

# Poland Regional High School Board Newsletter

February 2018

## **Staffing**

The past several weeks have been challenging here at the high school. Patrick, Shawn, Jess and I have been working collaboratively to ensure that all athletic events in the high school and middle school go off as planned and with the same high quality attention to detail that Don insists upon. Many staff members in both schools have stepped up to fill in and help us so we are grateful to work with so many good people.

## **Curriculum and Instruction and Professional Development**

January has been a very quiet month in terms of professional development. We had the January workshop day to work on curriculum, and teachers made great gains in the development of assessments for units in each course that is offered. Amy met with ELA and math teachers, in particular, to develop plans for future work in those areas. On Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> our committees met for the majority of the time. The Wellness committee is planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual school-wide Wellness day in April; our curriculum committee is helping to monitor our curriculum development and provide feedback to teachers about their units; our technology curriculum is working on a solution to our digital portfolio needs and how to provide PD on all things google to our teachers; our Celebrate the Awesome is working on implementing new traditions to recognized students; our restorative practices committee continues to find ways to make restorative practices part of our school culture, with the goal of reducing student misbehavior. Our newest committee, civic engagement, has been working with the Civil Rights team to implement No-Name calling week, as well as other initiatives to increase student involvement in our school and wider community.

The rest of our Wednesdays were either interrupted by weather days or were already planned as non-meeting days to make sure we have only 28 over the course of the year.

## **Facilities**

We have been challenged by a sander that is unreliable, stretched personnel and sand that isn't on site to keep ahead of ice on sidewalks. Tony, with Gary, is working hard to make it work.

## **Events**

January 29<sup>th</sup> - Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

Civil Rights Team No Name Calling Week

February 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

Winter Carnival Week