

Poland Regional High School
School Board Report
December 2020

Staff Updates

After the recent positive case in the MS, we are down a substitute who will not be returning. The high school has one full time substitute teacher.

Our recent positive test resulted in the quarantine of just four classroom teachers. We changed our practices to avoid mass quarantine and it worked. We have also moved all faculty meetings to virtual, regardless of the size of the group, to also prevent mass quarantine. The maintenance department is also working staggering break schedules to keep the group safer.

Teaching and Learning

The addition of Wednesday in-person instruction has been beneficial for the in-person students, but the participation of the remote students is less than we want. I think it is fair to say that for now the benefit to in-person learning outweighs the drawbacks, but it isn't perfect. Providing teachers more planning time Wednesday afternoons, however, is a real bonus.

Facilities & Safety

We continue to see positive COVID cases that are coming from the community, but not from transmission in the school. Our older students who are working seem to be the heaviest hit in terms of contracting the virus. Parents (and students!) continue to work with us to keep their children home when they are sick and communicating with us when awaiting test results. We are grateful for their attention to the guidelines.

Tony and his crew continue to rock it when it comes to keeping the building clean!

Events

Our student representative body ran a successful spirit week at the beginning of November. Roundtables competed to create photography backdrops with a fall theme, there were dress-up days, and we played music through the day when the bells rang. SRB and the advisors were feeling pretty good about being able to organize these activities in spite of the challenges.

We are hopeful for a winter sports season of some kind.