

# **Poland Regional High School**

## **School Board Report**

### **October 2021**

#### **Staff Updates**

We welcome Luke Johnson to our staff as our new hire in Wellness. He is replacing Rick Kramer. Luke has started as a long-term substitute until he is approved by the board and receives his certification from the state.

#### **Teaching and Learning**

We have been monitoring our athletic participation numbers to understand the impact of our disrupted schooling on student participation. In spite of having about 30-40 more students in our building, our participation is down from the Fall of 2019 (pre-COVID). We hope to see this increase over time as our normal routines continue.

<b>PRHS</b>	<b>Fall 2019</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>
Cross Country	38	23
Field Hockey	18	18
Football	34	37
Boys Soccer	38	24
Girls Soccer	34	35
Fall Cheer	7	7
Golf	16	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>158</b>

#### **Learning Plan for Quarantined Students**

Any time a student must quarantine because they are a close contact, PRHS teachers will be sure to send students work through Google Classroom. Google Classroom is updated regularly and students should be able to keep up with missed work. Students can email teachers for help on any assignments.

#### **Goals for this school year**

We have been working as a faculty to be as consistent as possible in all classrooms regarding procedures and expectations to help our students transition back into full time school. Teachers are working on 1) setting norms in every class for participation and behavior, 2) developing opening and closing lesson activities to engage students and reinforce learning, 3) posting a lesson agenda for students every day, 4) assigning seats, and 5) spending extra time explaining and reviewing any homework that is assigned.

We will also be enrolling as a full faculty in a PD course “Making student-thinking visible” that will focus on increasing student voice in the classroom. This course is timely, given that last year the classroom experience was very quiet. The focus on social distancing really limited teacher’s ability to shift seating in classes and engage students in discussion with class sizes that were very small.

Teachers will work through the course in small groups, try new strategies and peer-observe those new strategies.

### **Facilities & Safety**

We are up to 72% of the student body either vaccinated or enrolled in pooled testing. We are excited to see this level of participation and feel that it contributes to the overall consistency of the school experience for students.

### **Events/Activities**

Homecoming week is October 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.

Our Bonfire is October 6<sup>th</sup>

Our Homecoming Dance is October 7<sup>th</sup>. The dance will be outside under a tent.