

BATTLEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)- Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2021, 6:30 PM(Virtual) (18 participants in the virtual meeting)

Board Members

Mr. Ryan Ferrera, Principal
Ms. Wendi Gruninger, PAC Chairperson
Mr. Mickey Orrell, PAC Vice-Chairperson
Ms. Montrece Bell, PAC Secretary

Discussion Topics

1. **Counseling (Ms. Julie Byrne)** - Seeking career counselor position. Also seeking a School Counselor position. Currently have a long-term sub until position has been field for School Counselor, she is experienced and well know to the county. Seniors will be meeting individually with counseling department to discuss their post-secondary plans. Parents of seniors had a webinar on last week. Also, there is a Q/A documents along with other post-secondary resources on the school counseling page. Counseling department is required to do grade level lessons for all grade levels in the school. Each year typically with Freshman in October the counseling department will conduct Suicide prevention and awareness. Signs of Suicide lesson will also be conducted with 10 graders this year because of last's years school format. College and Career workshops will be offered throughout the year to all students. Topics such as bullying, harassment prevention, college and career planning, interest inventories, and academic and career plans. Each student has access to a program called Naviance, which is available to students throughout their high school career, in preparation for their post-secondary planning. College and Career night on April 6, 2022 (tentative).
2. **COVID Update (Mr. Ferrera)** – School administration is spending approximately 80% of their time contact tracing. The team meets every morning to discuss. As of today, there was one positive case of COVID (this was parent reported and student did not attend school).
 - a. **ESSER Funding Coming to Battlefield** – Is receiving relief funds in the amount of \$160, 243.06. The school system created a formula that helped to determine the need for each school. BHS will use \$85,000 in high dosage tutoring. BHS will also be able to identify 7 teachers who will be trained as coaches to support social emotional learning for all students. More information will be forth coming.
3. **Traffic Before/After School (Mr. Ferrera)**- The before and after school traffic is beginning to normalize. On average it takes about 30-35 minutes to clear the parking lot. The goal is to get buses off the premises by 2:12 pm. There have still been some challenges with transportation shortages, but there have been observable improvements.

4. Continuous Improvement Plan Update (Mr. Ferrera) – Still in the early stages of development. Will need to be adjusted when high dosage tutoring is implemented as well as the social emotional learning. By the next meeting we will be able to go over plan in a more detailed manner. The ESSR funding will be incorporated into the plan as well.
5. Open Share/Other Business –
 - Student ranking was discussed. PWCS is no longer recording class ranks. The county is recording class percentile. Applications will be marked as ranked as no rank on the counselor portion of the applications to college. This is not anticipated to have an impact on students overall, many school divisions are going to this method.
 - No other concerns or topics were brought up for this meeting.
 - We will be notified whether the next meeting will be virtual or in person.

Principal's Advisory Meeting Calendar

October 19
November 16
January 18
February 15
March 15
April 19
May 17