

**Briarcliff PAC Meeting**  
**February 6, 2019**

Present: Principal: Mr. Carlson, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade representatives: Emily Kahn, Mara Marino, 7th grade representative: Maria Hunter, 8th grade representatives: Diane Bright, Tish Scarola, H&SA representatives: Cortney Hann, Amy Schadt, Erinn Tucker

**Academic Integrity:**

- Staff is working with students to help them understand the importance of academic integrity.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Time Capsules:**

- Briarcliff students prepare individual time capsules that are opened as part of the Baccalaureate progressive dinner prior to high school graduation.
- Many parents would like to see this activity returned to 6<sup>th</sup> grade rather than 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It better captures their innocence and aligns with RVS.
- Mr. Carlson will discuss with Briarcliff staff and see if we can return the tradition to 6<sup>th</sup> grade going forward.

**Wellness Committee Update:**

- The committee has met a few times and is in the process of developing a student survey with the hopes of using results to improve the school environment.
- Briarcliff is seeing an increase in students struggling with stress and anxiety.
- The committee is looking to move thoughtfully and deliberately rather than rush to push things out.

**School Security Updates:**

- BC has changed the traffic pattern at drop off and pick up, not allowing a left hand turn out of the circle. This has helped to improve the flow of traffic through the circle.
- BC has been consistently performing various security drills.
- It was recommended to have laminated drill instructions placed on the bathroom stalls. Mr. Carlson will look into implementing this.
- Alert systems, small wall mounted LED signs, are being installed in key concentrated areas – library, gym, cafeteria, bathrooms.
- Emergency training is consistent throughout all 3 schools in Mountain Lakes. The DOE is consistent throughout the state.
- Please use the front door for entering the building at all times.

**9<sup>th</sup> Period:**

- Staff is reviewing the use of 9<sup>th</sup> period and looking at how they can make that period most effective
- Many different scenarios are on the table.

**Vaping and Wellness Presentations:**

- BC & H&SA will be hosting two valuable programs next month
- Tuesday, 3/5, Timothy Shoemaker will be speaking to parents about vaping. Students will hear presentation geared towards them during the school day.
- Wednesday, 3/13, Kaitlyn Mulcahy will be speaking about how stress affects our brains and behavior. Students will attend a similar presentation during the school day.