

PAC Meeting Minutes – October 23

[Minutes recorded by Brian Shepard, PAC Vice-Chair]

6:30-6:32: Meeting called to order by Paula King, PAC Chair

6:32-6:50: Attendees all shared their name and gave an example of broken barriers or bridges built within the Battlefield community

- Mr. Ferrera shared that for him the they of BB&BB is for the empowerment of students... what they can do and where they can go.
 - SALC developed by teachers/counselors/admin.
 - FLEX benefits the teachers
 - PAC – exists because no school is perfect and with so many people it is possible to gain a voice

6:50-6:55: Opening Remarks

- Mr. Ferrera desires less talk from him (and leaders) and more talk from PAC members

6:55-7:05: Rachel's Challenge Presentation (Students Jenny & Maya)

- F.O.R. Club (Friends of Rachel)
 - Small but growing
 - Appreciation to underrecognized staff (security and custodians)
 - "The more we try, the more wide-spread the impact will be" (Mary Beth Starkey)
- Mr. Ferrera – "I was a recipient of kindness I high school and who know where I would be..."

7:05-7:12: Over Crowding (Mr. Ferrera)

- Here are things we are looking at:
 - Jumpstart
 - Virtual Course Offerings
 - IT Program – distant learning options

7:12-7:23: FLEX Discussion (Mr. Ferrera)

- How is it going
 - Students
 - "I love it"
 - "Keep it going"
 - "Would be nice to FLEX out"
 - Parents
 - Why are kids not getting more done
 - Teacher Response
 - It took some time to get the ball rolling
 - Teachers are getting pulled so many ways
 - Ideas
 - Passes for FLEXing

7:23-7:30: Signs of Suicide and Anti-Bullying (Julie Byrne, director of Guidance)

- Classroom visits/lessons through P.E. classes
- Brief screenings taking place
- "Lots of referrals by kids for other kids" even kids not at our school
- 20 students responded already... mostly concerned about other friends

7:30-7:45: Bylaws Review (Mr. Ferrera)

- Read through the bylaws and ask questions
- Anything to add as it relates to Article VII – Committees?
- Mr. Ferrera – committees take concentrated efforts and research
 - Any PAC member can chair a subcommittee
- Question – How to we create a subcommittee? Is there a needs list?
 - Mr. Ferrera response – Informal and division wide surveys
- Concern – The word “Committee has a negative connotation and scares people. Subcommittee is even worse”
 - Mr. Ferrera response – often members meet only a couple of time and set their own schedule. We need to make a way to make it workable to address somethings.

7:45-7:50: Open Forum (Paula King)

- Question – Are there any questions/concerns?
 - Need a representative for the Superintendents Advisory Council

7:50: Meeting Adjourned