

# **Poland Regional High School**

## **School Board Report**

### **February 2022**

#### **Staff Updates**

We have managed to avoid, so far, a large number of teacher absences due to COVID. While we had a couple of weeks with over 10 staff absences, the absences have been among ed techs, food service, teachers and other staff members. This has allowed us to continue with school in a normal fashion.

#### **Teaching and Learning**

January 21 was the end of the first semester. To help students meet standards to pass classes, we held our second intervention block on Wednesday, January 12 during our early release. A big thanks to Fred in transportation for arranging rides for a group of our students to ensure they were able to take advantage of the extra time and attention to try to pass classes.

The high school staff completed the “Making Student Thinking Visible” course during the month of January (workshop day and early release time). We will continue to set goals with the new strategies and incorporate them into our daily instruction.

We have begun the scheduling process for the 22-23 school year. Students will be working with their Roundtable teachers and counselors to register for classes. Counselors will begin working with 8th graders on March 10 to explain the process and what course choices they have. Hillary Bush and I will begin to build a master schedule on April 1 with the goal of having a draft schedule before April vacation. This work is essential for us to complete to have a clear sense of staffing and class sizes for the next school year.

#### **Facilities & Safety**

We held a vaccination clinic in partnership with Maine Health/Stephen’s memorial hospital. Seventy-seven first, second and booster shots were given to middle school and high school students as well as to several staff members. Our follow up clinic will be February 15.

#### **Events/Activities**

Winter Carnival will be postponed until March 25. Our goal is to run this event as normally as possible and by postponing it, we will be past this Omicron surge that we are experiencing.

Our winter sports teams will be wrapping up their seasons by February vacation. We were able to avoid any disruption to our seasons due to COVID.

8th Grade Parent Night: March 9