

October 2018

PHS Board Report
Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:

Vision:

Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships

Mission:

Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community

1. Student and Staff Learning:

- a. Cran Tours are in full swing; aggressive leadership model for the students and many logistics involved in creating a Cran Tour.
- b. Teen Leadership Council had its first meeting; four sophomore students were selected from PHS and will attend once each month to learn to further their leadership skills with other area students
- c. National Test Day - ACT- October 27. There are 19 juniors, 2 seniors taking the ACT. Also, One sophomore, two teachers, and one principal.
- d. Senior Capstones began in week 4 and will continue through the end of the semester. There was a very good employer breakfast turn out.
- e. PHS Principal's School Learning Objectives SY 2018-2019 are: a) provide 100% of PHS students with access to 100% of the curriculum offered for each course at PHS, and b) to increase student engagement in every PHS classroom as measured by the "indicators for student engagement" by John Hattie with a ratio of one (1) indicator observed every ten (10) minutes in every classroom.

2. Innovation and Recognition:

- a. Thanks to Mr. Sherwood for facilitating the process of finding ways to use assistive technology, such as text to speech extensions on Google Chrome that can read assignments to students, eliminating the need for “test reads”.
- b. Thanks for Mr. Hadfield for his leadership as the director / coordinator for the CTE academy
- c. Amazing work by Ms. Meissner on the Cran Tours and FFA projects / field trips. Her teacher leadership is a model to our students.
- d. Mrs. Anderson’s foods class has taken in so much of the community’s fall harvest that her students get impromptu lessons in preparing and food storage. She models another example of flexibility in instruction to keep learning relevant for students.
- e. The effort to make forms that can be filled out online and submitted electronically is a continuing project; eliminating the excessive amounts of daily paperwork, and the time taken to organize and process paperwork

3. Looking Ahead:

- a. Mrs. Friday and Dr. Porter will be looking at the MS/HS schedule October 17th with the intention of finding a more effective way to offer as many learning opportunities to students as possible. There are concerns with the current schedule such as the courses that might unintentionally create inequity in learning opportunities, the frequent travel between buildings of the MS students, and a lack of elective options. A few teachers have voiced options for improving their content course selections.