

**Hershey Elementary School
Building Advisory Team Meeting (BAT)
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025**

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Brianne Yeagley
Erika Luongo

Beth Hetrick
Nabila Taha

Ms. Stine
Julia Cin

Attending via Zoom:

None

Grade Level Representatives 2024-25:

Kindergarten – Kaitlyn Goehringer
Grade 1 – Jerri Barnett
Grade 2 – Erica Luongo
Grade 3 – Brianne Yeagley
Grade 4 – Valerie Pantanelli
Grade 5 – Position not filled
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:

Grade Levels reports not given at meeting

Kindergarten

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

Special Education

Old Business

None

New Business

Ms. Stine, K-1 Assistant Principal & Mrs. Cin, K-5 SEL Instructional Coach and K-1 Steam Teacher, shared about PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) and SEL (Social Emotional Learning).

A system we use here at Hershey Elementary is MTSS (Multi-tiered Systems of Support). It's gives targeted support to struggling students. We have used it for Reading and Math for years. We have now implemented an SEL portion as well.

Tier 1 – supports all students

Examples: The Trojan Way (RRS)

Targeted PBIS Lessons

Tier 2 – Targets students who need a little more than Tier 1 such as self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills, etc.

Tier 3 – Still working on as this will be a more individualized plan

Below are just a few of the numerous reasons to support SEL & PBIS
(from casel.org and pbis.org)

- Leads to improved academic achievement
- Contributes to healthy well-being and safe schools
- Develops skills that promote future readiness
- Establishes a healthy school culture and climate
- Increases student engagement and instructional time
- Empowers students to play a central role in their education

If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. Cin, Ms. Stine or your child's teacher and they can connect you with members of our PBIS team.

Additional items/questions by attendees:

None

Sharing from Principals – to be done at PTO Meeting

Next BAT Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 10, 2025 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