

Hershey Middle School BAT Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2024

Mr. Valentin started the meeting at 9:00am and 12 people were present. The meeting agenda was shared.

- Three Building Priorities / Goals
- Equity Update In May - WIN Middle
- 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, Moved to May
 - 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 presented on the district comprehensive plan.

- Three Components
- PLC - How are we utilizing the PLC at work framework to focus instructional efforts around answering four questions (curriculum, assessment, intervention and enrichment)
- SEL - How are we modeling & teaching students the interpersonal soft skills critical to their success in life
- Equity - How are we leveling the playing field to ensure that every student receives the highest quality education at their need level.
- Leveraging District Resources to recruit from other Districts
- Everything that we have been doing in this school each year is directly connected to what has been done in previous years. The vision has been the same. The goals have adjusted to continue moving us toward our vision.

Mr. Valentin provided some information on where we are going.

- We will continue to create opportunities to make teacher collaboration an essential component of our culture. It is simply how we do things. Preserving the schedule is essential.
- We will continue to offer high levels of support for teachers to do the work. (Instructional Coaching, Professional Learning, Administrative Support)
- We will continue to strengthen the effectiveness of PLCs, the ongoing understanding and practice of educational equity is and continued commitment to modeling and teaching social skills to our students.
- WIN Middle -What I Need, in the Middle School
- Implementing a building wide period for intervention (Question #3), enrichment (PLC Question #4) and authentic SEL.
- Starting in the Fall of 2025

Mr. Valentin shared some information on how the current REACH remediation program will remain a part of our encore schedule.

- We will continue to utilize REACH during Flex Period. ELA and Math teachers have worked for two years to utilize REACH and it is working great as a remediation.
- REACH is not functioning as a true intervention because logically it is focused on current learning targets and not filling an ongoing gap. We need to fill the literacy gap.
- Our instructional system nationwide is focused on teaching kids to read and then using reading to teach additional content. Literacy skills for many students lag far behind their grade level peers. We need to fill this gap.

Mr. Valentin shared some information about the students who will not need intervention.

- What if you could teach a course on a topic that you are passionate about, with students that want to be there, and you don't have to give grades?
- That is where enrichment comes in. It also has the added benefit of providing an opportunity to infuse SEL in an authentic manner!
- Enrichment is a mini course meeting for 35 minutes for two cycles (12 classes)
- There are three mini courses per marking period, 12 total for the school year.
- The last nine WIN periods of the marking period are reserved for completing assignments, team activities, grade level meetings and SEL activities (Goodbye 2 Hour Delays for SEL)

Mr. Valentin shared more information about the WIN period.

- We will utilize an online testing system to determine students needing literacy enrichment.

- We will utilize an online instructional system to support students through literacy intervention.
- Some teachers will supervise students participating in this intervention.
- The other teachers will offer an enrichment mini course that they created.
- Teachers will only have to create one course that they will be repeating all year long.
- The mini course will authentically include SEL competencies.
- We even have the opportunity to open enrollment in courses to students of different grade levels.

Mr. Valentin shared information about what a draft schedule for WIN would look like

- HR 7:33-7:37 (4)
- P1 7:39-8:26 (47)
- P2 8:28-9:15 (47)
- P3 9:17-10:04 (47)
- P4 10:06-10:53 (47) MM 10:06-10:21, Lunch 10:23-10:53
- P5 10:55-11:42 (47) MM 10:55-11:10, Lunch 11:12-11:42
- P6 11:44-12:31 (47) MM 11:44-11:59, Lunch 12:01-12:31
- P7 12:33-1:20 (47)
- Flex 1:22-1:57 (35)
- WIN 1:59-2:34 (35)

Mr. Valentin shared information on the next steps in adopting the WIN Middle program

- This is a great opportunity to enhance what we are currently doing, stop doing some things and start doing others. We need to hear from the faculty to better understand what we need to be mindful of and prioritize.
- We will take the summer to organize priorities and begin next school year with an enhanced vision for this work.
- We will use next school year to prepare to start WIN Middle in the fall of 2025.
- Remember, none of this is new, it is just the next step in what we have been doing.

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

- 4/30-5/1 PSSA Math
- 5/6-7 PSSA Science (8th Grade Only)
- 5/7 Orchestra Choir Concert, 7:00pm
- 5/14 Team Raya Wildwood Park Trip 7th Grade
- 5/15-16 Keystone Algebra Test
- 5/16 Team Olympus Wildwood Park Trip 7th Grade
- 5/16 Band Concert, 7:00pm
- 5/17 Team Jupiter Wildwood Park Trip 7th Grade
- 5/17 8th Grade Party @ Gretna Glen (Sponsored by PTO)
- 5/20-24 6th Grade Kenbrooke Trip

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