



PHS Student Ambassadors

Date: February 9, 2022

Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Location: PHS Library Conference Room

Representatives: Bob Maxwell, Courtney Hodge, Juston Pollestad, Tianyi Chen, Christopher Infranco, Dominic-Leonard Heidenreich, Jenica Thapa, Marissa Carper, Audrey Tan, Cecilia Hellmann

Meeting Topics:

- **Lunch**
- **Discussion: *Status update on action plans***
 - Increase student feedback
 - Need to continue to find ways to increase student feedback. More feedback provides a baseline for action plans.
 - Feedback boxes have been great but need to find more ways to engage students.
 - The electronic survey was successful.
 - Ask teachers to post the Ambassador survey to Google Classrooms, put QR code on brown bag meals and flyers for the cafeteria tables, put on screens in the commons, social media, and on the website.
 - Incentivizing feedback from students may help increase student feedback.
 - Administered survey to students – students are most concerned about COVID-19 and how the school is handling it. Highlights from survey:
 - 101 student responses.
 - Need to gather more specifics on what concerns that students have with how the school is handling COVID-19.
 - Need to continue to ensure that students are following masking rules and staff are enforcing mask protocols. For students that are not meeting classroom expectations and wearing their mask properly, teachers are encouraged to send the students to the office for further conversation. There may need to be additional messaging to staff around what the protocols are for students that are not complying with masking rules.
 - Common areas for students not complying with masking rules typically are the hallways and bus areas.

- Overall students are satisfied with the in-person experience.
- Students find the additional nutrition break station extremely helpful. This has increased the number of students grabbing a snack due to the decrease time standing in line.
- Students prioritized mental health and access to resources in the survey.
- Need to continue to provide education to students around the importance of not sharing food.
- Contact tracing:
 - Staff continue to follow the Test-to-Stay protocols and are continuing to review the guidance as it changes.
 - Pullman has a high percentage of students that are vaccinated.
- Increase in more diverse literature.
 - The English department is working to incorporate more diverse literature that is appropriate for PHS. The English department will be working this spring and summer for next year's classes.
- Connecting students to mental health resources and raise awareness continues to be a priority for PHS students.
- Meals at PHS:
 - Expand eating areas and lunch line wait times – quick service stations
 - Lines have gotten shorter.
 - The brown bag model has helped with this.
 - Ingredient list for meals – still working on this item.
- Sustainability at PHS
 - Decrease food waste
 - Need to bring some organization to the disposal of food waste at PHS. May need to add another station for students to throw away food, stack trays, and put silverware away. Incorporate visual reminders.
 - Work with the Environmental Club to bring composting to PHS.
 - Decrease use of disposable/plastic utensils
 - A lot of silverware is ending up in trash cans.
 - Could put an announcement on trash cans for students to double check trays.
 - Look at cost for switching to compostable utensils.
 - Partner with WSU – bike rentals

- Need to survey students to see if there is interest.
- Dr. Maxwell will work to find more information about the WSU bike contracts.
 - The Environmental Club is working on projects that promote sustainability at PHS.
- Big Stairs Visual Reminders
 - Ambassadors will start working with ASB on that project.
- **Discussion:** Student Equity Panel
 - Looking to put together another student equity panel this year to see how things have evolved. Looking for a variety of 6-8 students to volunteer to participate on the panel.
 - WSU would like to start doing a podcast with Dr. Maxwell and a high school student volunteer to talk about belonging and what is important to this current generation.
- **Upcoming:** Presentation to School Board
 - **Due: May 25, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting**
 - Start thinking about what you want to share with our Board of Directors with a presentation.
 - Recommendations for future ambassador groups.
 - Highlights from student surveys.
 - Highlights on what was worked on/implemented this school year.

Future Topics:

- Status update on action plans
- Status update on School Board presentation

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 9, 2022 from 12:00pm-1:30pm.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday February 9, 2022 – 12:00pm-1:30pm @ PHS Library
- Wednesday March 23, 2022 – 12:00pm-1:30pm @ PHS Library
- Wednesday April 20, 2022 – 12:00pm-1:30pm @ PHS Library
- Wednesday May 18, 2022 – 12:00pm-1:30pm @ PHS Library

Mark Your Calendars!

PHS Student Ambassadors will present to the school board during the Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Committee Members:

| Name | Representative |
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| Bob Maxwell | Superintendent |
| Juston Pollestad | Pullman High School Principal |
| Courtney Hodge | Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent |
| Audrey Tan | 9 th Grade Representative |
| Cecilia Hellmann | 9 th Grade Representative |
| Lily Johnston | 10 th Grade Representative |
| Tianyi Chen | 10 th Grade Representative |
| Dominic-Leonard Heidenreich | 11 th Grade Representative |
| Marissa Carper | 11 th Grade Representative |
| Christopher Infranco | 12 th Grade Representative |
| Jenica Thapa | 12 th Grade Representative |