Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council 2017-2018
May 2017

- Student Advisory Council Planning Meeting
  - Selection, Process, and Configuration
  - Role of the Council
  - Student Leadership in the Schools
- Council Election Communications
  - Secondary Principals communicate to students and staff about the council (May 22-26)
  - Nominations of current 9th – 11th grade students (May 30 – June 2)
Selection Process

June 2017

- Elections/Council members chosen (June 6-7)
- Council members submit permission slips for camp (June 8-12)
- All Council Members attend Student Envoy Leadership Camp (June 20 – 23)

Are you a positive leader for your school? Do you try to make things happen? Do you care about the education of your peers around the District? Are you a visionary?

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR!
Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council

- Four District Wide Meetings
  - October 13, 2017
  - December 8, 2017
  - February 2, 2018
  - March 23, 2018

- School Based Meetings
## Survey Topics

1. Academic Resources for Students
2. Advising on Options After High School
3. Equitable Academic Programs and Supports Across all Schools
4. Equitable Disciplinary Actions
5. More Information and Support for Standardized Testing

6. Out of School Opportunities (After School Programs, Field Trips)
7. Student – Centered Learning (Curriculum, More Relevant Classroom Structure)
8. Student Input on School Schedules
9. Student Social Support in Schools (Counselors, Mentors)
10. Teaching about Other Cultures and Global Issues

*Survey topics were created by students*
### 2017-2018 Student Input Survey

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- Equitable academic programs and supports across all schools
- Equitable disciplinary actions
- More information and support for standardized testing
- Out of school opportunities (after school programs, field trips)
- Student-centered learning (curriculum, more relevant, classroom structure)
- Student input on school schedules
- School lunch requirements and options
- Student social support in schools (counselors, mentors)
- Teaching about other cultures and global issues

* = top 3 voted priorities to work on this school year
Student Subcommittees

1. Student Input on School Schedules
2. School Lunch Requirements and Options
3. Out of School Opportunities
Student Input on School Schedules

1. General Feedback
2. Research
3. Strategies
Strategies

1. Encourage scheduling in the beginning of the year.
2. Work with counselors to arrange one on one opportunities for students who require additional support.
3. Allow students access to full transcript prior to scheduling for a full picture of requirements.
School Lunch Requirements & Options

1. General Feedback
2. Research
3. Strategies
Strategies

1. More sampling for all students
2. More frequent opportunities for student feedback
3. Better relationships between the school based lunch staff and the students
4. Stronger partnership between student voice and food service throughout the school year.
Out of School Opportunities

1. General Feedback
2. Research
3. Strategies
Strategies

1. Talk to district partners
2. Meet with prospective partners
3. Create an implementation plan for schools to increase program promotion during open house.
Additional Projects

- PPS Mascot Redesign
- PPS Website Design
- Out of School Time Coordinator Selection Process
- United Way Fundraising Campaign
- Student Feedback on Gun Violence
- Month of Non Violence
- Pittsburgh Promise Walk for One Promise
- Feedback to PPS Board of Directors on Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey
- Suspension Ban Subcommittee
The Future of Student Voice

- Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council
- PPS Youth Participatory Budget Council
- Ongoing Student Voice Opportunities
Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council

• Six Representatives per Secondary School
  – Current Freshman (2), Sophomores (2), and Juniors (2)
• Adult and peer nominated, student elected
• Summer Leadership Training – August (mandatory)
  – Highlights: Envoy training, the importance of student voice in education, student government education, youth advocacy and activism, strength finder, student voice work to date, and student leadership.
• Four District Wide Meetings (mandatory)
• Monthly School Based Meetings (mandatory)
• Subcommittee Work (mandatory)
• Two year term with evaluation for members each year
PPS Youth Participatory Budget Council

• Partnership between the District and City Council
• The Council will provide opportunities for 20 youth to propose youth-oriented projects to be funded by the City budget. Students will be educated on school district and citywide political processes and engage in an advocacy project.

• Application Process
• Summer Leadership Training – August (mandatory)
• Bi- monthly meetings (mandatory)
• One year commitment
Ongoing Student Voice Opportunities

• Strengthen current model
• Provide additional students the opportunity to support the subcommittee work of the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council
• Support various student-led projects at the district and school level (ex. Month of Non Violence, United Way Campaign, etc.)
• Continual research and incorporation of best practices