

Poland Regional High School
School Board Report
May 2021

Staff Updates

We have been able to fill the Learning Center Ed Tech 3 position for our Learning Center (LC). This is great news as the LC has been our primary support for students who are attending an extra day of school. We are excited to be fully staffed again!

Interviews for our Special Education and French teacher openings will happen within the next two weeks. We are hopeful for positive outcomes.

Teaching and Learning

With 89% of our teachers/ed techs/social workers fully vaccinated, the chaos of teacher absences and quarantines has been significantly reduced. We anticipate being able to stay open for in-person learning every day for the remainder of the school year (unless I just jinxed it!).

We have begun our summer school planning. Caroline Peinado, our instructional coach and RTI coordinator, will be the leader of the program. Caroline already works very closely with students who are struggling to be successful, so having her on board is a real bonus. We have been closely tracking all of our students this year, and have a very clear understanding of the needs we have for the summer and the staff who will help students recover credits.

Facilities & Safety

We are looking at some minor renovations this summer to increase the classroom capacity of our TV studio and FLS classrooms. Tony and Craig have done a great job of reviewing the needs and making a plan.

Events/Activities

Prom will happen on May 15th outside by the school. In addition to a DJ, we will also have a bonfire to make the night as special as possible.

Project Graduation parents have done a truly remarkable job raising money and planning a great night for the seniors. The food and activities will definitely help ease the disappointments of the past year. I send a huge thank you to these parents in particular, who have met with me several times to develop the plan: Sue and Phil Brienza, Suzanne Moulton, Nicole Patenaude, Amy Kohtala, Karen Gurney and Amy Kelly.