

# ROYAL PRIDE PTO MEETING MINUTES

## FRIDAY, February 21, 2025

### **ATTENDEES:**

Charron Wright  
Becky Gerig  
Rachel Anderson  
Jennifer Low  
Abby Howe  
Mindy Bryan  
Rachael Barry  
Tamara Bove  
Jennifer White  
Christel Pardo  
Beth Anderson  
Mr. Simmons

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM

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Approved meeting minutes: Charron Wright motioned to approve Mindy Bryan seconded.

### **MISC:**

HSEF Legacy Celebration

- Friday 2/21 from 5:30-10pm at the Fishers Event Center
- Silent Auction is live; text HSEF to 79230 to access
- See SAC meeting minutes attached

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rachel Anderson and Charron Wright -

- \$100 reimbursement check from school (to cover gift cards Paige Vinson purchased) has been received
- Kroger Community Rewards for Q4 2024 - \$869.07
- Sharp Printing invoice for Course Guides - \$9,950 (PTO paid invoice and school reimbursed PTO \$4,975 to cover 1/2 the cost)
- Will receive payment from Athletics for Mudsock B/G Basketball Game at Fishers Event Center - \$2,000 (check will come through Bailey)

- Need to write \$3,000 check for Senior Signing Day

Current accounts:

Checking \$5, 446.91

Savings \$118, 728.63

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Girls Basketball team is headed to Semi-State! The games are at 10am and 7:30pm (if they advance) at Frankfort. Boys Swimming had Sectionals last night and again on Saturday. Mock Trial team is the top 8 in the county. They won the National Championship last year. We have 3 teams right now for Mock Trial.

**Out of District Transfers** - Students who are not residents of HSE schools can now apply to attend HSE Schools. Not all schools in the district will be able to accept transfer students due to capacity. HSEHS is a school that will allow transfers. HSEHS has 30 spots available, but only for incoming freshmen. There is an application process. Transfer students must be in good standing in areas of academics, discipline, and attendance. Over the summer we usually get new students who live in our district; this has been accounted for when determining how many spots are open for transfer students . Fishers HS is at capacity so they are not accepting transfer students. All applications go through Central Office.

Becky asked about a possible new CTE (Career and Technical Education) program. Brandon Cloud, Director of Fishers Academy, has been named the new CTE Director for the district. HSE district's goal is to eventually have our own CTE program. The money follows the students, so when our students participate in programs hosted by the Pursuit Institute and J. Everett Light, the money goes to those programs. HSEHS is scheduled for renovation in 2026. In the renovation process we are looking at expanding spaces for welding, engineering, and labs. Last Friday, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Loser, Mr. Urban, and Mr. Goodwin went to look at Carmel's and Westfield's CTE programs. A group also went to Lebanon. Looked at culinary, construction, and automotive programs. Westfield has flexible spaces for engineering and construction. HSE is looking to expand and enhance what we already offer. Noblesville's CTE program is currently expanding, is under construction, and is not yet ready for a visit. HSE will not offer a cosmetology program because it requires too much space and it's too expensive. We will continue to partner with 3rd party vendors for students that are interested in cosmetology.

**HSEHS Handbook** - The handbook committee has met and feedback is being requested of 3 groups, including Royal Pride PTO. We reviewed the handbook during our meeting and Mr. Simmons asked us to send him any additional feedback.

Some discussion over:

- Our online platform used for credit recovery is Edmentum.
- New diploma requires one live PE class. A sport or band credit will fulfill this requirement.
- Some changes were made to calculate unweighted GPA.
- In school suspension is changing names from Restorative to Redirection Center (at HSE) and Reflection Room (at FHS)
- Discussion regarding attendance. Mr. Simmons wants to encourage parents to communicate with the school, which is the main concern over attendance. A detention is not necessarily a guaranteed consequence if the student is in good standing and also parents communicate over attendance matters.

### **REQUISITIONS:**

- New signage for the indoor concession stand - expecting a requisition, but did not have one at the meeting
- Need forms for past requisitions for quill.org and Ed Puzzle. Mr. Simmons provided the form for Ed Puzzle.

