

BMHS SIT Council Meeting
September 12, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Principal Rick Bradshaw

Members present:

Rick Bradshaw	Kris Damko
Melissa Sanford	Matt Showalter

Others present:

Ace Forcey	Kathy Forcey
Scott Fitterer	

A quorum was not established.

As this is the first meeting of the year, with a new Principal the minutes from the last meeting with Mr. Dahl were not presented.

Principal's Report :

- We held our Open House last Thursday, we had about 400 people attend and everything went smoothly. We would have liked to have had more people attend but overall it went well.
- Homecoming is the first week of October, tickets are now on sale for the dance which is on October 7th. The game will be on the 6th and we will have other activities throughout the week.
- ADD Drill - we had an Avoid Deny Defend drill today and gave teachers and students a scenario to go over to discuss what they would do in the situation. Ace said that her teacher did a good job talking about it and that she had another teacher talk to her class about it the day before. Avoid Deny Defend is a program that is being implemented in schools across the country. It allows the teachers to make the best decision for their students and classroom in case of an active shooter situation, for example if the shooter was in the D Pod teachers elsewhere in campus could Avoid by having their class leave through a nearby gate and get away from the school. If a teacher chooses to Deny, they would lock their door and barricade themselves in the classroom so that the shooter could not get in. They would use this if they do not have a clear path to escape. In a Defend situation the students and teachers would arm themselves with whatever they have and would throw things at the shooter and fight back against them.
- Camera Upgrades / vape sensors - We now have 42 cameras on campus and they are much better in quality than the old ones. They have the ability to track people on campus and are connected to our vape sensors. The vape sensors are now active in every bathroom. We had some issues with the sensors not working properly at the beginning of the year but they are now back online.
- New SRO - we have a new school resource officer April Zicopolous, she is doing a great job so far.
- PVPD Drunk Driving Scenario: The PVPD has contacted us about doing a drunk driving scenario with our students. The aim of this is to prevent drinking and driving. Mr. Bradshaw has been involved in one of the scenarios in the past and found it to be very powerful. He will meet with the police department in the coming weeks to discuss this more.

- Gym upgrades - Our new bleachers have been installed and we are in the process of getting a new sound system. We now also have a second weight room where the wrestling room used to be. The wrestling room moved out to one of the buildings by the football field.

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Old Business

- Ace has been very proactive in spreading the word about student mental health and suicide prevention. Ace made posters regarding these issues that we will be laminating and hanging up around campus and in the bathrooms.
- We discussed bullying around campus, there are a number of students who do come and report issues to their teachers or to the office. This is a product of our staff building relationships with our students, it makes them feel like they can come to someone. We recognize that there are students who do not come forward to report issues and this makes it difficult for us to address the issue.

New Business

- There may be an issue with the speakers in the stadium, possibly the tweeters are blown out. There is someone coming to test the speakers and to see what we would need to fix them.
- Kathy would like to see more people attend the meetings. Mr. Bradshaw puts the meetings in the Weekly Update that is sent out to more families. Attendance at the meetings has typically been low and is low at the other schools within the district. The group discussed how difficult it is to get volunteers to come to the high school.
- Kathy would like to see us have more dances that are just dances, not formals. Ace will talk to a STUCO representative to see if this is something that they are willing to take on. We had a dance last winter that only about 100 students attended and STUCO did not make their money back on that dance. Students need to attend dances for us to be able to put them on.
- Dress Code - what is our dress code? Students are not allowed to wear clothing that has drugs, alcohol or tobacco on them and undergarments cannot be showing (bra straps, bras, underwear) Students can only have an ID card width of skin showing on their midriff. We work hard to enforce this but often when students see a teacher they will put on a sweatshirt or they will pull their pants up / shirt down so that they are dressed appropriately. Any time a student is dress coded we make them change their clothing and if it continues to happen students will receive a detention.

Kris Damko motioned to adjourn at 4:29 p.m. and that motion was seconded by Matt Showalter.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the BMHS library.