



PHS Student Ambassadors

Date: October 20, 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, Audrey Tan, Cecilia Hellmann

Representatives Absent: None

Meeting Topics:

- Introductions – New Freshman Ambassadors
 - Audrey Tan
 - Cecilia Hellmann
- Activity – Each ambassador got to shared their “why” for becoming a student ambassador.
- Discussion: **What are the most critical items to address in order to be successful this year and/or what are the most critical items we need to focus on this year to improve all students’ experiences?**
 - Feedback Boxes so students can provide feedback anonymously. PHS staff will work on providing boxes and pushing out announcements to students.
 - Continue to encourage students to follow health/safety protocols specifically in regards to mask wearing.
 - Focus on connecting students to mental health resources and raise awareness.
 - Nutrition break – unmasked students eating – expand area for eating areas to avoid congregating at tables. Ties into reemphasis on health/safety protocols. Can work on spreading out students and addressing that.
 - Sustainability – Large amounts of wasted food. Possible add more bins to categorize waste/compost better. Move away from plastic/disposal utensils and more reusable utensils. There may be some hesitancy with COVID but can provide disposal utensils as an alternative for students that have concerns and also share with students the safety precautions that food service staff take.
 - Length of lunch lines (closed campus this year)– limited time. Offer quick service stations with sack lunches to help speed up the lines. Staffing could be a challenge but can problem solve to help relieve that line. It may also help to spread out students.

- Close contact notification process – Juston provided clarification on what the process looks like. The nurse measures all of the factors to determine to close contacts.
- Concern with traffic going up/down big steps. There may be a need for a long term solution as the student population grows. In the short term it could be the incorporation of visual reminders for students. There could be other ways to create a break in the space that accomplishes the task that is less permanent.
- Need to get students involved in school spirit to build a sense of community and unity.
- Brainstorm ideas for pick-up/drop-off traffic in/out of PHS. How can staff better encourage students to use alternative methods of transportation.
 - Additional road in/out of PHS
 - Police directing traffic
 - Continue to encourage students to walk/bike/use public transportation to school instead of driving.
 - Advertise bicycle stations as available.
 - Possibly partner with WSU on bike rentals. Lend out bicycles to students similar to Chromebook check out.
 - Maybe create an incentive program for those students that walk/bike/use public transportation.
 - Maybe add pick-up/drop-off at the north side of the school.
 - Encourage athletes to use the stairwell towards the courtyard to avoid traffic and encourage athletes to park in the back.
 - Students drive to avoid the long bus times to avoid being late to school. Incorporating more buses or bus routes as staffing allows. PSD does contract with the City and added a bus route 2 years ago. PSD meets annually with the city and will bring that up at the next meeting to see if there is a solution. If public transportation was more efficient more students would be apt to riding it. COVID has also played a role in the number of students driving or being driven.
- Need to survey students to see what they want. Combine items into big ideas and then rank items and then determine actionable steps.
- How is the culture at PHS? Status Update
 - Struggling with freshman getting involved with PHS culture and traditions. There may still be a lot of disconnect due to the pandemic. Lack of assemblies to build unity has been a challenge. Brainstorm ways to have those events that avoid students congregating in one area. May be able to utilize the field for those types of things.

- Conversations around disability awareness and bullying prevention have been going well. Clubs are coming to events to share information. Can get creative on how to simulate that experience for students with congregation. Can have small scale activities that accomplish the same goal that are still engaging and build enthusiasm. Could have set times that students sign up for so those that want to participate in a smaller group.
- Seeing more student participation at events and students coming out to support each other.
- Could have Halloween activities to help boost spirit. Incorporate more competitive events (homeroom vs homeroom).

➤ **Reminder!** October 27 Regular Board Meeting via Zoom @ 6:30pm

Future Topics:

- Ambassadors will rank critical items to determine priorities.
- Identify actionable items and work through addressing those critical items that are of high priority.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 17 from 12:00pm-1:30pm.

Committee Members:

Name	Representative
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