

BHS PAC Meeting Minutes 9/16/21

I) Membership

Jane Mittelsteadt called meeting to order.

Members Present:

Laura Roe, Mary Ann Schmidt, Claire Eldridge, Claudia Tedesco, Tammy Temkin, Frances Boyd, Mandy Brooks, Lydia Trom

II) PAC Activities

PAC mission is to support teachers and students. PAC doesn't put on fundraising events but organizes and collects contributions for specific activities/events. Anyone interested in being a point person to facilitate one of these events please let us know!!

Activities that PAC sponsors at BHS:

Faculty/Staff Coffee Breaks (Oct. 28th; Feb 10)

Faculty/staff appreciation luncheons (Dec/May)

Students: final exam snacks; holiday candy canes; end of year popsicles

PAC provides ongoing support to specific programs. PAC emails will circulate with links to sign up to donate to a variety of programs that support kids in the BHS community:

Watch for sign ups for the following:

District Shelf: district wide program that supports students experiencing homelessness. The link can be shared outside the BHS community. Please do! Items can be dropped off in the main office.

**Live link! donations needed: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4fabaa2ba7fd0-help>

Blue Print House: HRDC program that supports young adults without parents/guardians.

The link for Blue Print House can be shared outside the BHS community. Please do!

Live link: coming soon!

After Prom: is NOT technically a PAC sponsored activity. PAC values After Prom and works hard to help them recruit people to organize this important event. Please reach out if you are interested in being part of the After Prom crew... they need many hands to pull off a great night!

*****Without new volunteers (no experience needed), this amazing event will NOT happen this year. Even if your child is not going to prom, After Prom needs as many volunteers as possible.**

III) Guest Speaker *Sally White, College Career Center(CCC)*

https://bhs.bsd7.org/students/counseling__college__career_center

Sally fielded questions and presented information:

1) Parents of seniors should be aware of a senior newsletter that is going out. It includes a calendar of college rep visits (both virtual and in person) also available on Naviance (see below)

2) Naviance: Every student has an individual account that they can access through their school account (if password required it should be the same as student's powerschool password).

Discussed was the fact that Naviance has had some glitches and is not updating scores or transcripts automatically. Sally has been informed and will be looking into this.

Colleges Visiting BHS: please check Naviance regularly to see when college admissions representatives have scheduled live zoom chats with BHS. Students should register for the meetings ahead of time if it is possible to do so; otherwise, encourage them to sign onto the meeting at least 5 minutes before the start. These zoom meetings give BHS students a chance to demonstrate interest in the college as well as get to know their admission officer in a small group setting (sometimes one on one). Juniors are also encouraged to sign up for these zoom meetings when colleges they are interested in are "visiting" BHS.

3) November 1, 2021 is the final deadline to register for Spring AP tests

4) Montana College application week was Oct 4-15 when seniors could apply to all MT public colleges for free; Juniors... be aware that this will also be available next year to you in October!

5) Testing info:

- Pre-ACT happens each Spring and sophomores are automatically registered for this. It takes place at BHS during school hours.
- ACT happens each Spring and juniors are automatically registered for this.
- PSAT is a test that Juniors can take in the Fall but MUST sign up and pay a fee in person at the CCC. The PSAT for 2021 took place October 13, 2021. This is an excellent opportunity for practicing test strategies and also the test that can qualify students to be a National Merit Scholar candidate.

6) ASVAB is a great resource that students can use to help discover aptitudes and career interests. It is through the Armed Services (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) but does not imply that a student is interested in the armed forces. Naviance also posts other aptitude tests.

7) Any student is invited to visit the CCC. It is a cozy, welcoming spot in the high school and a great way to learn about careers, colleges, deadlines and scholarships.

IV) Other Business

Minutes: Tammy Temkin motioned to approve minutes from September 2021; Mary Ann Schmidt Seconded; All members approved.

Treasurer: Mary Ann Schmidt presented the Treasurer's report. Balance: \$9,540 (approximate). Have not yet received money from PAC's largest fundraiser - Lifetouch Photo sales.

Upcoming events:

- October 28th: Faculty/Staff Coffee Break. Frances Boyd has volunteered to lead this. Watch for sign-up.
- December 14th Staff Appreciation Lunch in S. Cafeteria. We are looking for someone to head this! Please contact us if you are interested! PAC requests donations from restaurants and parents. It is greatly appreciated by the Staff.

V) Upcoming Meetings:

PAC meets every 3rd Thursday of each month. Adjustments are made when meetings fall on a day when there is no school

Future Meeting Dates: 11/18, 12/16, 1/20, 2/17, 3/24, 4/21, 5/19

We will try to meet in the South Cafeteria when possible. PLEASE enter building through main door on 11th and sign the visitor's log in the main office. Most meetings will be at 8:45 AM but sometimes there is a time conflict for the guest speaker; in those cases, the meeting will be held at 12:00 PM.

Next PAC Meeting: 11/18 at 12 8:45 am in the South Cafeteria 8:45am. Enter through Main door on 11th.

Guest speakers:

- SRO (Student resource officer) will discuss their role at BHS, current trends in safety, including internet and drug use.
- Bozeman Schools Foundation and an invitation to participate in the *Santa Run*

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