

**Batavia Interschool Council Meeting
September 12, 2009**

Highlights

- Elementary schools purchased projectors with last year's funds.
- New curriculum available:
<http://www.bps101.net/curriculum/curriculum-overview/new-curriculum-adoptions-and-revisions>
- Proposed budget available:
<http://www.bps101.net/files/FY%202009%20Budget.pdf>
- Delnor Hospital provides free speakers on topics related to health and wellness.
- All District schools will be transitioned to finger scan system for food purchases by mid November.

Action Items

- Encourage constituents to review new curriculum and provide online feedback. Critical to communicate with Board members prior to adoption at end of October.
- Enter school events on District calendar as well as school calendars to avoid conflicts.
- If you know of an organization that will benefit from a service project, contact AGS.
- Please send the names and emails of positions on your boards and PACs if you have not done so.

Important Dates

- Current[Music Buffs Entertainment Book Sale](#) to benefit BHS
- CurrentRobotics teams forming
- Current and Ongoing.....RMS magazine drive
- September 14 – 16HWS begin electronic lunch pay
- September 179/24 Backpack Mail submission deadline
- September 23HCS Walkathon
- September 26LWS Walkathon
- October 1.....10/8 Backpack Mail submission deadline
- October 1 – 15.....HCS Gift Wrap Sale
- [October 5 – 15.....Music Buffs Coffee Sale](#) to benefit RMS
- October 7.....Athletic Booster Club meeting
- October 15.....10/22 Backpack Mail submission deadline
- October 16.....GMS Walkathon/rain date
- October 18.....BHS Community Walkthrough
- October 29.....11/5 Backpack Mail submission deadline
- November 4.....Athletic Booster Club meeting
- November 12.....11/19 Backpack Mail submission deadline
- [November 13-14Coffee Pickup at RMS](#)
- November 14.....BIC Meeting hosted by LWS**
- December 5HCS Vendor Fair

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Approval of minutes from the April 27, 2009 Meeting

Jill Shuger makes motion to accept.
Monica Acquaviva seconds the motion.
4/27/09 meeting minutes approved.

Special Presentation: DVD overview of BPS101, Dr. Jack Barshinger

Presentation Jack shows to teachers at beginning of year
Staff pictures set to music helps all who view it recognize that our actions impact the district as a whole.
It includes pre-school through graduation and a variety of activities so teachers can see other schools and events in which they may not be directly involved.

Organization Reports

AGS

Purchased 10 projectors.
Planning a meeting for all elementary PTOs to meet and share ideas.
Every grade level working on service activity. Organizations welcome.

BHS

Dr Hichens promoted from Assistant Principal to Principal.
Open House was 9/9. Hallways wide open. Everyone excited about getting in.
Professional Learning Communities
Thursday mornings teachers and staff meeting in small groups to work on continuous improvement plans. Multiple supervised options for students. Trying to put more information out so community knows what's going on. Look on website.

GMS

First walkathon this year Oct 16; rain date Oct 19.
Not doing gift wrap sale. Intent to be family oriented

HCS

New parking lot and circle drive.

HWS

Purchased 7 projectors
Fundraisers: Gift wrap sale before Christmas.
Vendor fair in December
Clothing sale beginning of February
Trying to improve communication. Sending mail through BPS messenger system instead of their own mailing list.

JBN

Purchased 7 projectors. Now up to 10

LWS

9/26 Walkathon
Cyndy Gette, new PTO President
Unfundraiser: \$30 donation. Charitable donation so tax write-off

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LWS continued

New PTO website linked to school website
Half-way done circle drive. Way better than last year!
Playground complete and ready for play Tuesday September 15

RMS

One and only fundraiser: 17th year of Magazine Drive: QSP service for over 10 magazine companies. Can renew subscription; doesn't have to be a new one. Available to order anytime during the year by going to QSP.com and type in Rotolo Middle School.
Goal is to reach \$100,000 in gross sales. If successful, Mr. Macejewski and Mr. Anderson will dress up in a chicken costume since if the kids bring in 6 subscriptions, they get a chicken

Athletic Booster Club

Represents both BHS and RMS. Raise money through concessions, merchandise, membership dues. Corn boil as part of BHS sports open house.
Dinner Dance last spring raised close to \$40,000. This year's dinner dance 4/16 at Gaslight Manor. Expect 500 in attendance.
Presented check to district for \$66,000 for uniforms. Donated over \$50,000 towards equipment
Will work closely with BOE to determine best place to utilize funds going forward.
See website for more information: bataviabulldogboosters.org
Meetings first Wed each month at high school

