

Hershey Middle School BAT Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2023

Mr. Valentin started the meeting at 9:00am and shared the meeting agenda

- Thank You
- New Staff
- Weaving A Productive Mindset With Staff
- Three Building Priorities / Goals
- PLC Right (60 Mins)
- New Back to School Night Format
- Additional Information

Mr. Valentin thanked everyone for their support during his medical leave of absence.

- Jackie Fuentes-Gillespie
- Shauntae Iachini
- Everyone

Mr. Valentin introduced the new Middle School staff.

- Alicia Dunlop – Digital Literacy (Transfer from Elementary School)
- Chris Hetrick – 8th Grade Social Studies
- Jalene Maldonado-Torres – Spanish
- Morgan Potter – Art (LTS)
- Asher Rhen – 6th Grade ELA (LTS)
- Suzanne Sedlacsik – Learning Support
- Heidi Swanson – 8th Grade Counselor (LTS)
- Joy Tobias – Student Services Office Administrative Assistant
- Zachary Weaver – 6th Grade Counselor

Mr. Valentin shared some elements of productive thought patterns and negative ones called “Wilderness Mentalities.”

- Your thoughts determine the life you’re going to live.
- You have the power to set your life in a positive direction.
- #1, Allowing the past and present to determine the future (August)
- #2, Avoiding Responsibility (September)
- #3, A Self-Defeating Attitude (October)
 - Please make everything easy. I can’t take it if things are too hard.
- #4, Being Indignant (November)
 - Grumbling, fault finding and complaining
- #5, Being Impatient (December)
 - Don’t make me wait for anything. I deserve everything.
- #6, Making Excuses (January)
 - My Behavior may be wrong, but it’s not my fault
- #7, Self Pity (February)
- #8, Feeling Unworthy (March)
- #9, Comparison, Jealousy & Envy (April)

- #10, Stubbornness & Rebellion (May)

Mr. Valentin Shared the three building goals for this school year.

□ SEL

- Use the Midday Meeting Format To Help Students:
 - Navigate Middle School (The Secondary Education World Is Different)
 - Improve Social Relationships (Collaboration Is Key)
 - Enhance Executive Functioning Skills (Be A Great Student)

□ PLC

- Use Dedicated PLC time to allow teachers to collaborate in job alike groups around curriculum, assessment, instruction, intervention (REACH) and acceleration through the use of student data.
 - Common Formative Assessment & Essential Learning Targets for Every Unit

□ Equity

- Creating an instructional environment that levels the playing field my meeting all students at their need level and helping them to find academic success through the use of Multi Tiers Support Systems (MTSS).

Mr. Valentin shared information on the PLC At Work process

- We have been working for years on the PLC at work process with lots of great progress.
- Our focus during the pandemic moved toward collaborative planning and away from data analysis.
- The PLC work needs to return to a focus on data analysis because:
 - Data informs instruction.
 - Data allows us to focus collaboration around a common theme.
 - Data provides a guide to the effectiveness of instruction
 - Data guides remediation
- Common Assessment is the data we need to use because it allows us to:
 - Compare apples to apples
 - Determine instructional strategies that are more effective
- Essential Learning Targets allow us to:
 - Focus instruction on need to know skills
 - Better engage students and families in the curriculum

Mr. Valentin shared the Back to School Night schedule.

Pre- BTSN Presentations—5:30 – 5:55

- Navigating Canvas located in the front of the LGI
- Using ParentVUE to check grades and report cards located in the Cafeteria.

BTSN Schedule

HR & Period 1	6:00 – 6:12 (Welcome & Teacher Presentation)
Period 2	6:15 – 6:23
Period 3	6:26 – 6:34
Period 4	6:37 – 6:45 (Lunch Period—Parents return to HR for MDM)
Period 5	6:48 – 6:56 (Lunch Period—Parents return to HR for MDM)

Period 6	6:59 – 7:07 (Lunch Period—Parents return to HR for MDM)
Period 7	7:10 – 7:18
Flex	7:21 – 7:45

(Parents may visit Encore Teachers/Case Managers they did not see earlier in the evening; StudentVue presentation available in Café and Canvas presentation in LGI)

Post - BTSN Presentations -7:21 - 7:45

- Navigating Canvas located in the front of the LGI
- Using ParentVUE to check grades and report cards located in the Cafeteria.

Mr. Valentin shared some additional information.

- Bridge Day 8/16 (More information by Mrs. Owens in PTO Meeting)
 - Very Successful with over 80% of sixth grade students attending!
- Picture Day Tomorrow 9/7
- Period Attendance
 - Attendance will be taken in Synergy for every period.
 - Teachers will make a student absent from their class if they are not physically present.
 - Students attending a music lesson, counseling appointment or meeting with their case manager will check into class first and be marked present.
 - Only Homeroom Period Attendance will count for truancy reporting.
- Update on Assistant Principal search
 - Screening interviews took place last week.
 - First round interviews will be this week.
 - Final round interviews will be next week.

Mr. Valentin ended the meeting at 9:29am.