

Poland Regional High School Board Newsletter

December 2017

Staffing

- Nothing to report!

Curriculum and Instruction and Professional Development

- Our Professional development time during Wednesday early release time was focused on:
 - ✓ We have been using the first hour of each Wednesday for what we have called “Protocol Hour.” This time has been dedicated to groups of teachers meeting and sharing “problems of practice” with each other and getting feedback. Individual teachers choose what they want to share and what they want feedback on from their colleagues. Teachers have shared assessments, lesson plans, problems they are struggling with, and other things. The only guidelines are that they have to be focused on teaching, learning and students and that the discussion is focused on feedback they are seeking. We will be evaluating the effectiveness of this hour in January and making any potential changes for semester 2.
 - ✓ We continue to plan to address a variety of issues we have seen regarding civility and bullying. Abby Chabot of the Maine State Police will offer both a parent and student program focused on internet safety, cyber bullying and harassment and other issues to both middle school and high school students and parents. In addition, the entire 9th grade will go on a field trip to Oxford Flagship Cinema to watch the movie “Wonder” and then participate in discussions back about school about the issues of bullying, dealing with differences, and empathy. A huge thank you to the booster club (and parent Beth Crosby in particular) for the idea and for sponsoring the cost of the tickets.

Facilities

- We have been working diligently to resolve a plumbing problem in the high school locker rooms, which has led us to closing access to showers and toilets several times.

Events

- December 5th - parent meeting with Abby Chabot
- December 6th - Band and Chorus concert
- Many basketball games!
- Holiday Spirit Week December 18th – 21st