

**Meeting Date:** December 16, 2021

**Time:** 2:45pm

**Title:** December SIT Meeting

**Location:** Virtual

### 1. Attendance

SIT Members: Meg Dancausse, Vic Datta, Kaysi Dixon, Madeline Drayton, Stacey Ellis, Scott Fernandez, Deron Hablutzel, Tracey Harrill, Michelle Hopkins, Amy Johnson, Patrick Sahd, Lindsay Walker, Paul Modine

### 2. Celebrate Recent Success

- CMS School Board has approved School Improvement Plans (SIPs). They are posted on the PHS website and CMS website. We have the same goals as last year, new action steps where necessary.
- Despite remote learning for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of last year, PHS had the highest AP exam pass rate in CMS and surrounding counties.
- PHS has the highest test scores (based on proficiency – growth not reported by DPI) in all 4 End of Course subjects for the 2020-21 school year in CMS. There was a decrease from the previous years so our focus now is to regain that lost ground.
- PHS has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest graduation cohort rate in CMS at 94.9%. The school with the highest rate has greater than 95% cohort graduation rate.

### 3. Dr. Harrill reported updates on the following:

- Thank you for your patience as we are “drinking from a fire hose” this semester. There have been many new challenges we are learning to address. One thing remains: We are thankful to be in person at school.
- Safety / Discipline: CMS prioritizes safety. High schools will begin use of the “Say Something” app in January. Students will be trained by the end of the month. Clear bookbags have been ordered and will be in during the month of February. Dr. Harrill will inform students and parents as we go along as to how those safety measures will be implemented. We will revisit the procedures for a lockdown drill and active shooter drill once we return from Winter Break.
- We are short-handed on the administrative staff. We have seen student behaviors unlike any we have seen in previous years. These two factors are keeping the administrators tied up frequently.
- Title IX: Dr. Harrill reported on the Title IX training that administrators, teachers and staff have had this year. Students also had Title IX training at the beginning of the year. Dr. Harrill reported on the Title IX incidents we have had at Providence this year. If in doubt, we complete a report. We may be over-reporting but we want to err on the side of reporting rather than non-reporting. Our School Resource Officer is informed and involved from the very beginning of any investigation.
- Teachers are stretched thin. This year, they do not have duty free lunch. Due to not being able to hold more than 30% capacity in the cafeteria, half the students are eating lunch in their classrooms which means that every teacher has lunch duty every day. In December, parents have volunteered to come in and help us at lunch. This has relieved some teachers for a much needed moment of peace and quiet. Thank you to our parent volunteers.

- We are very thankful for Nurse Cheryl. She has been doing most contact tracing and contacting all parents. We have had 49 positive cases of COVID and 21 students exposed to COVID. Students were not necessarily exposed at Providence. Our students are doing a good job of following the COVID protocol
- Dr. Harrill will publicize the January exam schedule for mid-terms and final exams when we return from Winter Break. There are some changes to the early release options for high schools. We will explain these changes to students and send a copy home to parents in January.

### **Next Meeting**

Mr. Sahd will be in touch to schedule meetings for next semester.

**8. Adjourn**  
3:45pm