

Poland Regional High School

School Board Report

December 2021

Staff Updates

Mike and Jo-Ellen Carter plan to retire at the end of the school year. Jo-Ellen has been both a guidance secretary and an ed tech in our learning center since we opened in 1999 and will leave a hole in our school for sure. Mike has been the heart of the social studies department (and Humanities before that) since 1999 and I know I speak for all of his colleagues when I say his experience and wisdom will be missed.

Teaching and Learning

We have planned a week long Vaping Education Week beginning December 13th. The leadership team has planned a full school presentation to be shown in Roundtable, and then every teacher in every class has developed a short lesson to share with students throughout the week. We will end on Friday with a quiz competition in Roundtable to test students' new learning about the negative impact of vaping.

Caroline Peinado, our school's RTI Coordinator and Instructional Coach, is working with the 9th grade team teachers to support them in managing student misbehavior. This work is part of our weekly BARR meetings, where we make plans to help students who are struggling with academic failures.

We had an excellent turn out for student-led conferences. We offered a combination of virtual and in-person and it seems as though many families chose in person. It was great to see everyone again and welcome them back to the building.

Facilities & Safety

We are up to 86% of the school either vaccinated or participating in pooled testing. We began the year at 65%.

Events/Activities

Band/Chorus concert December 8th

Intervention Block after school January 12th

We all just really need our upcoming vacation!