

## **PHS Student Ambassadors**

**November 5, 2019, 3:30-5pm in PHS Counseling Center Conference Room**

### **Meeting Notes**

#### **Introductions + Icebreaker**

#### **Developed meeting norms**

#### **Reviewed Goals of PHS Student Ambassadors Group:**

- To develop leadership skills
- To gain a greater understanding of educational issues through interaction and problem-solving with peers and community leaders
- To provide student insight and perspective to the Board of Directors and District Administration
- To build a lifelong commitment to the role and responsibility of community citizenship

**Narrowed potential discussion topics to the top 4** (from list of topics on all PHS student ambassador apps)

- Reduce environmental footprint
- More communications between administrators and students
- Tutoring
- Bullying

#### **Topic 1: Reduce environmental footprint**

- Small steps
- Sustainability committee
- Ideas:
  - eliminate plastic ware in cafeteria
  - consider reusable cups or water bottles
  - sustainable materials for packaging
  - compost leaves and food
  - save water by watering only grass, and as needed
  - recycling bins in each classroom
  - focus on reduction of resources, not just recycling
  - reduce use of straws
  - sell reusable straws
  - work with DECA for store's products and packaging – perhaps offer incentives to customers?
- Action Items:
  - Reach out to DECA and environmental club
  - Seek feedback from peers
- Future discussion:
  - Follow up on feedback
  - Implementation plan + timeline

#### **Topic 2: More communication between students and administrators**

- How can we address rumors?
- Desire to have increased communication – background, reasoning, any details we are able to provide
- Future discussion:
  - How are students communicated with?
  - What would communications between administrators and students look like, ideally?

**Other potential items for future discussion:**

- Student confidentiality: When students leave schools for a scheduled absence, or arrive to class late, teachers often ask (in front of other students) where the student is going/was – concern that this is private information that many students are not comfortable sharing, especially in front of peers. Admittance slip is required for doctor appointment related absences – lists doctor name and reason. How can we respectfully verify these absences while also protecting student privacy?

**SUMMARY:**

Intros

Developed meeting norms

Reviewed goals of this group

Narrowed themes to top 4 items to discuss

Kellan and Claire will share a brief report with the board on 11/13 at the board meeting

Next meeting: December 10: 3:30-5pm