

Bloomsburg Area School District

September 17, 2025 | Policy & Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Call to Order: Stephanie Andreacci

Pledge of Allegiance

Panel Attendees:

Amanda Orzolek, Amy Melchiorre, JJ Cleaver, Joshua Klingerman, Guy Moses, Sam Bidleman, Mike Kogut, Andrea Landis, Mary Rose Latorre, Wendy Arnold, Cara Dunn, Stephanie Andreacci

Public Comment Related to Agenda Items: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Athletic Events-

- Discussion on implementing a new policy for attendance and expected behavior at athletic events.
- All members present wanted to honor commitments made to local businesses regarding footballs. It will be announced the expected student & guest behavior with these mini footballs given out by cheerleaders prior to them being distributed.
- Mike Kogut expressed his concerns about unattended middle and elementary aged students with behavior and entry/reentry issues along with the safety aspect of this.
- Board members in attendance agreed at this time to pay our staff for the additional security at the games. Mike did look into an outside company and it will cost \$44/hr.
- Everyone in attendance agreed to discontinue the use of the baseball field for anyone not involved in the game/band.

- At this time the district is going to try a one-call message out to parents to explain expectations of students at these events and encourage parental attendance. In addition, one call message will state no outside balls, no reentry and no use of exterior fields.
- We will reconvene if we notice continued problems throughout the season and throughout the winter athletic events as well on if a policy needs to be put in place.
- Additional lighting will be added to the baseball field.

Special Ed Review from PDE

- Mary Rose Latorre discussed the review from PDE and what classrooms were approved and not approved.
- Additional staffing may be required as we continue to receive an influx of students with IEPs
- Beaver Main - we need staff at Beaver main for the learning support students at least once a week

AI Policy

- Amy discusses plans for teachers to hear Matt Mervis speak on AI in October
- Amy shared guidelines and a policy from other school districts and wanted feedback on starting to put together one for use here
- Amanda encouraged guidelines to come out sooner than later. She thinks consistency amongst the teachers and the students will make it clearer for the students on when it is appropriate to use. Amy will have something put together for our review prior to the PDE with the teachers
- Sam would like a little more time and research done prior to a full policy going into place with potentially a survey done

Elementary Programs

- JJ and Amy have been discussing ideas on what we can do for enrichment for our students in May after the PSSAs are taken. Suggesting swimming classes and having handwriting/cursive being added during this month might be fun for the kids and something extra we can do that is more celebratory and fun but is not required could take place this month. Amanda suggested Spanish being taught during this month would be an awesome add-on that she feels the elementary students might really enjoy as well.
- Discussion was had on concerns of swimming class at the elementary level - timing, loss of educational time, dressing, etc. Decided an opt-out program that is not disciplinary in any way would be a good option. More discussion on this to be had in the future.

- Amanda has concerns on inadequate enrichment being offered for high-performing students at Beaver-Main. Concerns about students being bored and not challenged enough in class. Amy agrees, saying she's heard similar feedback from other parents. Amanda is concerned more parents will decide to pull their students for homeschooling and cyber options if we do not assist in challenging these students more and emphasized the importance of frequent and fluid dialogue between teachers and parents. Sam suggested an 'I'm Done... Now What' option he is going to look into that was presented from a different district.

NEST Clinic

- Amy mentioned they would like to attend this in the future

Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion: Stephanie Andreacci

Second: Amanda Orzolek

Next Meeting: via ZOOM TBD