

MS Council Meeting 1.18.23

Meeting kicked off by MS Council Chair, Deirdre Doheny

Superintendent's Update, Dr. Rachel Kelly

- A somber update - Angel in the cafeteria passed away last week
- Re. Incident at New Rochelle with a student needing Narcan. A number of BXV staff has been trained; there is Narcan available in the school. Mar 1 - offering additional training for staff
- Second lockdown drill before the holiday went smoothly
- We are in budget season for 2023-24 school year. If interested, please join the first board budget workshop the last Saturday of January!
- Independent investigation in HS over a teacher - investigation on-going. Board determining if they need additional policies re social media boundaries
- Bronxville Foundation grant cycle is open
- Looking at 23-24 school calendar - trying to have 2 weeks off over December Winter break
- Feel free to reach out to Dr. Kelly at x1200

The Graham Windham Experience - Seventh Grade Service Learning update

Presented by Christopher Rivera, Elle Holbert, Mary McCarthy

- Mission: Create a culture of kindness
- 7th grade classes have supported the work of Graham Winham for the last 30 years
 - Bake sale - Raised \$210
 - Walk-a-thon
 - Collected 250 gifts for GW children

Principal's Updates, Mr. Mercora

- Added quarterly (or more frequent) class assemblies with Mr. Mercora
- Advisory check-ins
 - Celebrate students' accomplishments, not just academic (community service, community feedback)
- Emails from Mr. Mercora to get students in the habit of checking emails, owning their own learning
- Jenelle Burley Hoffman talk on Tech Health
 - Some recommendations
 - Set a tech curfew nightly - 10pm and wake up for 30 min phone free
 - 1x day go device- free
 - Set timers to work on device for 90 min and then set screen breaks
 - Tech challenges according to our students - overuse, distractions, physical/emotional symptoms
 - Brad Ashley sending resources to the BXV community
- Some upcoming dates:
 - Jan 20

- BOLD Coffee and Chat with, Ms Dowd, Asst Dir of Special Education & Mr Mercora at 8:30am
- Snowflake Ball, 8th Grader
- Jan 29
 - End of marking period
- Upcoming Events
 - 1/26 7th grade bowling
 - 1/27 6th grade ice skating
 - 1/30 8th grade bowling

BXV School Foundation, Katrina Nay

- Kicking off 2023 grant cycle
 - Student/parent/administrator/staff can apply for a grant.
 - Parents submit with student as a co-applicant
 - Mar 1 deadline submission
 - Please visit the website for more information, and feel free to reach out to VP of Grants, Jen Lescott or Chair, Helena McSherry
- Please submit applications/proposed candidates for the Foundation board
 - Contact Helena McSherry to propose candidates or get more information
- www.Bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org

6th Grade Chair Updates, Zahabia Branch

- 1/27 Ice Skating
- 2/10 Teen Center - theme is the Superbowl
- Fun Day - date TBD

7th Grade Chair Updates, Lisa McGovern Ryan

- Hot cocoa reward at the end of the GrahamWindham Service Learning project
- Holiday movie screening before break
 - Anonymous donor funded movie, popcorn and water
 - PTA provided candy, solicited raffle items
- 1/26 bowling - please sign up on FamilyID
- Final teen center this spring, date TBD

8th Grade Chair Updates, Michelle Antonini

- Dec community building event - kids brought in homemade treats, hot chocolate during advisory
- 1/30 bowling
- 1/20 Snowflake ball at the BFC
 - 7-9:30pm
 - Tickets still available on Membership Toolkit
 - A Request to parents - please have students leave phones at home to encourage in-person socialization/avoid mis-use of phones

Arts Council, Jenny Jacquette

- Planning spring solos
 - Mar 2 orchestra
 - Mar 7 band
 - Mar 9 chorus
- NYSSMA - Mar-June - please see your teacher if interested in participating
- Please support the ES Play this weekend - check the Arts Council page on the PTA website
- Come support the HS performance of Hello Dolly! 2/9-2/11
- Parents - please remind children about being respectful of classmates and the audience when supporting their classmates' performances

Athletics, Sara Kenny

- 2/20 Spring registration on FamilyID
- 3/20 first practices
- JV lacrosse tryouts - invitation only 3/13
 - There will be practice over spring break
- Tennis - no modified tennis; JV tryouts 3/13
- Baseball, girls/boys lacrosse, girls/boys cross country

BASC, Carolyn Mattson

- 1/23 kick off
- 10 classes running
- Questions? Email basc@bronxvillepta.org
- www.Bronxvilleafterschool.org

Character & Community, Amy Brown

- Put out an ask to the parent community and now has 14 members, each spearheading a project
 - Junior League sponsored volunteer reading every other Tuesday
- 62 students have participated over 113 volunteer hours
- Look at Mr. Mercora's email to see upcoming opportunities

Health & Safety, Caroline Dimitri

- Covid/flu/RSV levels ok
- Newly secured gates on playground during school hours
- Defibrillators available across school

DEI Committee - 2/8 Lunar New Year celebration

BOLD - Please RSVP to Coffee & Connect

Upcoming speaker - Ned Hallowell 3/1 7pm via Zoom