

Portland Public Schools TAG Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2012

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2012
6:30-8:00 PM, BESC Mahonia Room
Room

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2013
6:30-8:00 PM, BESC Mahonia Room

Attendance: Council: Cathy Biber, Amy Doan, Mark Feldman, Brenda Ray Scott
PPS Staff: Dr. Kimberly Matier, Roxanne Coleman

Minutes: Roxanne Coleman, Brenda Ray Scott

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision or Action
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting started formally at 6:35 p.m. 	None
Introductions & Additional Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No introductions were made. • Call for additional agenda items. 	None See next item
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar Page and Links • Talented and Gifted Advocacy News (email) • Request for an alias i.e., email address as a point of entry for requests for information or response from the Council 	Information only Information only IT will create this alias which will go to Roxy.who will forward as appropriate.
Minutes from October and November, 2012 Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The November minutes were distributed on 12/10/12. • The October minutes will be distributed prior to the 1/8/13 meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAGAC vote to approve with one amendment. • TAGAC vote to approve
Notes from the Field: School Budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgets at several schools were not spent last year. What can be done to assure that school TAG budgets are spent each year? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus was reached that communication from the TAG Office to School Principals and from Principals to TAG Coordinators needs to be strengthened. • Kimberly has ideas about communicating to schools options for using their TAG money, to provide more guidance and structure for the use of that money. • Send out information to schools/parents in the form of our Action Plan that will be developed after we look at the survey results.
TAG 2012 Survey Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much discussion about how Kimberly's proposed announcement of survey results will be interpreted. The wording in this presentation of the results does not include the "Neither" response. So the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus was that ignoring the "Neither" response and phrasing the text as "Of parents who expressed an opinion...." Was the way the results should be presented.

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	<p>reader's impression may be somewhat different depending on whether the result is presented as "% parents who Disagree" of "% parents who Agree."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark handed out a comparison showing the numerical differences between interpreting survey results in both possible ways as well as results from ignoring the "Neither" response altogether. 	
Survey Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion of this item highlighting trends that Amy had identified and other relationships Brenda had identified during the process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review in more detail when Amy is in attendance. • These items will eventually be compiled into a single Executive Summary of this section of the survey.
Priorities & Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council revisited the priorities previously set forth by the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Differentiation ○ Equity ○ Curriculum & Educational Opportunities ○ Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Council members have taken on one or more of the designated priorities and will create a workplan for achieving the desired outcome. • List Council priorities on the website.
Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are anxious to proceed with the work for the subcommittee each is in charge of, but are looking for direction on how to define and proceed with subcommittee work. Discussion about how to get input from others during planning process. Everyone seemed happy with google docs as a sharing mechanism. • There was discussion about how to eventually promote and get visibility for any results produced by the committees. There was discussion about whether this or other work of the Council should be or can be presented to the Board of Education as described in the bylaws. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kimberly will distribute a planning document for Subcommittees that she has used in the past. Each committee can use this as a template to set direction for their committee. Kimberly will send copy to Mark. • After receiving template from Kimberly, Mark will create four online google docs versions, one for each committee to use. • No conclusions about how to promote TAGAC work product. Needs to be discussed at a future meeting after committee goals are more clearly defined.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To get people involved in the TAGAC, PPS staff will work with the Council to promote opportunities for involvement as described in the Council Recruitment and Promotion and Outreach sections of these minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See following sections for action items.

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Adjournment	• Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.	
<p>Possible topics for next meeting:</p> <p><i>Please see attached agenda.</i></p> <p>Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 from 6:30-8:00 PM at BESC Mahonia Room</p>		

not approved