### **Superintendent's Advisory Council Meeting**

- See attached meeting notes from 1/25/25 meeting

### **CONCESSIONS:**

Rachael Barry -

- Donkey Basketball went well and was busier than it was in the past. FFA sold all of their pork burgers. FFA worked the event. They were paid \$500 to work + \$375 for the pork burgers = \$875.
- ESPN Chipotle Nationals Basketball Tournament - April 3-5. On April 3rd there are games scheduled for 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, and 8pm. Help is needed in concessions.
- We may look at putting electronic menus on screens at the indoor concession stand. Need to discuss this with Athletics.
- \$67,000 gross winter concessions income

### **STAFF APPRECIATION:**

Becky Gerig -

January - Hot chocolate bar went well and we received a lot of good feedback. We made enough for 200 cups, but only used about 75 cups. We took 6 Starbucks coffees and 25 donut holes to the Academy.

February - Dessert cart went well again. Recommend doing this every year. The interaction with the staff is fabulous. We used 3 carts to deliver and offered a variety of cheesecakes, Sam's Club gourmet cupcakes, Christine Constantine made turtle and regular brownies, Krista Francis made GF cookies, and Christy Folker made Rice Krispy hearts.

March - March Madness bracket event. An email will be sent next week letting staff know about the bracket and to be looking for more information once the link is live. We're also doing a school supplies giveaway. We will have items in baskets so the teachers can grab the supplies they want. May need a bit more than what we have purchased already. Got all of it on sale at Sam's Club.

April - Prize from March Madness winner will be delivered.

May - Staff Appreciation Week May 5-9. Planning something for each day - breakfast sandwiches, Fan Stand and Athletics gear give away, Chuy's chips and salsa, maybe a snack day (WIDA testing snacks left over plus 5 cases of 80 count small waters), Ale Emporium lunch possibly.

## **BEAUTIFICATION:**

Charron Wright and Jen Low -

Will change out pots in late March or early April.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Charron Wright -

- Leftover WIDA Testing Snacks
- Bought:
  - (10) 80-ct. cases of small water bottles (5 cases left)
  - (4) 30-ct. boxes of Veggie Straws (1 box left)
  - (3) 50-ct. boxes of Ruffles potato chips (0 left)
  - (2) 50-ct. boxes of Ruffles Cheddar & Sour Cream chips (1 box left)
  - (2) 50-ct. boxes of Fritos (0 left)
  - (3) 50-ct. boxes of Doritos (0 left)
  - (4) 45-ct. boxes of Cheez-Its (0 left)
  - 800 snacks and 800 waters in total
- SAT Prep Snacks - \$77.70
  - 120 juniors, 5 sessions, Pathways A from 1:37-2:16pm, Cafe D
  - Dates are 1/16, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 2/28
  - Candy for 1/16 and 2/28
  - Bought 2 big bags of fun-sized Sour Patch Kids and 2 big bags of assorted chocolate/Skittles mix

- Popcorn for 1/23, 2/6 and 2/20
- Only 60-70 students showed up for the sessions and not all wanted popcorn.  
Decreased to 60 bags of popcorn for the last 2 sessions with popcorn.
- SAT Snacks
  - March 6th
  - Need snacks for 800 students; 2 snacks/student = 1,600 snacks
  - Will use any leftover PSAT (3 boxes of Cheez-Its and 1 box of Cheddar & Sour Cream Ruffles) and WIDA snacks + buy new
  - Need ~1,335 new snacks (chips, granola bars, Cheez-its, Veggie Straws, and/or fruit snacks)
- 950 student planners have been ordered; invoice will be sent upon delivery

Next meeting March 21, 2025

Meetings for the year:

March 21, 2025

April 18, 2025

May 9, 2025 – new date

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Meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.

## **SAC Meeting Notes January 21, 2025**

### **HSE Networks**

Mr. Mapes shared a handout about the HSE Networks.

Here are the key bullet points about the Networks:

- The network model is an innovative approach to high school
- The network model transforms business and community engagement
- The network model intentionally embeds the Journey of a Student
- The network model supports students and families in establishing post-secondary goals
- The network model is agile and can adapt to changes in student interests and post-secondary goals

- The network model will foster relevant, real-world, project-based learning in the classroom
- The network model will continue to evolve based on stakeholder feedback

There are 8 Networks:

