

BHS PAC Meeting February 19, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Monica Shouse at 12:15

Introduction of members and guests.

Minutes were approved and seconded.

Hilary Klug and Perri Sherrill from the BHS Literacy Initiative shared the district literacy approach and how standards are being met in all classes and not just in English. It is the high school's effort to enhance what teachers are doing across the curriculum to improve reading and writing skills for all students in all content areas.

There is a literacy group outside the high school. The focus is on 7 standards - 3 reading, 2 writing, 2 overarching. Every month teachers should do a complex text reading. Then a writing assignment will follow. Teachers then assess a text-dependent writing task. What is a text? Many forms - film, poem, pictures, and videos in addition to the written word. The literacy initiative is redefining what text means. A writing assessment was given to 9th and 10th grade and was reported on PowerSchool as an assessment exam for informative purposes.

Discussion took place about Senior Sober and After Prom.

Lynne Powers at Bridger Alternative is looking for a volunteer to head up Pre-prom preparation or getting meals for students at restaurants.

The adult Spelling Bee will be taking place on March 20th to support the Bozeman School Foundation and a three person team can be supported by PAC. Let Monica know if you are interested.

The After Prom decoration committee continues to meet every Wednesday from 1 to 7 at the high school in the Old Art Gallery which is located in the cafeteria by the oval. Come for as long or as short as you can, all help is greatly needed and appreciated. Contact Bryce Sullivan: bryce@eralandmark.com if you have any questions.

Discussion took place regarding the many available PAC positions next year. Volunteers have expressed interest and the possibility of filling positions looks promising.

Gary Cook, the director from The Rock Youth Center across from the high school, spoke about what they do, the hours they are available, and how they want to help students in the district. Approximately 200 to 250 kids on an average go to the Rock each day. You can read about The Rock on their website <http://www.therockyouthcenter.com/>

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

Next meeting is March 19th.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Harmon