

PAC Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2019

[Minutes recorded by Stephanie Joumas, PAC Secretary]

6:30: Meeting called to order by Fiona Barshow. Mrs. Romano, Battlefield's School Social Worker and Daniel Joumas, Junior, part of AFJROTC are guests tonight.

6:35-6:45: Mental Health Initiative. Mrs Romano shared the first, of hopefully many, public service initiatives for students and faculty. This first one was about sleeping and how students need more sleep than they are currently squeezing from a day. Mrs Romano shared a video she had made using student and faculty participation about how many average hours of sleep they are currently getting, and what kinds of activities are people involved with instead of sleeping. The video has been watched by a few classes and was very well received. Mrs Romano plans to produce more videos on important topics in the future.

6:45-6:55: Cadet Second Lieutenant Daniel Joumas, a member of the school's Air Force JROTC group, spoke about the JROTC program; its purpose, community service involvement, leadership experiences, and benefits from participation. AFJROTC is a citizenship training program that is designed to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill personal responsibility, character, and self-discipline. The program achieves this through classroom education in air and space fundamentals and hands on learning opportunities in numerous fun and challenging extra-curricular activities (e.g. Drill team, Color Guard, Raider, Cyber Patriot). AFJROTC is not a recruiting tool for the military. Cadets are expected to do a minimum of 12 hours community service per year (e.g., concession stand at sports events, trash cleanup on campus and surrounding neighborhoods, volunteer at food pantry or church functions). There is also a week-long summer leadership program. MCCOLS, that cadets are nominated for.

6:55-7:00: Officer Selections/Election – Mr. Shepard spoke about the need for a new Vice-Chair on PAC for next year. Both the President and Secretary would be continuing for one more year. Mr. Shepard was accepting any nominations for the Vice-Chair position.

7:05: Open Floor Discussion – A question was asked of Julie Byrne about turning in schedule changes for next year. The form could be dropped off with the student's counselor or emailed directly to the counselor. Another question was raised about final exams. If SOL was taken and passed, then no SOL. If a student has an "A" going into final semester then the student is exempt from final.

7:40 Meeting adjourned. Final PAC meeting for year is Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:30pm.