- **Medical Sciences**
  - CNA
  - Medical Assisting
  - Emergency Medical
  - Pre-Med
  - Biomedical Science
  - Exercise Science
- **Agriculture & Natural Resources**
  - Veterinary Science
  - Agriscience
  - Agriculture Systems
  - Global Sustainability
- **Engineering & Technology**
  - Cybersecurity
  - Development
  - Engineering
  - Informatics
  - Design Technology
  - Computer Science & Software
- **Business & Administration**
  - Business Administration
  - Marketing
  - Accounting and Investment
  - Global Business
- **Public Service**
  - Education Careers
  - Pre-Law
  - Law Enforcement
  - Psychology
  - Government & Public Administration
- **Arts & Communication**
  - Broadcasting & Production
  - Art & Performance
  - Journalism
- **Industry & Entrepreneurship**
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Electrical
  - Plumbing
  - Cosmetology
  - Automotive
  - Welding

- Construction Trades
- Culinary
- **International Baccalaureate** (FHS only)
  - Theory of Knowledge
  - Extended Essay
  - Creativity, Activity, Service

The incoming freshman class (Class of 2029) will start with the new diploma requirements. Grades 4-8 will be spent building knowledge and skills to prepare students for high school.

Career coaching will take place. There will be adults in the workplace to support work-based learning.

This school year we started having grade level Admin Teams loop with high school students. A high school student will have the same Counselor, Dean, and Assistant Principal all 4 years of high school. We've already seen a 17% decrease in D/F grades with this model.

With the new diploma requirements there may be a need for fewer teachers for certain subjects. For example, there may be a need for fewer art teachers. The district may train those teachers to become liaisons between businesses and school to help support our work-based learning and network model.

### **Out of District Transfers**

Beginning next school year (2025-2026) we will accept out of district students. This will be done through an application process.

Enrollment as HSE has been declining in recent years. This is a state-wide trend. Losing kids means losing state money. 150 students = \$1M.

We currently have openings for 850 students. This is the capacity of new students we can take without having to hire new staff. This number includes adding 30 freshmen at each of our high schools. We are currently only going to accept incoming freshmen at the high schools. We will not accept incoming sophomores, juniors, or seniors.

We will look at numbers per grade per school, and if there are openings we will have a lottery to choose which students are accepted. We will not accept applications for transfers students at schools that do not have any capacity for new students.

The families will have to provide their own transportation. There is no cost for us to accept students outside our district.

Transfer students have to be in good standing. They cannot have suspensions, an expulsion, or attendance issues. They must be in good academic standing as well. For

high school aged students they have to be on track to graduate. These standards are state standards.

If the School Board approves this plan in February, we will open up applications for transfers. Applications will be due by May 1st.

We have room for more than 850 students, but we are leaving room for our own growth/move-ins.

Applications will be reviewed every year. There is no guarantee that once you are granted a transfer to HSE Schools that you will remain in HSE Schools.

### **Redistricting**

Fishers Elementary School is currently under construction and is adding a 2nd story. The current capacity of FES is 400, but will grow to 750 once the new construction is complete. With FES almost doubling in size, redistricting will need to happen.

The redistricting conversation will begin in August 2025. Committees will be formed and we hope to have a redistricting plan in place by December 2025. We will be looking at having a feeder system.

The new redistricting plan will take place in the 2026-2027 school year.

There is not a plan in place to split HIJH into separate junior high and intermediate schools because our demographics show that we are not growing. However, we are adding 12 classrooms at HIJH, and getting rid of the portable classrooms, so there is some room to increase the capacity at HIJH.

### **School Calendar**

In February, the School Board will be looking at calendars for the next two years. I believe these calendars will cover 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 since we already have an approved calendar for 2025-2026. Mr. Mapes likes to have calendars approved for 2 years at a time, so families can make plans.

The new calendars will basically just roll over the dates that we currently have. However, we are getting rid of flex days for the 2026-2027 calendar.

Most missed days due to inclement weather can be covered with synchronous or asynchronous learning, so no days have to be made up.

The state recognizes synchronous learning as a normal school day.

The state only allows a school (3) asynchronous days per school year.

## **Miscellaneous**

We are looking to continue having graduation during the week. This allows for all students to attend graduation (no separate ceremony for athletes still competing). FHS and HSE will likely graduate on different days.

We are looking to move the “Before the Bell” event to outside the Fishers Event Center. If we have inclement weather we can move the event inside the Event Center and not have to cancel it like we did this school year.

SAT - Mr. Mapes, and other administrators, just learned that based on a student’s answers on the SAT, their score report will list skills that the student is good at. This information has never been available to schools. Only students and parents have access to this information. School officials have asked College Board to make this information available to school counselors. This is good information to have about our students and can help with college and career planning.