

PAC Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2019

[Minutes recorded by Stephanie Joumas, PAC Secretary]

6:32-6:35: Meeting called to order by Ms. Fiona Barshow, PAC Chair.

All attendees introduced themselves and what group each represented. The new 9th grade parents to PAC were well represented (50 had responded to be part of the group; 5 chosen). Mr. Ferrera mentioned all the PAC information is on the school's website (Top Tab, Our School > Principal's Advisory Committee).

6:35-6:53: Battlefield HS Mission and Vision – Mr. Ferrera

Mr. Ferrera reviewed Mission/Vision of the school; said it should be the foundation for everything we do. Needs buy-in from all stakeholders. Mr. Ferrera led a brief open discussion; what's good, not good in each item. The Mission needs to be more concise, add words about vocational interests, look at potential of each student. Want to have students more involved in words of Mission; relationships, mental health, well-rounded student. PAC will continue to work on Mission/Vision throughout year.

6:53-6:57: Selection of Vice-Chair (by next Meeting) – Mr. Ferrera

Mr. Ferrera described role of Vice Chair and asked for interested members to send an email with a description of why you want to be Vice Chair by 9/3, 4 pm. He's also accepting nominations of others who he will then communicate any interest. Mr. Ferrera will then compile results and communicate to the PAC before 9/23 meeting.

6:57-7:10: Cell Phone Policy (from IOIC) – Mr. Ferrera

The IOIC is a group of teachers within Battlefield HS. Mr. Ferrera said the teachers asked for a "tweak" to the cell phone policy (from Green, Yellow, Red sign for use of cell phones in classroom). No phones in the classroom (or earbuds, headphones) except when teachers use as part of lessons. Students must know this rule change before they can be violated (referral). Email to parent and 2-hour detention.

7:10-7:25: Other Topics of Interest – Mr. Ferrera

- Vaping (future meeting, Mr. Zook as presenter). Plan to have Vaping education and discipline policy for students. Genevieve Fox, a Senior in attendance, was happy to hear about education; she said students don't seem to understand the risks.
- Mental Health update. New Psychologist on board this year; Mindfulness, mental health calming room this year. Need stability of students' school counselors like the other high schools.
- October 14 may be Senior Parking Spot painting day. The Colgan Twitter feed has an excellent video on tips to paint the spots effectively.
- No more Attendance office; can submit notes directly to the front office personnel now.
- Suggestion – Have Career day, for parents to present to students how they got to the career they currently have.

7:26: Meeting adjourned. Next meeting 9/23, 6:30PM.