Derry Township School District
Hershey High School

Meeting Minutes

BAT Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2023
8:15 A.M. – Zoom

Lindsey Schmidt (Chair)
High School Principal

- Laurie Wade (Co-Chair)
  HS Assistant Principal
- Brendan Hensel (Co-Chair)
  Guidance Counselor

Present:

Staff: Lindsey Schmidt, Laurie Wade, Greg Miller, Jamie Bean, Brendan Hensel, Emily Reinert, Monica Breiner, Ashlee McCann

Parents: Angela Mullen, Archana Sehgal, Eric Callahan

Topics for Discussion: Counselor overview and Student Services team overview.

Discussions:

1. Meeting opened at 8:15 A.M.; waiting to see if other parents that registered would join the Zoom meeting.
2. Meeting began at 8:17 A.M.
3. Ms. Schmidt opened the meeting by thanking the parents in attendance for joining us today; she introduced HHS staff in attendance as well as the parents.
4. Ms. Schmidt provided todays topic of discussion: Student services team overview and Counselor overview.
5. Ms. Schmidt started by introducing Emily Reinert the Intervention Support Coordinator

a. Ms. Reinert gave an overview of what her new job entails and how she is here to help the students to keep on track with their academics and their behavior.
    i. Ms. Reinhert explained that she is the next level for the students when the first level of interventions are not working out. She also spoke about being in charge of the ISS room and helping students to reflect back on their choices that caused them to be in the ISS room. She also spoke about helping the students with work and getting them to the end of the school year.
6. Ms. Schmidt next introduced Jamie Bean
    a. Ms. Bean Spoke about this being her third year in her position
        i. Ms. Bean mentioned working directly with Monica and Emily to bridge students and staff.
        ii. Ms. Bean mentioned about helping students and staff achieve their SEL goals throughout the year.
7. Ms. Schmidt next introduced Monica Breiner
    a. Ms. Breiner spoke about her being the staff support component of the student services team. She will be helping the staff with instructional strategies.
    b. Ms. Breiner said she plans to use her first year in this position to build trust with the staff.
8. Ms. Schmidt spoke about the community periods and how the schedules have been a little crazy the beginning of the school year filled with the following discussions:
    a. School Rules
    b. Classroom expectations and rules
    c. Vape Detectors
9. Ms. Schmidt discussed the Vape Detectors that were placed in each of the bathrooms over the summer.
    a. The detectors work and that they are helping to deter students from using vapes on school property.
10. Ms. Schmidt commented about students moral at the beginning of this school year.
    a. Students are looking for ways to get involved.
    b. Clubs are meeting
    c. Teachers have been questioning students
        i. What do you like here at Hershey High School?
        ii. Are there any different or new traditions you want to start?
        iii. Making sure the students know their voices are being heard and are powerful.
11. Mr. Hensel gave a counseling overview.
    a. PSATS will be online this year.
        i. During the school day instead of a Saturday.

ii. October 17th, 18th and 19th in the LGI at 7:45am.
iii. Pre-Registration will begin next week.

b. AP Registrations
i. 10/3/23 to 11/3/23
ii. $98 per exam
iii. Students were told to go into the myap portal to register online.
iv. Pay in the counseling office

c. Counseling Staff to help with college applications process
i. Counselors are offering to help students with college applications every Thursday during lunches. If there is an increased need, they will add more days.

12. Ms. Schmidt made the announcement that Mrs. Doyle has left to go to Lower Dauphin.
a. Chelsea Mohn from our Middle School Counseling office will be transitioning over after maternity leave.
i. Expected start time is January during the 2nd Semester.
ii. Chelsea is going to be a fantastic addition to the counseling team.

13. Mr. Callahan – Parent
a. Thanked everyone for holding these meetings.
b. Stated that himself and his family were a little thrown off by the timing of Mrs. Doyle leaving and it made them feel rushed to get everything in for his son Mason. He did state that Mrs. Doyle was able to get everything accomplished in a timely manner.
c. Asked a few questions about the Vape detectors as his sons have come home and talked about them.
i. Stated that his sons are definitely happy to have them.
ii. Asked about the placement and how they work.
iii. Asked about the frequency of incidents in the different bathrooms.
1. Ms. Schmidt stated that they are about even between the different bathrooms.

14. Ms. Schmidt talked about Homecoming and the coming weeks leading up to it.
a. Students are excited about the Pep rally, Game and Dance.
b. Students will learn the Homecoming theme today during their community period.

15. Ms. Schmidt provided one last update that there will be a National Alert Test being sent to all phones nationally today from 2:20 to 2:50pm. Some students may come home talking about all the phones going off at the same time this afternoon.

16. Ms. Schmidt concluded the meeting and thanked parents for their time and feedback. Communication will be coming soon about the up coming Home Coming events.

17. Next BAT Meeting is in early November.

18. Ms. Sehgal commented that the meeting time was not on the email about the BAT Meeting with it being in the morning sometimes and afternoon sometimes other parents may not have known when to sign in.
    i. Ms. Schmidt apologized and stated that all meetings will be at 8:15 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month this year.

Meeting dismissed at 8:48 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Ashlee McCann, Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Director