

High School Council Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2018

Welcome- Jenn Redman

As incoming HS Council President, Jenn welcomed everyone and thanked Suzette Sands for her support.

Superintendent-Roy Montesano

- the flood on 9/25 was nowhere near the flood levels of '07 and '11
- waiting for culture samples to come back before opening first floor A/B wing and kitchen.
- main gym floor may have to be replaced due to water underneath floor, not sure about blue gym floor yet
- 2 existing pumps were working at full capacity. Intensity of rain (not duration) was incredible.
- 3 new custom-made pumps should be here beginning of January
- thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding during this time

Principal-Ann Meyer

- it's been a productive first month of school
- 55 freshman transition leaders have met 3 times with the freshman students
- the 9th grade family reception and activities fair was well attended and encouraged students to get involved in school activities.
- 10th grade parent meeting will be on 10/3
- 11th grade post HS planning meeting will be on 10/22
- 12th grade post HS planning meeting was on 9/17
- Thank you to the Bronxville School Foundation for our new spaces:
 - *Bronco TV Station
 - *HS special ed rooms have been updated with furniture and carpet
- please go to familyid and sign the Bronco Guide (this is the web site currently used for BXV athletic waivers). All permission slips and payments will be processed through familyid.
- Challenge Success work continues by looking at homework load, cheating/plagiarism policy will be reviewed.
- Ann will attend a mastery.org seminar to discuss how we assess students as a whole...not just grades on a transcript
- Prom date change...Friday, May 17 NOT May 31

Director of Guidance-Anne Abbatecola

- Anne thanked the Bronxville Foundation for funding 3 grants
Grant 1
- Aaron Kind attended the NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) www.nacacnet.org in Salt Lake City. This forum included HS guidance

counselors and college admission counselors discussing what college admission deans are thinking when reviewing HS transcripts.

-Ellen Cohen attended the "8 of the Best Colleges" www.8ofthebestcolleges.org presentation in NYC. This forum is comprised of 8 small liberal arts colleges, which travel together to meet and greet HS guidance counselors. Ellen met admission directors and learned about the programs these schools offer in order to provide hands on information back to our students.

Grant2

-We will begin conducting surveys of seniors and follow 18 months after graduation to gain insight on their experiences in order to help our current students prepare for this transition. This is through Lifetrack, a company that organizes surveys.

Grant 3

-Virtual Reality Headsets will be available in the guidance department so that students can take virtual tours of college campuses. These headsets will be used during the Junior workshops taking place in the spring.

Class Updates:

9th grade

-Freshman and freshman transition leaders attended Sharpe Reservation and worked together while collaborating in small groups. Counselors will meet with each student at the end of the first quarter to check in and see how everything is going.

10th grade

-on October 3 there will be a parent meeting which will include an overview of the 10th grade program and discussion by upper-class students.

11th grade

-the PSAT will be administered at school on October 24th for 10th and 11th grade; this is a shortened version of the SAT and will not include an essay. PSAT is open to grades 10 and 11.

Other:

-75 college representatives will be coming to BXV School during Sept/Oct

-a luncheon was held for the 16 new families in the high school

Athletic Council-Cindy Randall

-Fall sports are off to a great start. This year's Athletic Council theme is "Broncos Together"

-the entire freshman class got newly designed Bronco water bottles

-Homecoming banners will be placed through the village prior to Homecoming Week Oct 9-13.

-Homecoming week will feature pj day, "B" day contest, food truck night, uniform switch day and pep rally.

-the Junior class will be selling \$20 Homecoming T-shirts as a fundraiser-please support!

-there is a modified hockey interest meeting on Oct 4

In closing:

-Jenn encouraged people to come to the monthly council meetings

-the Bronco Beat will no longer be emailed and is replaced by the PTA bulletin board
-B.O.L.D. (Bronxville Organization for Learning Differences) is in the process of being rebranded. If you have nay creative ideas please contact Jenn Redman losrojos@yahoo.com
-the B'Well committee needs members-please contact Jenn Redman losrojos@yahoo.com if interested.

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