Highland Academy Academic Policy Committee August 24, 2016 6:00p -7:30p

1. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order--

- 6. Enrollment--first time since 2010-2011 we are starting the school year with more students than we ended with. Starting the school year with 170 students. We lost much fewer students this year, as compared to past years.
 - a. Graduating class is looking good! 25 seniors in the graduate advisories.
- b. Academic overview (Information)
 - i. Benchmarks and presentations for 2016-17
 - 1. Student data--what kind of data is the Board looking for?
 - a. Possible student presentation in October.
 - b.
 - c. Numbers of students that are in classes above, at and below grade level. At the end of the year, see where students are -- did they complete the amount of standards necessary to move up the grade level?
- c. Staffing 2016-17 (Information)
 - i. Four new staff members (all experienced teachers)
 - 1. Jack Klauschie -- Middle School Humanities
 - 2. Erin Schneider -- High School Science
 - 3. Nora Matell -- High School Math and Science
 - 4. Susan Loraine -- Special Ed. Coordinator
 - ii. Meg Mueller has officially resigned from her position. Mr. Smon will resign at the semester, but will be student teaching with Adam Robinson. We will look to fill his position before the end of the semester.
 - iii. Focus of the staff retreat:
 - 1. What is the staff focus for the year?
 - a. Feedback (teachers to students, students to teachers, administrative team to teachers, parents to the school)
 - i. Could the student presentations to the Board be similar to group PSS Advancements? --what have we learned about this year? What has Highland taught us?
 - b. Health/Fitness -- PTSO will provide free breakfast for the students. Staff will model the promotion of health and fitness. PE and Yoga classes are available to

- a. Agreement signed with Signco to take down our old sign (to be saved for seniors). After patching and painting is completed by J&L Properties, Signco will come back and install the new sign. Cost is \$8,500 for removal and hanging the new sign.
- b. Dr. Shapiro is working with ASD to change the sign on Northern Lights to read Highland Academy (not Highland Tech High).

3. Advertising

- a. Handbook has been updated to reflect changes. Printing is in the process (200) and all families will have a handbook in their hands.
- b. The teachers would like post cards that can be sent to parents to celebrate successes and the cool things that are happening during the school day. Those will be ordered following the handbook order.
- c. Do we want to do some advertising now?

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