

## BPT Minutes

10-19-2020

Attendance: Mueller, Van Huben, Brennan, Buckner, Lanpher, Falbo, Guzzetta, DiNatale, McCabe, Dr. Calzi

Began meeting by discussing “others”:

**Dress Code:** Question was asked about whether or not we should be enforcing this as a staff. Biggest concern being midriff (this seems to be especially in style this year). Yes, please reinforce with students that we do not want to see their belly buttons. 😊 Administration has addressed this with some students. If there is a student that you are particularly concerned about, please reach out to the AP or Sean.

**Doug Hanson support of students struggling with Hybrid/Remote Learning:** How do teachers know if Doug is working with a student/family when there are concerns about them not engaging related to distance learning? Background: Hanson has taken on the role of Remote Learning Coordinator. Essentially he is replicating his efforts with the Senior Project in this work. He is being assigned students/families to work with by the assistant principals after teachers and counselors have not been able to engage student or family. We will create a notification system to let teachers know if a student they have is working with Doug.

**Teachers feeling like they are on an “island” in trying to support students struggling with hybrid/remote learning:** Emphasized the need for teachers to document attempts to contact families and students. After they have tried and this has not been successful, **please** pull in the counselor and assistant principal to help you. You do not have to take on this challenge by yourself. We have resources to support teachers and students so again....reach out to counselor and AP and they will start the ball rolling in terms of additional support in contacting parents/students.

**Staff Wellness (Social/Emotional):** BPT has created a monthly activity to encourage “paying it forward” with each other. Our goal is to start this by the end of the week. More to come on this...it is a surprise 😊. We also discussed other positive activities that we could do with staff. We decided to start with this relatively simple one and then adjust/add on as appropriate. Did discuss having health and wellness activities for staff during “lunch” on Wednesdays. More to come on this.

**Library:** Adam Ashworth is working with Dr. Calzi and others to have a system in place that students can reserve books on line. We are hoping to get this up and running in the very near future (next week hopefully). Really appreciate all of Adam’s work and flexibility over the past few months as we work to bring this resource back to students/teachers. More to come on this later next week.

**Breakfast Banter:** Tony sent out the calendar for banter during our meeting. As always, this is purely voluntary.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Dr. Calzi gave an update on the App we are using to schedule conferences. It turns out that not every teacher has this App on their laptops. Dr. Calzi is working to fix this with Cory Allen. Hopefully Dr. Calzi figures this out as his future at the high school depends on him getting this to work. More updates to follow on this as it is a tool that would be very useful not only for setting up Parent/Teacher conferences but also appointments for students during Advisement (when we bring that back) and Activity Period.

**B/D Day:** Discussed concerns that teachers had about there not being as many B/D days as A/C based on the calendar. Sean made the decision we are not going to switch the calendar to try and even these out. By the end of January there will be a two day difference between A/C and B/D. Worried that trying to play with the calendar will cause confusion for staff, students, and parents and then there might be an issue with snow days or some type of natural disaster (God only knows what 2020 still has in store for us 😊)

**Department Meetings:** BPT members will be visiting department meetings on 11/10 and 4/20 to touch base with staff. Teacher Leaders, please mark your calendars for this at the beginning of your meetings.

**BPT Plan:** Talked about this briefly. We have the majority of the plan done. Will work with DO to set up a date to finalize plan (after staff votes on it)