

Hershey High School
Parent/Guardian Advisory Meeting
Minutes
10/17/19
6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
HHS Library Conference Room

- I. Welcome and Introductions

- II. Principal Update – J. Smith – Day 35, only 2 more weeks to go in the first quarter. Great Homecoming Spirit week, lots of students and staff getting involved. Dance was one of the biggest in recent years. Intentional activities to enhance community, last week RAK hosted a lemonade stand (when life gives you lemons make lemonade), last Friday was the Be Kind football game, Tuesday, October 22 hosting a student forum over lunches, Talks with Teachers.
Over the past couple years, there has been a dramatic increase in student vaping throughout the country. Unfortunately, Hershey High School is not immune to this activity. Mr. Robert Standland, a prevention specialist from Dauphin County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services, to HHS on Nov 4, 6, 7 and 11 to address the dangers associated with vaping. Rob will be delivering his message to small groups of students during PE classes. Letter to families week of Oct 28.

- III. Blended learning – L. Wade – Blended learning overview, third year of program, seems to be highly successful, reports from both teachers and students. Experiences are focused on 4C's (creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication) designed to prepare students for experiences in the real world after high school. Professional learning/development has been extraordinary, experiences for students continue to evolve.

- IV. Link Crew Program– B. Clouser – National program = Boomerang Project, mentor program for 9th grade students, building relationships, personal connections, transition to high school. Social interactions and activities intentionally designed to enhance attachment to the high school community. 80 upperclassmen are trained as Link Leaders, act as mentors to the 9th graders. Funded by the Trojan Foundation.

- V. Community Service – B. Clouser – Multiple ways to earn credit for community service. The full credit course requires students to create an action plan which will address a community need. Provides first hand real-world experiences, some students use a period in their day while others use time after school and evenings to accumulate the required hours.

- VI. Questions, Comments, Concerns / Ideas for upcoming meetings

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