

Hershey Middle School BAT Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024

Mr. Valentin started the meeting at 9:00am and 8 people were present. The meeting agenda was shared.

- Three Building Priorities / Goals
- PLC Goal Update
- Additional Information

Mr. Valentin shared the Three Building Goals / Priorities BAT and update schedule

- PLC - October, February
 - 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
- SEL - November, March
 - 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)
- Equity - December, April
 - Creating an instructional environment that levels the playing field by 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 reviewed the progress of PLC work presented in October.

Review of Information Presented in October:

- We have been working for years on the PLC at work process with lots of great progress.
 - A PLC is a Professional Learning Community and allowing teachers to collaborate with colleagues teaching the same content around 4 questions
 - What do we want the students to know (Curriculum)
 - How do we know if they learned it (Assessment)
 - What do we do if they didn't learn it (Remediation)
 - What do we do if they already know it (Extension)
- 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 provided an update on PLC work this year.

PLC Progress Since October:

- Mid Year Meetings
 - Mid Year Meetings have taken place during the last week of January and the first week of February.
 - All PLC collaborative groups have identified essential learning targets for each unit and have created a common formative assessment for each unit.
 - Math & ELA PLC collaborative groups are reporting high levels of success utilizing evidence of student learning (received from common formative assessments) to inform interventions.
 - Math and ELA PLC collaborative groups are using REACH time to target interventions.
- Future Vision
 - Currently working on a modified bell schedule to provide additional dedicated time for interventions and enrichment.
 - Intervention time needs to be made available for all content areas without competing with music ensembles in order to completely address question 3 of the PLC.
 - Question 4 needs to be addressed through the additional of enrichment opportunities.
 - Modified schedule to include dedicated time for music ensembles, REACH for all core, enrichment, and team time to support SEL work.
 - Modified schedule to start 2025-26 School Year.

Mr. Valentin shared some additional information on some upcoming events.

- 5th Grade Orientation Program In Full Swing
 - February Get to Know You Event happening this week.
 - Small group, two classes per day, supported by WEB crew
- Mini-Thon Season Has Started
 - Friday, 2/2, School Wide Assembly, hosted by Jerry Gish, WGAL News 8
 - Ongoing activities geared toward raising 10K goal for Four Diamonds
 - Mini-Thon event to take place on 3/27
- 2/12, No School Professional Development Day
- 2/19, No School Presidents Day
- 3/22, Hershey Middle School Play

Mr. Valentin concluded the meeting at 9:30am.