

2021 OurSchool Survey Results

What we are doing well

- **Staff is friendly and students are happy.** Parents, teachers, and students all had roughly the same view of the overall atmosphere of the school with each group above 90% for positive opinions of how things are going at PBHS.
- **Friday Structure was highly supported.** Similar to the survey we sent out in the fall, our experimental Friday structure was very well supported. Investigations are ongoing for a possible return to this structure next year.
- **CoVid planning was solid.** Students, parents and staff all agreed that our structure and planning for meeting the demands of CoVid instruction was well done.
- **Later start appreciated.** We had more positive feedback, than predicted, on starting school at 8:45 as compared to 8:30. We are looking at potentially continuing this next year, but this decision will be potentially impacted by the Friday structure outcome.
- **Many positive relationships in the school.** In general, students, staff and parents all feel that they are connected to both staff and students in the school. More students, than the national average, feel they have someone that they are connected with and have a positive sense of belonging to the school community.
- **Positive Student Choices.** When questioned on things such as mental health, drug use, and self care, our students reported better in these categories than the average student in Canada.
- **Online learning is well done.** The flexibility of our learning environment was quite appreciated. Many were thankful of the ability to login from home if the student was not able to be physically at the school.

Things we need to work on

- **Bullying.** While the survey indicated a lower than national average for bullying, it was still highly commented on by both parents and students. As a result, we will be placing a higher priority on this. As always, if there is a situation that has happened, please let us know at the school so that we can take action.
- **Longer lunch hours.** This was a very big concern for our student population. We did reduce the lunch time this year (for CoVid reasons) and, based on this feedback, will be making the lunch time significantly longer next year.
- **Bring back the canteen.** Parents and students want a return to the food services we provided. As soon as we are allowed, by the Province, we will be bringing the canteen back into service.
- **More varied CTS options.** There were requests from both students and parents to have PBHS attempt to offer a wider variety of options. PBHS will be surveying the students and staff to investigate if there can be other options offered to students. For example, we may be able to offer cosmetology and band again in the future. PBHS is a small school that can make no guarantees, but we will do our best to increase and make more varied the options that we will make available.
- **More clear rules and enforcement.** In general, students are asking for a more clearly defined set of rules (eg. what is the cell phone rule?) and then resulting enforcement of those rules. As a school, we will be taking steps to more clearly post and enforce the rules that are in place at the school.

- **Anxiety levels are high amongst female students.** This data is somewhat skewed as students this CoVid year are being compared to non CoVid cohorts. Our female student population had results higher than the national average. We will take this knowledge and work with the classes to let everyone know of the supports that are available if mental health is not as strong as it needs to be.
- **Better Teacher-Parent Communication.** Both teachers and parents expressed that there was a desire to improve communication between school and home. Please help us by letting us know, at the end of the school year, if you feel we improved upon this. We will be taking steps to improve communication on both the learning and social areas.

As always, if you feel we have missed something (good or bad), please let us know. Our goal is to always be in a state of improvement at the school. Thanks everyone and have a great day.

Mr. Lowe