

Poland Regional High School Board Newsletter

January 2018

PRHS received a donation of \$800 from a parent of a PRHS staff member to support students with extreme financial need. Melanie Judd, nurse, will distribute as needs come through her office.

Staffing

Congrats to Rick Kramer for being accepted into the Maine Health Education and Physical Education Teacher Leader Cadre (HEPEC) for this year. Participants of this initiative are charged with leading the way in ensuring high quality proficiency-based HE & PE in all Maine schools. Cadre participants have been working together to provide Maine HE & PE professionals with curriculum, instruction and assessment resources and tools; professional development that supports effective proficiency-based education teaching strategies; and skills and resources to educate about and advocate for quality HE & PE.

Curriculum and Instruction and Professional Development

Faculty professional development has been well received this year. In four separate surveys given to teachers several times throughout this half of the school year, an overwhelming majority of teachers (90% or higher) consistently agreed or strongly agreed that “The purpose of this meeting was clear” and “This work will help me either learn new strategies, refine my current practice and/or implement curriculum.” These survey responses have referred to faculty meetings when we have done curriculum development or new learning about assessment practices. We have been using the early release time from 1:30-2:30 for “Protocol Hour.” This time has been devoted to teachers presenting their current work around assessment and instructional practices to a small group of colleagues for feedback and improvement. An overwhelming majority of teachers, whether presenting or giving feedback, have felt that the time is productive and that they are able to improve their work as a result of the time. Teachers were surveyed on January 2nd to determine next steps for the Protocol Hour for semester 2.

The January 2nd workshop day was used to review progress on Learning Target development, reviewing the protocols for completing curriculum work in Atlas, and working in Learning Areas to agree on assessments that will be included in the curriculum.

Facilities

Tony (and many different plumbers) was finally able to determine the cause of sewer backups in the locker rooms. A small pipe, which likely fell into the drain during construction, has been preventing the flow to the sewer system. It has been super fun.

Events

January 5 th	Alumni Day
January 9 th	Sophomore Career Fair
January 16 th -19 th	Midterm week
January 22 nd	Semester 2 begins
January 29 th -Feb 2 nd	Civil Rights Team No Name Calling Week