

## HS Council Meeting

November 9, 2021

- **There were 38 participants in the zoom meeting**
- **HS Principal - Ms. Ann Meyer**
  - Two weeks ago - Halloween celebrations - costume contest, seniors dressed up; third graders came out; autism awareness club took students around trick or treating
  - Lunch for the seniors; watched the school play
  - Ms. Simpson has been on leave: have a leave replacement who is the chorus teacher who Ms. Simpson replaced. Started last week.
  - Planning to have the high school musical - zoom informational meeting tomorrow at noon
  - Successful sports teams - girls cross country and girls soccer going to States this weekend. Fan bus went up on Friday with 46 seniors
  - Conclusion of the first quarter is Friday
  - Faculty in rooms every day from 11 to 11:30 as well as early morning extra help
  - Things are getting back to normal - bake sales, raffles; look to students to generate ideas of what to do - good skills for them to learn
  - Public library has new teen room
  - Transcripts - Not going toward a Mastery transcript. Looking at whether we might pilot some mastery assessing (looking at competencies in a course like critical thinking, communication, collaboration; focus on electives). Website is [mastery.org](http://mastery.org); Bronxville is part of an organization that looks at these things and Bronxville wants to stay on top of these conversations
  - Parent - getting questions around SFL.
    - Have grade level elected positions for every grade
    - There is also SFL - Pres, VP, Treasury - meets every week; anyone is welcome to come - Aaron and Meyer go to every meeting; there are sub committees that organize events; discuss quality of life issues (water fountains not working etc) - Grade Presidents & SFL Reps. Anyone else can also come
- **Director of Counseling - Mr. Aaron Kind**
  - Friday is the end of the quarter
  - If need to check if everything is in - students should do that in next couple of day
  - Thurs afternoon - first quarter grades are finalized
  - Had junior college night last week - 3 college admissions people spoke about the process.
  - Are having a financial aid night 12/13 at 7pm
  - Next week - freshman transition meeting

- Students put together a “crash course” on how to best use various resources - google classroom etc. Seniors will share this with 9th graders and entire high school
- Counseling Department meeting with 9th graders
- Starting next week (Tues in XBlock), psychology intern will have open drop in hours to help with executive functioning
- Course Load
  - Parent - Jump from 9th to 10th grade is big; AP Grading is also very different; there is a culture in Bronxville to take as many APs as you can as early as you can
  - Meyer response - need to have a talk with the parents; many schools don't offer APs to 10th graders. Many also take AP Chem which is very difficult. Might help when students get to junior year. Committing to one or more APs is a big commitment; this is a time when children also need a lot of sleep
  - A. Kind - this is a big jump
- **Athletics - Mr. Joe Haven / AC Council**
  - Great fall for athletics
  - Most fall teams had great success
  - Nice to see kids outside competing
  - Signup up for winter sports, which begin Monday - 366 kids signed up on Family ID; modified is starting after Thanksgiving except squash
  - Athletes will be playing in masks in the gym; each player gets 4 passes for family members; visiting team gets 2 passes for family
  - Student fans will also be limited - probably 20 - 30
  - Will have a check-in process
  - Expect social distancing to continue
  - Every school has their own policy
  - Basketball
    - 125 kids signed up for basketball - going to add a Freshman B basketball team
    - 56 boys and 37 girls signed up for modified - will have travel teams and house league
  - Awards banquet - senior parents can attend (last year none) - will have 2 sessions with 4 teams in each session (on You Tube)
  - Tomorrow - great celebration for 10 athletes signing at 3pm in the auditorium; faculty can attend. Will do a Youtube and put on the School website
- **9th Grade Chairs - Wendy Halley, Sarah Loader, Carolyn Matteson**
  - Working with students on the Andrus Christmas gift drive (not in person)
  - Working on a social event to replace the St. Vincent's dance

- Waiting for results of a raffle that took place last week - a month of chocolate chunkers cookies
- Are getting lots of questions from parents - might like a forum; working on scheduling
- **10th Grade Chairs - Janet Dessart, Carrie Donohue, Amy Krause**
  - Held a Halloween raffle; Visa Gift card and candy; 9th grader won
  - Have Holiday Gift Drive that benefits veterans
- **11th Grade Chairs - Courtney Crystal, Vanessa O'Friel, Laura Pettee**
  - Worked on a bake sale this past month - proceeds to a charity of their choice - most like Breast Cancer Awareness
- **12th Grade Chairs - Hilary Blumenreich, Ann Marie Denning, Ashley Gramins, Jenny Sullivan**

### Announcements:

- **Hospitality- Chiara O'Connor**
  - Joined forces with middle school & elementary school - 19th purchased grab and go lunches for Teacher Appreciation Day
- **BOLD - Lia Gravier, Niamh Hartnett**
  - Monthly BOLD Conversations @ 7 pm via Zoom
  - First meeting was fantastic - got an overview of support services that are available (this is recorded on the PTA site under BOLD).
  - Had first BOLD special class gathering
  - Nov 18 - next BOLD gathering - at Coals 6pm.
- **B\*Well - Jenn Redman, Jenn Hommeyer, Deirdre Doheny**
  - Working on bringing The Social Dilemma to the school
  - Working on an all school read on empathy and kindness
  - Working on a "Ask Me Anything" session
- **DEI - Lia Gravier, Rekha Waggoner**
  - Once/month open forums
  - Diwali celebration this month
- **BXV Foundation - Amy Krause**
  - Annual community drive has begun
  - Foundation Grants have been very important during the pandemic
  - Hope all will consider a donation and checking the matching gift box
  - Katie Welling virtual walk/run Nov 15 - 30. Please register
  - Foundation provided funding for recent outdoor productions (sound system)
- **Youth Council - Christine Tormey**
  - If interested in volunteer opportunities, contact David Russert (DRussert@bronxvilleschool.org), Google classroom code [di4brh](#)

### Please Remember:

- PTA Membership - Victoria Thiessen, Tempe Zucker
  - Please Join the PTA!
- Membership Toolkit - Victoria Thiessen
  - Please update your family information:
  - <https://bronxvilleptany.membershiptoolkit.com>
- BXV Foundation -
  - <https://www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org>

### Upcoming Dates:

11/12 - Last Day of Q1

11/14 - DEI Diwali Celebration 7 p.m.

11/15 - JV/Varsity Winter Sports Start Date

11/16 - Band Recital 7pm

11/18 -Orchestra Recital 7pm

11/22 - Modified Sports Start Date

11/24 - Early Release

11/25-11/26 - Happy Thanksgiving!

11/30 - Fall Sports Awards

12/1 - Fall Sports Awards Inclement Weather Date

12/4 - SAT Test

12/7 - Athletic Council Open Meeting 7:45 a.m.

12/8 - DEI Forum 7:30 p.m.

12/11 - ACT Test

12/14 - Band Concert 7pm

12/15 - Holiday Tea 3pm

12/16-12/18 - Bill Green Boys/Girls Holiday Basketball Tournament

12/16 - BOE Regular Meeting 7 p.m.

12/23 - Early Release

12/24-1/2 - Winter Recess

1/3 - Return to School