e. Principal Resident

Admin noted that the Dr. Lewis will be the principal resident.

f. Next Year Commitments

i. Academic

Focus will continue to be on the areas of math and reading. In particular, on grade level rates. The focus here will primarily be first and second graders.

ii. Family Engagement

Admin shared engagement opportunities for specialty engagements such as ADHD outreach. The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People program will continue to provide opportunities for interaction at home.

III. Superintendent Representative Report

Ms. Dinarte shared progress that SAC representatives discussed as they prepare the SAC report. Final meeting is in May.

IV. Counseling Department

Family Life Education Lessons will occur in May and June. The classroom teachers will provide the curriculum.

V. Upcoming Events

SOL's – Mr. Wood noted that dates will be included in the newsletters and described how reschedules due to illness can be coordinated. April 28<sup>th</sup> is the first SOL.

Graduation Walk- Currently scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the 2026 / 2027 school year. See you then!

VII. Citizen Comment Time

Comment time was offered.

Participants expressed appreciation for Porter staff and noted that it's been a busy year with exciting new opportunities.

A participant asked if a replacement was found for Ms. Geir. Admin shared that a replacement has been identified, but it cannot be announced yet.

Participant spoke about parent engagement and the Handbook. Participant suggested that the parental engagement should be highlighted in the Handbook as a feature. This is especially true for new families that need to know that this is part of the culture of Porter.

PTO representative noted that the PTO is looking for a treasurer for next year.

Appreciation was extended to Ms. Stewart for her service to the PTO and PAC, and all-around support for Porter. Thank you!

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20.