

Porterville High School

School Site Council

Career Center- 5:15 p.m.
Minutes

Parents/Community Members:	Tom Cemo, Dennis Sexton, Rosanna Guzman, and Rulaine Nash.
Students:	
Teachers:	David Herrera and Nicole Shiers
Staff:	Larry Herrera Jr., Jeannie Buzzelli, Salma Aziz, Christine Amann, and Jose Valdez
Guests:	

Start: 5:19 p.m.

1. Introductions

In attendance: Tom Cemo, Christina Magana, Larry Herrera Jr., Jeannie Buzzelli, Dennis Sexton, Jose Valdez, Salma Aziz, Christine Amann, Rosanna Guzman, Rulaine Nash, David Herrera, and Nicole Shiers.

2. Review and Adopt November 18, 2013 Agenda

Motion: Larry Herrera Jr. 2nd: Rulaine Nash

3. Review and Adopt September 23, 2013 Minutes

Motion: Jeannie Buzzelli 2nd: Nicole Shiers

Add the names of those who attended to the September minutes.

4. Student Report

Quarter Finals and Kiss The Pig for football. Boys' water polo is playing in the championship for division 3. One of the girls golf players went to the championships. PHS swept MHS in football two weeks ago. The atmosphere on campus is great with the new ASB advisors. They are working hard to create an exciting PHS school spirit. The rally this week is based off the movie The Hunger Games. Homecoming: Austin Hefner and Marilyn Quintero won King and Queen. Christmas Ball is December 7, 2013 at the McDermont Field House in Lindsay. Pictures will not be on location of the dance this year. Pictures will be taken at the location of the photographer's studio.

5. Principal's Report, General Report, Professional Development

PHS is off to a great start. Teachers are receiving training for Common Core. January 8, 2014 is a roll out date. The department chairs will feed their department on how Common Core will operate. The next Benchmark will be the last benchmark of the year. The teachers will pilot the Common Core test. PHS got 450 iPads. PAB, PAH, any student, and teachers will get an iPad. Teachers will also get an Apple TV to interact with their Smartboard.

March 12, 2014 is the 3 year WASC review. We might need some parents to speak with the WASC group. Teachers have been working on WASC.

PAH and PAB are applying for NAFT status. If PAH gets the status they will be the only one in the nation to have the status.

Our open choice pathway students made a presentation to 8th graders at Galaxy Theaters. The 8th graders got an inside from our students regarding the academy and can make the choice of joining the academy or not.

The district recently got a grant from the James Irvine foundation. PUSD got 100 student scholarships. PHS was awarded with 60 of the 100 Scholarships. They chose our PAH and AERO academy students to receive the scholarship. The students will get help from a telementor to help them career plan. Through this mentoring process, the students receive lifelong mentors.

PHS hopes AERO can become an open academy next year.

6. Special Project's Coordinator Report, Budget Categories, CAHSEE, iPads, New Testing (CST, Common Core Pilot)

Larry Herrera Jr. passed out a copy of budget categories. There are 3 categories: Title 1 (core), EIA (core, supplemental), EIA-LEP (specific English Language materials). We have iPads expenses out of Title 1 money and EIA money.

PHS has concerns about students having iPads and playing sports. We understand that some parents declined their students from having iPads based on this reason. Some teachers have offered to store students iPads while they attend P.E. class. It also makes it easier when a coach is a teacher on campus because the teacher /coach can open up their classroom to store the iPads during practice or a game.

PHS is working on having students access their textbooks from their iPads.

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CAHSEE was held on November 4th and 5th for Juniors and Seniors. The larger CAHSEE, for sophomores and seniors, is held in February. We will be giving the CAHSEE for sure for the next 4 or 5 years.

Recently we have been distributing iPads throughout the past week. The district decided to let students personalize their iPads by allowing them to place music and pictures on it. In doing so, the district hopes that the students will take better care of the iPads because it has their personal information on it.

When we go back to see Mr. Bottoms at the district, we need to make sure the reality of the iPads reflects the potential. Of course if grades are going down then we cannot justify why students need iPads for learning. We hope that is not the case.

AB484 was passed by Governor Jerry Brown. It gives us a year to convert to Common Core.

In transition to Common Core, Juniors will be taking either English or Math tests. Next year all classes will have new State standards. Instead of multiple choice, students will have to solve real life problems. Students will need to be problem solvers and have the ability to break down and comprehend a problem. Vocabulary and sentence structure is going to be very important to students to understand in order to comprehend the lengthy word problems.

Every test will be different for each student based on a logarithm. If they are scoring high they continue to get harder questions. If they are not doing good, they get easier questions.

Smarter Balance Assessment has some sample Common Core based questions on their website. It really requires a whole different way of thinking. Visit www.smarterbalanced.org for more information.

7. Assistant Principal Report, Grade Distribution, Support/Intervention programs on campus

At the PAC meetings, teachers have been given grades based on subject. We are encouraging students to go to the library after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. There are two teachers in there who are doing tutoring. A lot of teachers are also offering intervention time for students during their lunch.

We want students to work hard and pass their classes. When they do not pass, it affects our class size because we have to place students who need the class and those

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who need to repeat it. It is not that our students are not capable of learning, they have bad studying habits and fail to turn in assignments.

60%-70% of our teachers have students in their classroom at lunch seeking help.

8. ELAC Recommendations

No ELAC Recommendations

Adjourn: 6:17 p.m.

Next meeting - January 13, 2014