

BHS PAC Meeting – December 15, 2013

Meeting brought to order by Brenda Sunderland at 12:15
Introductions of all members and guests

Minutes from November PAC meeting approved.

Principal's update: CRT is phasing out and will be replaced with Smarter Balance, a new standardized testing. Practice will start with sophomores in 2015.

Juniors can take the ACT for free on April 23rd. Another new test to determine where students are in their education is called STAR. More details about this can be received from the office. A few questions were asked about more resources for Juniors in preparing for SATs and ACTs. Mr. Conwell will see what is available.

Mark Van Slyke, one of two BHS resources officers, was introduced. There are two full-time resource officers at BHS. Mark is also a full-time Bozeman Police Detective. He explained that the majority of his job is informing students of their rights. He gives presentations about 4th and 5th Amendments rights (unlawful search and Miranda rights respectively). 700 students attend formal presentations throughout the year. A question was asked about which students see the presentations. The officers go to those classes where the teacher invites them. He and his co-worker have an open door policy with any issue. They are located in the attendance office.

In a full investigation, a search warrant will be obtained. The resource officers can only operate under probable cause. The BHS staff can operate under reasonable suspicion. 50% of crimes are internet related. When talking with a student, 16 and 17 year olds can talk without their parents present, but 15 and younger must have an adult present when discussing a situation. Everything is recorded and it is illegal to use deception to get more information. Many other questions were asked about the drug problem in Bozeman versus bullying, etc. If you have specific questions for the resource officers, you should call 582-2215.

(Chris Harmon had to leave and the remaining minutes were taken by Brenda Sunderland)

Treasurer's report: Elizabeth Linsky updated everyone on the finances.

Bryce Sullivan updated everyone on After Prom. Volunteers are needed with decorations. All the chairperson roles are filled. Help will be needed for fundraising and with making calls after the mailing has gone out to donors. As a reminder, After Prom is May 17th. Project workshops will be held on Wednesdays from 2-7 in Room G10 which is next to the south gym up the stairs. Workshops will begin January 15th. More information will come out on what is needed.

Volunteer opportunities:

Candy cane hand out on December 20th

Senior Sober coordinator

Volunteer coordinator

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm – minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Harmon and Brenda Sunderland

Next meeting: Thursday Jan 9th at 12:15 in the BHS library