

Hershey Elementary School
Building Advisory Team Meeting (BAT)
Date: April 11, 2024



Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Shailja Sharma
Brienne Yeagley
Jenn Gibbs

Sara Tuanquin
Kim Lyons
Mrs. Gawel

Mrs. Funck

Attending via Zoom:

Scott & Julie Godoy
Jackie Lerch

Grade Level Representatives 2023-24:

Kindergarten - Kim Taylor
Grade 1 - Breaunna Patterson
Grade 2 – Brienne Yeagley
Grade 3 – Shailja Sharma
Grade 4 – Tracy Crawford
Grade 5 - Caroline Schwalm
Special Education - Jackie Lerch

Elementary Vision, Mission and Purpose:

Vision: Increase student achievement through collaboration, discussion, and teaching based on student data and performance.

Mission: As a K-5 faculty, we will do whatever it takes to engage, elevate, and ensure high levels of learning for ALL students.

Purpose: Building Advisory Team (BAT):

To keep the lines of communication open between the elementary schools and community, the school has formed a Building Advisory Team (BAT), which serves in an advisory capacity to the building administrator. BAT meetings are held monthly - on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The BAT meetings are held in person at the Elementary School with an option to attend via zoom as well.

Use of a protocol - Any question or concern that cannot be quickly responded to will become part of the informational/presentation items made at the following BAT meeting.

Problem Solving / Solution Based Team

Use of a Decision-Making Protocol (when needed)

What is the issue/concern that requires a decision to be made?

Describe how this decision will impact students?

Describe how this decision will impact the safety of students and staff?

Will this decision go against any policies?

Consider the resources necessary to address this issue. Are they available? What will be required?

Topics shared during grade level reports:

Kindergarten – Nothing to report

Grade 1 – Nothing to report

Grade 2 - Nothing to report

Grade 3 – Nothing to report

Grade 4 - Nothing to report

Grade 5 - Nothing to report

Special Education - Nothing to report

Old Business

None

New Business

PSSA testing window is April 22nd thru May 3. Testing begins every morning promptly at 9:00 am.

ELA – Grades 3-5 is April 22 – April 26

Math – Grades 3-5 is April 29 – May 3

Science – Grade 4 is April 29 – May 3

Science PSSA testing will be moved up to 5th grade next school year as per the State. It will be a “field testing” year.

Preparing students for testing....

Here at school, we try to keep it low key as we don't want students to stress about them.

Preparing students for testing at home....

- Arrive on time to school
- Talk to you child about testing but reiterate “Don’t stress, do you best!”
- Technology should be left at home or be sure the technology is turned off and in backpacks if bringing to school
- Eat a good breakfast at home or breakfast is available at school
- Be sure child is hydrated
- Dress in comfy clothes

Additional items/questions by attendees:

What do students do if they finish PSSA testing earlier than the allotted time?

We encourage students to take their time and look over their answers when finished. Teachers do have a game plan for students who finish early.

Sharing from Principals – to be done at PTO Meeting

Next BAT Meeting will be Thursday, May 9, 2024 starting at 9:00 am in Elementary Room 6 with an option to attend via zoom

Have a great summer!!