
BMS SIC Meeting

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 1:15 PM

Attendees

Leah Sarantopoulos, Principal

Todd Morgan

Margaret Asare

Sean Lafaye

Amber Conger

Sarah Jorgenson

Hope Derrick

Danielle Snipes

Welcome and update

Mrs. Sarantopoulos updated the group on this week's iReady testing. Students voted to receive an extra pajama day next week if they meet a certain goal in testing.

Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from the November 2023 meeting were approved; motion made by Amber Conger, second by Todd Morgan.

Review existing SIC goals

- Goal #1: Increase student safety
 - Cyberbullying continues. Danielle Snipes, Counseling Director, spoke to the group about what has been done already. Provided virtual and in-person lessons with students, provided parent sessions. Online portal available to parents through the Counseling page. Received Common Sense Media designation. Always discussed through the Counseling services to students, either individually or in classroom lessons.
 - Artificial intelligence (AI) is starting to be used in the classroom. Disciplinary referrals have been coming in regarding students copying and pasting information from AI use. District disciplinary protocols have been updated; addressing it similarly to using a calculator. How can we harness the power

of it for students? Need to embrace it as a tool (like a calculator), instead of trying to control it.

- Mrs. Sarantopoulos and Mrs. Snipes will draft a preliminary plan about addressing parents and the community on AI use. Could also be shared with students through a setup like Bengal Beginnings.
- Goal #2: Fostering positive school culture
 - Mrs. Sarantopoulos shared the Lexington One Profile of a Graduate. Dr. Postlewait trying to streamline the language used across the district on what we agree is necessary for students to be successful in post-secondary opportunities. Will be using this language consistently across the district.
 - In recognizing an 8th grade student, Mrs. Sarantopoulos recommends we use these character traits instead of IB traits as used previously. Council agreed.

Additional issues, concerns, or goals

- Ms. Conger shared about a presentation at the library recently from SC DAODAS re: parent conversation starters, especially regarding drug use/fentanyl. Wanted to see if the school is sharing anything like this.
 - Ms. Snipes said we have had previous sessions but were not well attended. Conversations regarding drug use are shared through LOCC Club.
 - Mrs. Sarantopoulos and Mrs. Snipes will look into hosting DAODAS for a parent session. Need to brainstorm ideas for how to increase attendance.
- Opportunity to increase conversation during pickup line waiting period. How to share information to a captive audience? QR codes, handouts, sign boards, etc.
 - Ms. Asare recommends focusing on 8th grade car line if discussing drug use.

Identify action steps to complete by next meeting

- Plan for sharing information on AI use.
- Rewording 8th grade award with new Lexington One Profile of a Graduate language.
- Plan parent session with DAODAS, and increase parent attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Next meeting: February 6, 2024, at 1:15 PM