

Palisade High School (PHS) Community Advisory Council (CAC)
Agenda, 6 PM, Media Center/ Library
Tuesday, Sept 6th 2016

Introduction/ Welcome: Don (6:00-6:05)

Present: Sheila Quintana, Don Metzler, Jackie Raley, Jackie Anderson, Laura Meinzen, Brooke Caster, Andrea Bolton, Mary Hammond Atkinson, Jennifer Mello, Laurie Haderlie, Astrid Stoye
Pre excused: Bill McLaughlin, Karla Durmas

Presentation: Middle Years Programme/International Baccalaureate (MYP/IB) presentation

Guest Speaker: Brooke Caster (MYP/IB Coordinator), Laura Meinzen (DP (Diploma Programme)/IB Coordinator), Jackie Anderson (Assistant Principal), Andrea Bolton (MYP/IB Counselor)

- David Mentioned that his wife Ann is working very closely with D51 foundation to help support funding with PBL
- Crosswalk of where the district is headed with PBL with MYP.
 - Jackie: IB transferred everything to all classes, Gen ed classes as well as at risk classes
 - Former “Pre IB” is not MYP. It was focused on AP, not the same
 - MYP matches PBL
 - Will we phase out AP? Possibly...TBD
 - IB education: Student is center, Learner profile, Soft skills. Approaches to Learning and Approaches to Teaching
 - Focus on Approaches to Learning and Approaches to Teaching.
 - Whole school IB is true to our culture
 - Goal is to give all our kids access to an IB education (Not necessarily the Diploma Programme)
 - Learner profile (IB terminology)/Habits of Mind/Growth Mindset (district terminology)
 - See Learner Profile handout
- Andrea Bolton:
 - IB training, Paving to Success
 - Focused on basics: Learner Profile, showed how an IB classroom is run
 - Have shared the training with staff
 - About bringing great ideas that IB offers to our students, broadening access
 - Teaching student how to be a learner, soft skills get them to own their learning
 - Number one priority is staff development, has been our focus, foster buy in
- Brooke Caster:
 - Child in DP, former Honors math teacher, understand IB
 - Job is not to teach the facts, example of facts of driving in town of Grand Junction rather than teaching directions...
 - Want them to be thinking and inquisitive, brings them back to IB profile.
 - Focus on staff development, approaches to teaching and learning
 - Early Release Professional Development (PD) Cycle:
 - Whole Staff PD
 - Learning Community (LC) PD with same focus
 - Department Meeting
 - Staff Meeting
 - Demonstration classrooms operating this year
 - Cross curricular, work out some of the kinks prior to all staff involvement
 - PBL Buzzwords (Growth Mindset and Habits of Mind)
 - MYP Buzzword (Growth Mindset and Learner Profile)

- How do we get kids to know facts? It is a balance, not about knowing or not knowing, but how we acquire the facts.
- Have to identify 3 things with planning (content, skills, and concept objective)
- How do we balance kids that struggle with learning or testing or both?
 - Focus on concept based learning, Inquiry
 - We will look into a Career Path
- Laura Meinen: How can you help:
 - Help with the message, it's not about the rigor, it's about the way we are learning
 - It is not about "getting out of PBL" as you heard it is about how you learn, it is PBL
 - It's about being balanced... It's about creating great kids as well
 - Help with resources, 3d printers, fundraising to finish outdoor classrooms, creating connections in the community for learning ideas
- Don feels that this is very exciting and will work
- David would have liked for Jeremy to have this new paradigm because the way he is learning in college. He is good at learning the facts through the lecture, we are on something very revolutionary.
- Service component: Must have a personal project completed by end of 10th grade (Passion Project)
- In middle school, end of 8th grade it is a community project

Review last month's (August 9th) minutes: Dan (6:15-6:20)

Review Action Items from August: (6:20-6:30)

- State of PHS presentation to the Town of Palisade Trustees date (10/25/2016 @ 6:00 PM) (Don)
- List of current Clubs (See Handout)
 - Ski Club progress
- Parking lot pick up and drop off flow
 - Cluster: Needed to broadcast (Communicate)
 - Still struggling
 - Getting CDOT involved, Palisade PD involved
 - Changing traffic with humans is very difficult
 - Band Trailer is a visual impairment
- Website update (Jackie Anderson)
 - Feedback (discombobulated, Frustrating, not user intuitive, idiosyncratic)
 - Wishes: Would like to be able to click on teachers to get email,
 - Keeping in mind with other feedback, trying to make it clearer and cleaner
 - Contacted Larry Hudson (one man dept, working with 4 other schools with the same frustrations)
 - IB, journalism, and athletic pages are done well, but manned by kids and staff daily
 - Make info more clear, clear communication to updated sites
 - Tough to balance what we have with resources

Specific topics for the current month: As designated (6:30-7:10)

- Parent Teachers Conferences, Sept 8th, 3:30 to 7:30 PM (Group)
 - Have spoken to staff about email to notify parents
 - GT breakout at 5:30
 - IB 9/10 session at 6
 - IB 11/12 session at 6:30
- Feedback on August/Start of school
 - Positive mostly
 - Not real sure students understand office hours
 - Student sections at events
 - Would like to allow a little more freedom?

- Students need to learn to cheer
- Student cheer for our team, not address the opponents
- UIP Conversation,
 - Process - Online. Will gather input from admin team, leadership team, MYP steering committee and CAC to generate a UIP
 - Focus- Implementation of MYP

Up-coming events: See PHS September Newsletter (available on website). As designated (7:10-7:15)

- Fall Intercession week, Monday, October 3rd through Friday, October 7th
- Counseling events (Dan)
- College Road Trips
 - Sept 13- 14 - Eastern slope college road trip, CMC Breckenridge, UNC, CSU, Metro / CU Denver / CCD.
 - Sept 28th – CMC Road trip, Glenwood Springs, and Rifle
- College Fairs
 - Sept 22nd – Day Night College Fair, @ GJHS. PHS will go first thing at 8:30am
 - Oct 2nd – Aspen College Fair
- In September
 - Suicide prevention (SOS) training through the rest of September for freshmen Students in Geo Phys Classes (is this something we revisit with juniors)
 - Senior meetings with Counselors (Each senior will meet with their counselor to discuss life after HS.)
 - ICAP presentations for sophomores in Comp 10 classes in October
- In October
 - Free App week will be Oct 10th – 14th
 - Senior work day will be Oct 12th. Each senior will be given 1-2 hours to work on and complete college applications, Scholarship searches, COF, register as a job seeker, and research military plans.
 - Free ASVAB test at GJHS Oct 14th.
 - ICAP presentations for freshmen in Global Studies classes in November
 - Family Night Oct 12th.
- September and October schedule (Dan)
 - Homecoming week OCT 22nd
- White Iced party for D51 foundation February 4th at (7:00)

PHS UIP Progress: Discussion on school wide goals (Dan) (7:20-7:40)

- See above. Note process and focus

Other: To be determined (7:40-7:45)

- Any other topic the group feels that needs to be addressed (Open Forum)
- New APP (running with the Pack for I phone) (Palisade for Android)

Wrap Up/ Recap of Action Items: Dan/ Don/ Group (7:45-7:50)

Future Meetings: 10/11/16, 11/1/16, 1/10/17, 2/7/17, 3/7/17, 4/4/17, 5/2/17

Adjourn: Don (no later than 8:00)