



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Oct 23, 2023 - Regular School Board Meeting
Category	3. Administrative Reports
Subject	3.5 MS/HS Principal Report
Type	Reports

Student Success:

BHS Septentrion has been re-established with Liz Woodworth's journalism class. September's trial issue is attached. Students and staff were excited to receive copies.

Student absences are being tracked more closely, both in main office as well as the original Every Teacher a Leader (ETaL) group that focuses on our district's K-12 attendance. Nine high school truancy letters have been sent home, with scheduled face-to-face meetings to work together to remove barriers and find solutions. Ten middle school meetings have been set-up. Sixth grade students were the grade that had the best MS/HS attendance for September. A reward afternoon is being planned.

Student & Staff Health and Wellbeing:

The entire month has had multiple situations proving SEL and Mental Health are still at the forefront post-pandemic. Each situation is handled differently and as needed to support each student. Multiple agencies have partnerships with our district and work with us to do follow-ups with students and families.

Instances of reported cyber-bullying are increasing, however so far every instance has been out of school. No phone policy contributes to much of the decrease of in-school cyber-bullying.

Internally, our district is continuing to use Gaggle. Gaggle gives alerts to counselor, principal, and district administrator when an online document flags specific student behavior/words. There was only one alert in the month of September.

Vaping detectors had been installed this summer. An anti-vaping team has been established. Incidents of vaping have significantly declined from week two of school. September ended with a total of one hundred sixteen instances that the air quality in a restroom was compromised due to vaping suspicion. Currently, October has twenty-five instances; numbers being down by 78%.

Community Collaborations and Partnerships:

MS/HS students were given several opportunities for presentations/guest speakers. Big Top held a cost-free presenter at the hill that was well received. Boys & Girls Club brought in Fabian Ramirez for a September 26 presentation, with a few more planned over the next few months.

Efficient Use of Resources:

Smart Pass is in its pilot year. Almost all teachers are using it diligently with the students. There are 214 MS/HS students enrolled in the program. Forty-five staff members have accounts. The top five places for a pass request is 1. bathroom 2. locker 3. water fountain 4. nurse 5. Kinney. The average pass time is 7.8 minutes.

Teachers have been extremely flexible in the sub shortage to help with internal coverage. Linda Weber and I are very thankful for their willingness to fill in.

Chi miigwech.

Submitted respectfully by Shellie Swanson, 6-12 Principal



[September Newsletter \(proofed\).pdf \(1,066 KB\)](#)

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

