

Hershey Elementary School
Building Advisory Team Meeting (BAT)
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024



Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Mrs. Funck
Dr. Gawel
Mrs. Lombel

Brianne Yeagley
Jackie Lerch
Kaitlyn Goehringer

Molly Booker
Jerri Barnett
Amanda Banas

Attending via Zoom:

Beth Hetrick
Emily Kryger
Neha Moyer

Stephanie Dean
Ronald Rodriguez
Adrian Wallace

Kim Taylor

Grade Level Representatives 2024-25:

Kindergarten – Kaitlyn Goehringer
Grade 1 – Jerri Bernett
Grade 2 – Erica Luongo
Grade 3 – Brianne Yeagley
Grade 4 – Valerie Pantanelli
Grade 5 – **Position not filled**
Special Education – Jackie Lerch

The BAT Meeting was conducted in person. There is also the option to attend via zoom. Mrs. Funck welcomed everyone attending. BAT meetings are open to everyone, including community members. During BAT time we can share and talk through ideas, issues, and concerns.

There was a review of our Elementary Vision, Mission, and Purpose:

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

Mrs. Funck spoke of a BAT Topic Interest Survey. **Below is a QR code you can scan.** There you will find a list of topics and ideas. You can also add ideas/topics as well.

BAT Topic Interest Survey



<https://bit.ly/HESBATTTopics24-25>

Additional items/questions by attendees:

Is there not a “snack time” for kindergarten students/classes this year?

Mrs. Funck stated that it is an individual teacher decision, but some factors may include the current schedule for the year, allergy restrictions, etc. Parents are encouraged to reach out to the Teacher directly with any questions.

4th Grade Music Night – are students able to hold instruments they are interested in and try them out?

Dr. Gawel informed all that students can hold and try instruments out. Some instruments come in various sizes, however, we may not have all sizes available that evening.

Sharing from Principals – to be done at PTO Meeting

Next BAT Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10th starting at 9:00 am in Elementary Room 6 with an option to attend via zoom

Please email Mrs. Funck with suggestions for a topic to discuss