

Middle School BAT Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2021

### **New Staff**

New HMS staff members were shared:

- Corey Edwards, 8th Grade Science (Nova Star)
- Christina Miller, 8th Grade ELA (Nova Star)
- Mike McGuiness, 7th Grade Counselor
- Amanda Bell, 6th Grade Science (Hurricanes)
- Seth Keller, Middle School Band
- Officer Becky Kessler, School Resource Officer (Replacing Mary Kepple)

### **Staffing Changes**

Staffing changes at the HMS include:

- Evan Beatty, 7th Grade Science (Olympus)
- Dawn Templeton, 7th Grade Science (Jupiter)
- John Zitko, Media Specialist (Library will be the Media Center)
- Sherry Nesbitt, On Leave 1st Marking Period
- Jen Marron, Speech Therapist
- Jen Ettinger, Art

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations were offered to:

- Dr. Aaron Shuman, Asst. to the Sup. for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
- Dr. Jackie Fuentes-Gillespie, successfully defended her dissertation

### **New Assistant Principal**

Shauntae Iachini, the new middle school assistant principal was announced:

- Shauntae has spent the past eight years as an Assistant Principal at CD East High School and Swatara Middle School. Her areas of focus have been heavily centered around SEL related initiatives, PBIS, restorative practices and creating an equitable learning environment for all students. Prior to becoming an administrator, Shauntae was a school counselor in Central Dauphin School District and a juvenile probations officer for Dauphin County. Shauntae's first day is expected to be Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **District Priorities**

The three district priorities in the new comprehensive plan include:

- Social Emotional Learning
- Equity
- Professional Learning Communities

None of this is new!

### **Commitment to Students & Morning Meeting**

- 2 Hr Delay Schedule for Re-orientation (First Eight Days of School)
- Morning Meeting Extended Homeroom All Year

### **Covid & Ongoing Challenges**

- Doing Everything to Keep School Open
- Volume of Students on Quarantine is very high
- Zoom TV
- Cafeteria Changes

### **Returning Events**

The following events will return to the middle school this year:

- 8th Grade DCTS Tour Back
- Bringing Turkey Trot Back
- 8th Grade Gettysburg Trip Back
- 6th Grade Kenbrook Trip Back

### **Questions**

- There were several questions related to the new lunch spacing plan. Parents wanted to know when it will end. We will do it until it is determined the social lunch no longer poses a close contact risk to students.