

Minutes from  
11/18/2014

- Lauri Stringer asked to have a counseling update added to the agenda
- The minutes from the meeting on September 2, 2014 were reviewed and approved unanimously
- The Rules of Procedure were presented to the council and Tim Brantley discussed them and the council voted unanimously to accept them.
- We discussed the results of SAGE testing. Some scores are low (like biology) because the best students take the topic and are tested on it at their junior high.
- The SAGE feedback has had a significant impact on teaching. It has raised the bar for teachers and they are collaborating in order to raise scores throughout the district. Paula Harline was asked to create a draft letter thanking parents for their participation in the testing and letting them know that the results are creating improvements in education.
- The SCC reviewed a report on the impact of student advocates that are funded through trustland funds. The program has changed from using trackers to real advocates for the students. The advocates help students who don't have a lot of parental support. PGHS has the lowest percentage of students with attendance issues in the district (2.4%). This occurs in part because of the advocates. There was a significant increase in the graduation rate between 2012 (83.9%) and 2013 (90.9%) in part due to an increased number of advocates. Students who have attendance issues or have "F" or "NC" grades are flagged and contacted by the advocates. Advocates focus on attendance issues with some grade focus while counselors are able to focus more on grade problems or emotional issues.
- Counseling Update: Sophomores normally meet with the counselors in March to plan for classes for the next year. The counseling office will have these meetings in December this year to avoid the rush in March.
- The Hope for Utah meeting will be at PGJr tonight at 7:30.
- The next SCC meeting will be January 20th at noon.