



# PHS Student Ambassadors

**Date:** September 22, 2021

**Time:** 12:00pm-1:30pm

**Location:** PHS Library Conference Room

**Attendance:** Bob Maxwell, Courtney Hodge, Juston Pollestad, Tianyi Chen, Lily Johnston, Christopher Infranco, Dominic-Leonard Heidenreich, Jenica Thapa, Marissa Carper

**Representatives Absent:** Lily Johnston, Bob Maxwell

## Meeting Topics:

- Introductions
- Activity – 2 Highs / 1 Low
  - High: Students are really enjoying being back in-person and participating in sports/clubs/activities.
  - Low: Maskless spectators at football games is concerning – over 500 attendees masks are required. District staff will continue to address this concern and encourage spectators to wear masks.
- NEW! Google Classroom
  - Available for sharing/distributing materials.
  - Will continue to communicate with ambassadors via school email and through Stream in Google Classroom.
- Discussion: Goals of the Student Ambassador Program
  - Recruit PHS Students for District Committees – Ideas
    - Teachers mention in class
    - Ambassadors could share with clubs
    - **Action:** Add list of committees with description and time commitment or other opportunities for how the district utilizes student voice in Google Classroom (i.e. material adoption, committee reps, etc).
- Follow Up on Action Items from 2020-21 School Year
  - Detailed lunch menus for students.
    - PHS lunch staff are aware and are willing to look into how to make at this available for students.
  - Diversity statement – students participate
  - Suggestion – Have SRO join Student Activism Club to gain student perspective
  - Sustainability topics
    - Openings on the district’s sustainability committee for more student representatives.
- New Freshman Ambassadors

- Application closes: 9/30
- New representatives will join 10/20 meeting
  - Juston/Courtney will coordinate lunch for ambassadors for upcoming meetings.
- Introduce 2021-22 ambassadors at October 27 Regular Board Meeting

### **Student Ambassador Concerns**

- Some bottle fill stations are not working around PHS.
  - Students should let admin staff know so administrators can let custodial staff know that the filters need to be replaced.
- Asked if there is a district policy on if a student has a pronoun or dead name that is not used at home but prefer to use it at school – is that confidential in parent meetings?
  - It is protected information and staff do their best in parent meetings to maintain that confidentiality.
- Masks at games – Is there a process for making masks a requirement?
  - Moving forward, staff will count **all** attendees which will push attendance above 500 so masks will be required as a school. Students asked if they could sign a petition? If students would like to in support of the mask requirement, they can but it is not required.
- Is there a possibility to add more non-gendered bathrooms?
  - PHS will continue to work on adding more non-gendered bathrooms.
- Need to work on addressing the targeted bullying of students in the LGBTQ community at PHS.
  - This is a top priority at PHS currently. Students need to be encouraged to immediately report any incident of bullying to ensure it is investigated immediately.
- Asked if there was a way to add pronouns in student information database so staff are aware of what students identify as?
  - Working on how to incorporate a gender field into our student information system; however, staff are working to ensure the protection of that information and how to ensure only appropriate staff have access to that information.

### **Future Topics:**

- Critical items to focus on this year to improve the student experience at PHS.
- Identify actionable items and work through addressing those critical items that are of high priority.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 20 from 12:00pm-1:30pm.

**Committee Members:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Bob Maxwell	Superintendent
Juston Pollestad	Pullman High School Principal
Courtney Hodge	Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
OPEN	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
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Lily Johnston	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
Tianyi Chen	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
Dominic-Leonard Heidenreich	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
Marissa Carper	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
Christopher Infranco	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
Jenica Thapa	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Representative