Derry Township School District
Hershey High School

BAT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 8:00 A.M. – Zoom

Lindsey Schmidt (Chair) - High School Principal
Greg Miller (Co-Chair) – High School Assistant Principal

Staff present: Lindsey Schmidt, Greg Miller, Monica Breiner, Emily Reinert, Allison Gergenti, Jamie Bean, Kaylee Patchen and Ashlee McCann

Parents present: Angela Mullen and Archana Sehgal

Topics: Keystone Assessments, Finals Schedule, AP Testing Schedule and End of Year Information

- The zoom meeting opened at 8:00 A.M. and began at 8:02 A.M.
- Ms. Schmidt introduced HHS staff in attendance, welcomed parents in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves as well as give the grade level of their student(s)
    a. Ms. Angela Mullen – Kylie, 11th grade and Connor, 10th grade
    b. Ms. Archana Sehgal- Rohan Tomkins, 12th grade
- Ms. Schmidt shared the following about Keystone Exams & Modified Testing Days (New Approach):
    a. Rationale for the new approach is to improve the testing environment and support proficiency expectations tied to graduation pathways.
        - 11th & 12th Algebra Keystone:
            1. Only testers report in the morning to take the exam.
            2. School runs a two-hour delay schedule on the 11th and 12th for the rest of the building after the exams have completed.
        - 13th: regular school day.
        - 14th Literature Keystone
            1. Only literature testers come in, plus invited special education students.
            2. Seniors "in danger of failing" at that time are required to attend.
            3. Literature testing completed in one day with Module 1 and Module 2, with an extended break/lunch between modules (outdoors if possible; gym/activities if not).
            4. Students are not responsible for additional classwork that day (focus exclusively on the Keystone).
    b. Non-testers on testing/AP days:
        - Work asynchronously from home via Canvas.
            1. Work is review-based (no new content) and aligned to finals preparation.
            2. Must submit assigned work by 3:00 PM to be marked present.
- Ms. Schmidt shared the following about AP Testing Logistics:

a. AP testing schedule follows the official College Board calendar; it will be sent/posted for families.
    - If a student has an AP test, then the AP exam is the only responsibility for that day
        1. no additional asynchronous work will be required.
    - Transportation runs normally.
    - For PM AP testers:
        1. Students may arrive right before their testing time (as communicated by Mr. Hensel).
        2. If students cannot arrive right before the test or cannot leave after a morning exam, they may stay in the cafeteria with staff supervision.

- Ms. Schmidt shared the following information about the Asynchronous Day Expectations & Support:
    a. Assignments will be posted by 8:00 AM.
    b. Students have flexibility during the day (not expected to work six straight hours).
    c. Work completion deadline remains 3:00 PM for attendance.
    d. Teacher support:
        - One of the asynchronous days includes teacher office hours.
        - Teachers will communicate office hour windows (30-minute office hour) via Canvas.
        - On the other day, teachers will be proctoring.
- Ms. Schmidt shared the following information about Senior Events, May/June Timeline, and Key Milestones:
    a. May/June Events:
        - Early May: AP testing.
        - Starting the 11th: Keystones.
        - Senior events begin the following week (including senior dinner and last day for senior classes).
        - Prom and mandatory senior meeting (include first formal review of graduation names).
        - Senior walk.
        - Senior trip to Hershey Park.
        - Seniors with Period 10 classes will take that final before the senior trip to Hershey Park.
        - Graduation at the Giant Center follows shortly thereafter.
        - School will continue sending reminders throughout May.
    b. Final Exams Plan & Schedule Changes
        - Finals structure change:
        - Two exam periods per day (previously three), to improve the testing environment and reduce student overload.
        - Building-wide finals begin:
            1. Thursday the 28th of May to Wednesday the 3rd of June.
            2. - Finals for 9th–11th graders only.
            3. June 3rd Seniors are at the Giant Center for graduation practice that evening.
    c. Makeup finals:
        - Available in the afternoons of the four full finals days.
        - Underclassmen may also have makeup options on the 3rd if needed.
        - Seniors cannot take finals on the afternoon of the 3rd; senior grades/items must be finalized by a certain time (noted as needing to be “logged” by the 2nd) to allow for follow-up conversations as needed.

- Ms. Schmidt asked if there were any questions:
    a. Archana had the following question
        - How do we get graduation cords approved for wearing an Eagle Scout cord?
            1. Ms. Schmidt answered
                a. - Eagle Scouts are approved cords.
        - Ms. Schmidt went on to state the following about Honors cords:
            i. They are ordered by the school for eligible students.
            ii. Clubs that issue cords typically communicate directly with members.
            iii. For cords from outside organizations:
                1. Students must connect with the school for an approval process.
                2. Criteria includes national accreditation/recognition; Eagle Scout is treated as additionally approved due to national recognition.
    b. Archana had the following question about official exam scores:
        - Can scores be sent to multiple schools at once (notably for students still on college waitlists).
            1. Ms. Patchett stated that she will confirm and email the parent with the correct guidance.

Minutes Prepared by: Ashlee McCann, Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Director