



Poland Regional High School

School Board Report

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Teaching and Learning

The Board of Directors at the MELMAC Education Foundation, selected Poland Regional High School/RSU 16 to receive a 2022 Boosting Readiness for College and Career Grant. Applications were read by a panel of independent readers and the Board has endorsed their recommendation that the proposal be funded in the amount of \$17,644.00.

Two main goals/areas of the grant requirements will be addressed with this funding:

- Students experience potential careers firsthand and visit colleges and businesses as part of the broad college - and career - awareness curriculum.
- All students are prepared for a full range of post-secondary options through structured, motivational, and experiential opportunities in an environment where school staff is collectively committed to each student's post-secondary goals and successes.

Some of the key activities will include:

- Maine Turismo of Colleges - based on the very popular former Gran Turismo of Colleges that was part of a previous MELMAC grant, this college visit will focus on Maine colleges rather than New England for a day trip (USM, St. Joseph's, UNE) and an overnight trip (Colby, Husson, Thomas, UMO, KVCC, EMCC). Trips to run in the spring of '23 and '24 for junior class students.
- Supporting middle school career/college awareness activities, including the 7th grade student participation in the Androscoggin County Career Fair.
- College/Career Spirit Weeks
- Accepted student support at CMCC - at least 25% of each graduating PRHS class has had intentions of enrolling at CMCC. To support the transition, an additional day of tours, information sessions for interested students.

Many thanks to our MELMAC team - Hillary Bush, Carrie Rhoads, Corey McFadden, Shannon Shanning, Meg New, Kat Meader, and Dan Novak - for putting together a MELMAC grant that has earned these learning opportunities for PRHS and BWMS students.

Staff and Professional Learning

The PRHS leadership team has established full participation with representation from school administration, teachers, students and family/community. The leadership team contributes to school decision making with a range of perspectives on school issues and helps shape positive school community, curriculum, and faculty professional development. Representatives this year include: PRHS Principal Erik Anderson, teachers Patrick Martin, Elaine Fryda, Laurie Sevigny, Debra Downing, Meg New and Kris Wright, students JR Tibbetts and Mason Brousseau, and parents Angela Bowie and Heidi Gagnon.

Open Instructional Positions

- Long-term Substitute Resource Teacher
- Math/Science Interventionist Teacher
- Special Education and Learning Center Ed Techs