

GHS PAC Meeting Notes
October 7, 2024

Start Time: 6:37 p.m.

Community Time:

1. Parent suggested Naviance session or how to get in touch with counselor at Touch Base.
2. Parent asked if line cutters is still an issue? Mr. Beech responded that the lines are long, but the lunch lines are cleared before the lunch shift is over. We don't think that is an impediment to students not being fed. We (administration and/or security) do have a stronger presence in the cafeterias by the lines, while also having supervision in the halls and restrooms by the cafeteria.
3. Parent asked about various surveys our students are asked to complete throughout the school year. Mr. Beech responded with the surveys that we are aware of are PWCS Needs Assessment (mental health check-in), Division Wide Survey in the Spring (March timeframe), between now and Thanksgiving the Equal Opportunities Survey (EOS) what barriers are in the way for students to take AP course work and Naviance College and Career Assessment. We also administer VDOE around school climate and safety survey.
4. Parent asked about our goals for CIP since this is ongoing, do we change our goals. Mr. Beech responded-starting point is the PWCS CIP (student academic performance, student safety, customer service and on time graduation). For GHS our goals are achievement for all students (instructional strategy), Family and community engagement-PAC processes, posting minutes, advertising meeting dates and Chronic absenteeism- still room for improvement since this number fluctuates.
5. Parent asked how often we get reminded about election years and not discussing our preference in election. Mr. Beech responded-civic engagement is taught in government classes but we remind teachers to stay focused on the curriculum.

Principals Time:

1. Good News
 - a) Marching Band Success (Colgan Classic, Woodbridge Viking Invitational, JMU) so far this year. Strong performance season so far.
 - b) Athletics Update (Varsity VB 8-2; Golf Jack Schimler placed 9th in Districts 10/2; Cross Country 4-3-2 (Trent established a course record and Women's and Men's team will be competitive at districts); Varsity Field Hockey 8-3; Varsity Football 5-0).
 - c) Touch Base Conferences 11/4 from 7:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m., couple of breakout sessions. More information to come with topics for session that is useful to our families. If you have suggestions, please let us know what you would like to know more about. Historically we've done information on Advanced Course work, Grading, Communication with staff, parent session on technology and how to monitor your students cell phone use.
 - d) GHS is hosting Classified Professional Day with about 1000 classified staff attending multiple sessions of PD.

- e) PSAT 10/9 for all 9-11 graders and our seniors will have a field trip to Washington DC for the Amazing race. 10/9 is an asynchronous day for all senior students. We will get data back that we use for course selection in advance coursework. We will share information on how to interpret the data from the PSAT to students and families.

2. Cell Phone Guidance

- a) The goal is to have good compliance from students and staff to keep phones out of sight during class.
- b) No clear guidance yet for the new guidance from the governor for the new year. Various iterations are being discussed at central office and will be shared by the end of November time frame.

3. Budget

- a) Enrollment ~ 2597 no real changes. 9/30 is the date the central office uses to fund the school based on enrollment on that date. Have not received anything yet from budget but expect it in the upcoming weeks.
- b) Flex funds are used for coaching, subs, lease agreements for copy machines, paper, custodial supplies, graduation cost, etc.
- c) 94 % of the budget on staffing. No additional staffing changes.
- d) Propose hiring an additional custodial staff member. We currently have 14 to include the custodial manager.

4. Career Education

- a) Advisory Lessons earlier in the school year where students went through an interest inventory pathways. Seniors did a college essay, resume building and email structures and one for Naviance navigation.
- b) Counseling Lessons-how to contact a counselor, book an appointment, surf resources and notification on college visits. We share career exploration including use of Naviance tools. Students do get college and career guidance.
- c) Other efforts-PTSO Pizza and Professionals. Parents will speak about their professional careers and the path they took. These sessions will be offered during lunch shifts.

5. CIP

- a) Instructional Rounds 10/11. Instructional Rounds is to have large sample data of what is going on in our classrooms. A few principles from other schools along with central office staff, administration and 4 teachers will split into teams of 4. Our areas of focus on clear focus of the lesson and what should students know from the lesson in class? Co-taught rooms evidence of good co planning; settings with EL and SPED students and we are maximizing that we have 2

- teachers in a room. Literacy strategies are engaged in discussion, engaged in summarization of the learning either in writing or oral. Take the next steps from the data we collect.
- b) BOY Check in on 11/6 with one of the CIP coaches. Looking for progress on our continuous improvement plan.
6. Cahn Fellowship
- a) Cahn Distinguished Principals Alum. Wrapped up this weekend with action research we've done in our buildings.
7. SAIC Alternate
- a. TBD

Next Meeting Dates:

- November 18, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.
- February 3, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.
- March 3, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.
- May 5, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.