

# **Poland Regional High School**

## **School Board Report**

### **November 2021**

#### **Staff Updates**

Carly King has completed her long-term substitute position with us and will remain on this year as an ed tech. This is really good news!

#### **Teaching and Learning**

I shared in my board report in September that we were experiencing an uptick in student misbehavior, vandalism and vaping. I am happy to report that while the issues aren't gone, we are seeing improvement. Lunch time has become a much quieter and more settled time. Vandalism, like we saw at the beginning of the year, has decreased significantly. We continue to see vaping as an issue, and are working on addressing this with a school wide educational program.

Our October workshop day was spent on the "Making Student Thinking Visible" course. Teachers are reporting that they are having really thoughtful and engaging conversations on the material and are enjoying the numerous videos of classrooms where they get to see teachers in action using the strategies in the course.

Two of our Wednesdays have been focused on BARR/RTI and planning for a November 3<sup>rd</sup> intervention block after school. Individual students are being invited to remain at school on that Wednesday until 4 to get one-on-one help from their teachers. We did this in January of 2020 and had planned to do this multiple times each year, but then COVID happened and we put the idea on hold. We will do this big intervention block again in January and in May. A big thanks to Fred and the transportation department for helping us get rides for kids who need them.

Senior Celebration proposals were due last week. We are back to a more normal process for Celebration of Learning and look forward to learning about all of the different projects students engaged in.

#### **Facilities & Safety**

We are up to 80% of the school either vaccinated or participating in pooled testing. We consider this a success!

We welcomed Kevin Cramp on board as our new SRO. He has experience working in a school, so he has fit right in with us and working with our families. At the high school, he will meet with each senior Roundtable to provide them with timely information about the impact of turning 18 in the eyes of the law so that our kids are prepared and have accurate information.

#### **Events/Activities**

Student-Led Conference week, November 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Fall Play, November 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Winter sports begins November 22<sup>nd</sup>