

PAC Meeting 11/20/14

Meeting called to order by President Monica Shouse at 12:15. All parents introduced themselves.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to pass the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Conwell introduced the two resource officers who serve the High School, they are Mark Van Slyke and Scott McCormick ([mvanslyke@bozeman.net](mailto:mvanslyke@bozeman.net), 582-2215). Their office is located in the attendance office and their main job is to support the educational position of the school. They work with many agencies regarding abuse, neglect and drugs and work closely with the Deans and Administrators as well as deal with problems after school. If something gets to be too complicated, they will hand that to the Bozeman Police Dept (they are both detectives). 80% of what they do in the school is prevention/education. They present in all the freshmen health enhancement classes, the senior government classes, some English classes and any other class where the teacher has requested them to speak.

The most common offense they deal with regularly is theft. This happens almost daily and occurs usually in the locker rooms. The second area of involvement is with cyber-crime. Bullying is the number one offense, but other offenses occur and often can change the flow the school day drastically. Bullying is initially reported to the Dean or School Resource Officer. If the SROs need to talk extensively with the student, the parents will be called. Snapchat is the most popular form of social media and involved in almost all felony cases. Despite students thinking pictures aren't being saved because they disappear from their screen immediately, the truth is the photos are being stored in databases. Students are now being told from the time they begin sixth grade that any picture that they post can be retrieved. This may affect their entrance into college or potential in getting hired for a job someday. Students need to start making changes now if they are posting something they don't want shared.

The use of marijuana has increased slightly and the drug itself is transforming into something worse than what it was two years ago. "Dabbing" is a way to inhale an intense amount quickly. One hit would be like smoking an entire cigarette. This use is actually killing people. There have also been recent sightings of LSD and acid. Complaints outside of school are regularly referring to the area near the former Safeway store. Over 100 complaints have been made since school started.

There are security cameras inside the school, but they cannot be monitored and only can be used once a crime has been reported. There are no cameras outside the school. This would cost approximately \$20,000 to install.

Finally, the counselors are receiving calls from parents asking for assistance regarding how to deal with alcohol at parties where an adult is present. Parents or adult guardians who are not aware of the serious implications regarding these types of situations should consult law enforcement ([bozemanpolice.com](http://bozemanpolice.com)).

The Teacher appreciation coffee cart will be November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed to make morning treats.

"What Parents Want to Know" will be held Thursday November 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

There is a possibility of proposing two more dances as fundraisers for the students.

The PAC still needs someone to consider being President next year and VP President.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20    Next meeting is 11/20/14    Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Harmon