

Focus Group Data

This is the final stage of the compilation of data from the Focus Groups. All categories shown here were in the top echelon of categories in their school. The entries under “Categories shared by all schools” are categories that that shown in this top level at all the high schools, and are thus shown together, while categories under school specifics are categories that only scored particularly high in their school.

The participants in the Focus Groups are as follow. Pioneer: 11 classes and 239 students, Huron: 18 classes and 425 students, Community: 5 classes and 101 students.

Question 1: What factors would make you want to go to the new high school? (Numbers indicate Classrooms)

Categories shared by all schools:

1. Smaller Classes/Overcrowding 34 [P-8, H-21, C-6]
2. Parking 20 [P-5, H-10, C-5]
3. Open Campus 16 [P-4, H-6, C-6]
4. Sports Stuff 16 [P-8, H-6, C-3]
5. Bathrooms 15 [P-5, H-10, C-0]
6. Attendance/Tardy Policy 14 [P-5, H-9]
7. Block Scheduling 11 [P-0, H-8, C-3]
8. Variety of Curriculum [P-3, H-8, C-0]
9. Late Start 9 [P-4, H-5, C-0]

Pioneer Specifics:

1. Different Scheduling 4
2. No Portables 4
3. Transportation 3

Huron Specifics:

1. New Computers/Technology 7
2. Being with friends 5

Community Specifics:

1. Trained teachers 4
2. School Location 4
3. Community Resource Opportunities 3
4. Forum/Town meeting 3

Question 2A: In your opinion what should be the priorities for the proposed new school?

(Numbers indicate Students)

Categories shared by all schools:

1. Sports/Club Sports [P-39, H-52, C-0]- 91 Votes, 39 Students, 5.1%
2. Variety of Classes [P-44, H-33, C-13]- 90, 38, 5
3. Smaller Student/Teacher Ratio [P-36, H-30, C-11]- 77, 33, 4.3
4. Good/Better Teachers [P-31, H-25, 16]- 72, 31, 4

Pioneer Specifics:

1. New Attendance Policy- 26 Votes, 11 Students, 4.6%
2. More Student Voice- 23, 10, 4.1
3. Involved/Hands-on Curriculum- 18, 8, 3.2
4. Vocational Education- 18, 8, 3.2

Huron Specifics:

1. Later Start- 74 Votes, 32 Students, 7.4%
2. Climate Control- 38, 16, 3.8
3. Cleaner Bathrooms- 36, 15, 3.6
4. Student Lounge- 27, 12, 2.7
5. Better Counselors- 25, 11, 2.5
6. More Parking- 23, 10, 2.3

Community Specifics:

1. Open Campus- 38 Votes, 16 Students, 16%
2. Block Schedule- 18, 8, 7.6
3. Limit Population to 1,200 Students- 16, 7, 6.7%
4. Mixed Grade Classes- 12, 5, 5.1
5. Windows- 11, 5, 4.6

Question 2B: Which things could be given up in the proposed new school?

(Numbers indicate Students)

Categories shared by all schools:

1. Attendance Policy [P-131, H-123, C-0]- 254 Votes, 231 Students, 30.3%
2. Hall Monitors [P-15, H-21, C-0]- 36, 33, 4.3

Pioneer Specifics:

1. Strict Rules and Hat Policy- 41 Votes, 37 Students, 15.7%
2. Closed Campus- 20, 18, 7.7
3. Overcrowding- 13, 12, 5
4. Mandatory Classes-9, 8, 3.5
5. Bad Teachers- 8, 7, 3.1

Huron Specifics:

1. Two Lunches- 58 Votes, 53 Students, 12.4%
2. Gym 21, 19, 4.5
3. Regular Classes/Requirements- 18, 16, 3.9
4. Portables- 16, 16, 3.7
5. Bad Librarians- 14, 13, 3

Community Specifics:

1. Class Number Limits- 16 Votes, 15 Students, 14.4%
2. Tracking Classes- 11, 10, 9.9
3. Central Administration- 10, 9, 9
4. Sexual Harassment Seminars- 9, 8, 8.1
5. Police- 9, 8, 8.1
6. Class Segregation- 8, 7, 7.2

Question 3: What problems do we currently have that the new high school should resolve?

(Numbers indicate Classrooms)

Categories shared by all schools:

1. Overcrowding [P-10, H-18, C-5]- 33
2. Dirty/Bad Atmosphere [P-10, H-16, C-3]- 29
3. Fights/Security/Crime [P-4, H-19, C-3]- 26
4. Bathrooms [P-7, H-11, C-0]- 18
5. Climate Control [P-4, H-10, C-2]- 16
6. Bad Student/Staff Relations [P-2, H-6, C-3]- 11
7. Attendance Policy [P-4, H-7, C-0]- 11

Pioneer Specifics:

1. No Open Campus for Underclassmen

2. Administration
3. Sports
4. Ineffective Hall Monitors
5. Lack of materials
6. Classes too large
7. Awkward Start Times

Huron Specifics:

1. Counselors don't know students
2. Bad Teachers
3. Parking

Community Specifics:

1. Drug Abuse
2. Bad Teachers
3. Harder Classes
4. Parking
5. Computers
6. Sense of Shared Enthusiasm

Question 4: What measures could be taken to quickly build a sense of community at the new high school? (*Numbers indicate Classrooms*)

Categories shared by all schools:

1. Special Days [P-9, H-13, C-4]- 26
2. Homerooms [P-6, H-12, C-3]- 21
3. Orientation Guides and Improved Orientation [P-3, H-8, C-4]- 15

Pioneer Specifics:

1. Sharing Time/ Outside of School Interaction/Get to Know Stuff- 16
2. Student Involvement in Hiring, Policies, etc- 4
3. Diversity (Race/Grade, etc)- 3

Huron Specifics:

1. Sports- 11
2. School Spirit- 9
3. Smaller Student/Teacher Ratio- 8
4. Field Trips- 5
5. IDP- 5

Community Specifics:

1. Smaller Schools/Sub Schools- 3

Question 5: What traditions from the current high schools should be adopted at the new high school? (*Numbers indicate Classrooms*)

Categories shared by schools:

1. Special Days [P-34, H-42, C-1) 76
2. School Spirit [P-15, H-23, C-0]- 38

Pioneer Specifics:

1. Late Start- 4

Huron Specifics:

2. Rock- 12
3. Activity Day- 5
4. Clubs- 4

Community Specifics:

5. Student Involvement, Interaction- 6

