

Poland Regional High School School Board Report - October 2023 Erik Anderson - Principal

Teaching and Learning

Poland Regional High School has had a very positive month of September in classrooms, on the sports fields and courses, and in extracurricular activities - and the month wrapped up with a tremendous State of the School Day. For this day the 9th and 12th grade classes went to Agassiz Village and the 10th and 11th grade students went to Camp Conner. The students and their faculty advisors were paired up across these grade levels participating in Roundtable activities that led into discussions focused on the students' ideas for making the high school a more positive community and supportive, engaging learning environment.

Staff and Professional Learning

Building on faculty feedback from last year, we are continuing our 9th and 10th grade Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR) teams and reconfiguring our 11th and 12th grade teams to better identify student needs and follow through with focused supports for these upper grade students.

Faculty have been revising the rubrics used to score Sophomore Exhibition and Senior Celebration. Our Learning Areas have been working to revise and refresh our Course of Studies with potential new course offerings. Finally, we have begun the initial work of our New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation process.

- As the current President-Elect of the Maine chapter of the American Choral Directors Association, Julia Edwards co-planned and attended Maine ACDA's statewide Annual Fall Conference.
- Meg New participated in the Alternative Ed PD day for the Greater Sebago Education Alliance at Gray New Gloucester High School. She presented on restorative practices and community building.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Student leaders and faculty advisors of high school clubs and activities held a co-curricular fair during lunch times to encourage students to participate in afterschool groups. We continue to rebuild extracurricular activity participation after the years of interrupted schooling during COVID.

Alex Mains and Aiden Webb participated in the State Golf Tournament.

You Are Invited

- The fall sports season is full of action. Please check the games schedule @ <u>https://prhsathletics.rschoolteams.com/</u>.
- The fall musical, All Shook Up will be performed November 1st 4th!

Open Positions

- Resource Room Teacher
- Math/Science Interventionist Teacher
- .5 ELL Teacher
- Multiple Ed Tech positions