

PHS School Community Council

December 7, 2017 – 6:00PM

Attendance: Justin Keetch, Shane Owens, Lisa Tayler, Sherry Wiltbank, Ashley Billingham, Ellen Slovacek & April Hemphill

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Justin Keetch welcomed all in attendance and the meeting was called to order.
- **Review and Approve Minutes**
 - Shane moved to accept the minutes from 10/5/17. Ellen seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- **Stakeholder Report**
 - Justin walked everyone through the stakeholder report. (See attached.)
 - Resolution Room – Justin reviewed the psychological reasoning behind resolution. Just as students are given the opportunity to learn academic subjects through re-teaching, resolution provides an opportunity for students to learn good behavior with training and repetition instead of automatic punishment.
- **School Improvement Plan Update**
 - Justin explained the graphs and report print out. (See attached form)
 - Biggest issue is attendance – when kids are here the vast majority of them pass
 - Red zone – more than 80% failure rate
 - Green zone – less than 10% failure rate
 - Ellen confirmed that without classroom attendance and participation, students just don't understand the material well enough to pass.
 - Tracker Program – Justin reviewed the tracker program. They are on-site to lend one-on-one help for students who need help passing their classes and getting caught up. At the end of each mini-term, the trackers coordinate rewards for the students who meet certain criteria with grades and attendance.
 - ROOT Values Program – Teachers nominate students who are exemplifying the PHS values. When they are nominated, students are recognized and their name goes into a drawing where they can win prizes.
- **Comprehensive Guidance Update**
 - CCR - All students will be scheduled to meet with their counselor to plan for graduation. Parents are always invited. Seniors are being scheduled now. Juniors will be scheduled at the end of the year.
- **Items from Council Members**
 - Lisa expressed gratitude for everything the teachers and administration do to help her son and the other students.
 - Sherri commented that a well-rounded approach to education is vital. It is more than focusing on knowledge alone.

- Shane asked about cell phones and how they impact a student's education. Justin said that teachers who give rewards for putting cell phones away have better results than those who are punished for having them.
- **Adjourn**
 - The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2018.

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