

Briarcliff School
PAC Meeting
4/3/19

Attendees

Principal: Mr. Carlson

6th Grade representative: Emily Kahn

7th grade representative: Barbara Catallo, Maria Hunter

8th grade representatives: Diane Bright, Tish Scarola

H&SA representatives: Amy Schadt, Erinn Tucker

Student Wellness Survey

- Student Wellness Survey was administered this month with 293 responses. Survey questions aimed at gauging attitudes toward school, homework, extracurriculars, peer relationships and school safety. Also assessed were students feelings about stress and coping skills as well as health choices like eating breakfast, sleep habits, and screen time/social media usage.
- Results were very positive overall with some areas for improvement regarding sleep and screen time/social media usage as well as time and stress management.
- School will continue to encourage organizational skills and better use of planners and Canvas to help students improve time and stress management.
- Mr. Carlson will continue to work with Mr. Stoloff to further interpret survey results and this information will be used by BC Wellness Committee for planning purposes.

PEP and 9th period review

- The current 9th period schedule will continue next year with a possible reduction in PEP activity time to add some passing time between classes. Chorus and band sessions will not be affected. Plans will be finalized before the end of the school year.

Pass it Along

- Pass it Along is a community service program, comparable to high school Key Club, whose mission is to “discover your purpose and passion” through community service. Mr. Carlsen will be working with the Pass it Along director to try to establish a program at Briarcliff. The goal is for Pass it Along to be here for 3 days in the fall to develop the program/training. Funding for the program TBD.

6th grade orientation

- Mr. Carlson looking to change the format of 6th grade orientation to more of an activities fair with various stations: clubs, meet the teachers, band and chorus, etc.

Comments/questions from parents:

- Vaping presentations to students and parents were very informative. An annual presentation would be useful.
- Morning announcements from students should focus on academic achievement as much as athletic highlights.
- Gifted & Talented program for next year - will current plan stay in place? There may be administrative structure changes but plan will stay in place.
- Dress code - has it been updated and is it still as focused on girls' clothing? Mr. Carlsen took input from students and teachers and revamped language. Ex: no shirts less than 2" wide at shoulders; no open back or stomach; no clothing to be worn that exposes undergarments.
- Pops cafe: what was the audition/selection process? There were 16 auditions and 12 performers were selected. Mr. Carlsen will get more information on the process.