

The Principal's Advisory Council meeting held on January 23rd began with a Battlefield Highlight of the Bobcat Café. Bobcat Café is a program in which students with significant learning challenges learn functional math skills by planning grocery lists, going to the grocery store on Wednesday mornings, baking items in their classroom kitchen on Thursday's and selling items to faculty and staff on Fridays. Mrs. Klima had each student introduce himself to the PAC and tell the PAC what his role was in preparing the cart for the evening. The students wrapped up their segment of the meeting by greeting the PAC members and passing out treats that they would typically serve on Fridays. Next, Mr. Ferrera made some announcements: Mr. Waltz is to present his budge on February 1st, on January 11th, parking lot gates were put in to help regulate students traffic in the parking lot, on January 28th, Battlefield High School will host the Haymaker STEM expo, a free event for the community, and on February 13th BHS will hold its second semester touchbase from 7:30 -9:30am and the students will come to school on a 3 hour delay schedule. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the Flex schedule proposal that was present to the staff. Mr. Ferrera explained the three possible options and opened up the floor for any input or concerns about the proposed models.

Option A – Flex Schedule with Advisory (8 flex blocks)

Option B – Flex Schedule with Homeroom (8 flex blocks)

Option C – Flex schedule with no advisory or homeroom (7 flex blocks)

Next, the council continued its discussing about the school survey results from last school year focusing its discussion on the school culture and climate. Mr. Ferrera informed the PAC that he has initiated a school culture task force that will be further exploring this topic. When the floor was opened for member business, Ms. Byrne, the director of school counseling informed the council that the course recommendation process has started and that teacher recommendations will be completed by 11:59pm on January 30th at which time the student window for course selection will open. Students will completed their course selection through parent connection and will subsequently meet with their counselor in the coming 8 weeks to discuss and finalize their courses. PAC will reconvene on February 27th.