

# POLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

## STAFF

We will be hosting several student teachers this semester, many with familiar names.

Kylie Martin '15 will be student teaching with English teacher Ian Truman. Allison Hodgkin '14 will be interning with science teacher Michelle Smith. Julie Martin, parent of two graduates, will be interning with the guidance department staff. Michael Lane, current special education ed tech, is interning with special education teacher Shauna Broyer. Music teachers Larry Williams and Julia Edwards are hosting two interns, Ian Yarnell and Samuel Chipman.

## CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We recently received news from LRTC about an expansion to their programs with the construction of a new high school in Auburn. Preliminary approval has been granted by the DOE to add the following programs, to be housed at the new ELHS: 1) Biotechnology 2) Composite Manufacturing 3) Fire Fighting 4) EMT 5) Cosmetology/Barbering 6) Precision Manufacturing 7) CTE Construction Exploration (9th & 10th Grades) 8) CTE Medical Exploration (9th & 10th Grades) 9) Culinary Arts 10) Early Education. While this is still very preliminary, the potential is great for up to 400 new seats in the LRTC program.

January is a quiet month for professional development. As we head into midterms, teachers will be focused on wrapping up the semester and grading final assessments.

The leadership team is working on a final proposal to change the grades we post on our transcript. Currently, as we have done for the past 20 years, our final grades are DS (Distinguished), AD (Advanced), CO (Competent). We believe it is time to shift this grading structure to match what students and parents see every day, grades that fall on a 1-4 scale. We will be getting feedback from students, parents and the faculty in the coming months and hope to bring a final proposal to you in April or May.

## FACILITIES

Nothing to report

## EVENTS

We had a very successful Alumni day with approximately 40 former students returning to share their new learning with our current students. Big thanks to Tom Printup, class of 2003 and new fire chief for Poland for returning and sharing his wisdom!

Sophomore Career Fair January 8<sup>th</sup>

LRTC presentation of prospective students January 11<sup>th</sup>

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Semester 1 ends January 18<sup>th</sup> .

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