

BSNBCS Academic/ Family Life Committee Call
November 9, 2020

Board members- Leticia Greene, Kevin Nesbitt,
Cecelia M. Russo Chair

HSMT Nicholas Tishuk, EXD, Patience Brown, principal.
Elisabeth Young, Family & Community Engagement

Agenda-

1. Update on Staffing: all on board with philosophy, academics of school
Patience commented that though daily instruction is doing well she feels that she is the principal of 2 schools-an onsite school, a remote instruction school.
She and staff are handling the balancing and all students are progressing
2. all communication to students/parents is sent in English and Spanish. Elisabeth is communicating by phone to parents with concerns; teachers also make calls to student's homes. Portals like Class JO-JO have been presented to the parents and Elisabeth is readily available to assist.
Communication is relevant to student's grade level; academic needs, family concerns, Social & Emotional concerns; health concerns; prep for high school for 8th graders, prep for NYS tests for 3 to 8 grades, other areas of concern of students, parents, staff. There is constant communication with our special needs population to keep them updated as to their IEP requirements. We will continue to keep this population in our committee discussions and advise the Board of results, concerns.
3. SMT is confident that all students are technologically equipped/ prepared to learn either remotely or in-person. This is true of our special needs population as well.
Since survey, many have opted from remote instruction to in-person. Those who didn't respond to survey were called. We do not have hybrid instruction
4. First quarter ends November 20th -staff prepared for changes of students as to learning method;
Second Quarter begins Nov 30th to Feb 16th;
5. Family Engagement update- encouraging parents to be involved. Virtual methods are discussed by staff and some have been implemented/ Google Meets. Elisabeth with support of Patience, Nick and rest of staff will keep the Board updated. All Board members are encouraged to view the school website, also Board on Track. Though the school welcomes any Board member in this time of pandemic it is feasible to contact the school first
6. Nick advise us that the school is constantly being cleaned and doing the best to provide a safe environment for all.

Committee is open for any concerns/ suggestions from any Board member/ staff/ parent.
Tentative next call Dec 3, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Cecelia M. Russo, chair
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