CANDO

Robotics starting off for the year. Open to everyone grades 5 – 12. Work on computer programming, team building, robots at appropriate level. Scholarships available. For more information, contact rkarabowicz@bataviarobotics.com

Music Buffs

Dependent upon fundraisers and membership dues to meet director requests and other things that come up across various music groups during the year.
Funds from each fundraiser will go to respective schools. Currently, BHS will receive 50% of sales from Entertainment Books, \$20 each, featuring local businesses.
Oct 5 – 15, elementary schools will be taking orders and payment for Papa Nicholas Coffee. Pick up at RMS Nov 13-14. Very successful last year. Money will go to instruments and uniforms.

Presentations:

Wellness grant, Shannon McCall, School Service and Outreach

Part of hospital mission is to be resource to community. Staff goes into schools, scout groups. Can arrange to have speakers come in about various topics, popular currently is germ inhibition. Programs are free. Call if you recognize need. Lots of opportunities for service projects – get well cards, etc.
Fit for Kane: coalition for community members to help Kane County embrace lifelong health and wellness with focus on Active living; Healthy Eating in four areas: Schools, day care, before/after school care & youth services; neighborhoods & built environments; work places; community gardens. Planning Grant provided by private group of funders to assess what's currently taking place. Have created goals which will result in recommendations for opportunities to enhance or reshape. Starting with youth because easiest to influence. Have seen success through gentle scripting such as messages home regarding school snacks and posting alternatives to idling in circle drop offs inside car windows.

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Food Service Point of Sale, Leah Swanquist

“Parents online:” Move from tickets to electronic system. Parents sign on and add to accounts. Students pay by finger scan. Began first day of school this year and now stabilized. Hoover Wood will begin enrollment Mon and Tues and be online Wed. Hope to have all elementary schools done by first week of November. High School will form implementation team due to large student population and complete mid- November.

Construction Update, Kris Monn

AGS: new boiler installed. Constructing baseball field with Batavia youth baseball. Ready for next spring if not sooner.

HCS: Storm water management.

Pavement projects

- LWS: Challenge to find date to finish. Maybe Columbus Day.
- RMS: Needed to replace binder foundation, which took funds from JBN.
- RMS: gymnasium plus added vestibule and parking so can have access without disturbing rest of building.

BHS: Phase 1 almost complete

Kids in D-wing along Wilson, N side of building. Graphics and labs. Remodeling of early childhood rooms and staff workroom completely done which will facilitate learning communities. Mobile classrooms gone!

New kitchen and serving area, great positive feedback. Value Meal: As part of National School Lunch Program gets Federal reimbursement. Includes fruit or vegetable. Kids love it.

Community walkthrough 10/18, 1-3pm.

BHS: Phase 2: current focus

New PE center on west side of bldg along with Performing Arts center

Music rooms ready for possession approx. Jan 15. Once have “possession,” need to install equipment, which could take another couple months.

Getting the Message Out

- Messenger for district news and PTO only
- Other means is through backpack mail for partner organizations
- School principals may send information to parents via email
- If want reminder to go everywhere, go through Jack to send out
- When planning things at one age level, also look at RMS and BHS events in consideration of parents with children at two or three schools.
- Post things on calendar as soon as possible so others can plan around your event.

BPS Messenger widely used. Now over 3000 subscribers, up from around 1000 last year. Being used by community in general.

Backpack Mail submission guidelines and dates are provided as an addendum to September 12 BIC meeting minutes.

84% of students reflect family emails. Still hoping to increase that number. Next semester, report cards will be distributed online

The District is also using Twitter with intent of reaching people on their mobile phones. Available to students as well as parents.

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School Board Update – Jack Hinterlong

Adopt a Board Member. They need your feedback. Please communicate to your parents.

Ron Link ----- ALICE GUSTAFSON
Kristin Behmer ----- BATAVIA HIGH SCHOOL and GRACE MCWAYNE
Joe Purpura----- HC STORM
Jack Hinterlong----- HOOVER WOOD
Matt Winkle----- JB NELSON
Jayne Resek----- LOUISE WHITE
Kathy Roberts ----- ROTOLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

- New student ambassador Payton McHenry will develop a process for reporting to the Board what's going on at the high school from a student's perspective.
- As Partner In Education, request for someone from Interschool Council to attend monthly Board meetings to share.
- Working with Energy Education which provides free service to cut back on utility expenses.

Curriculum available on line

Please review and provide feedback, both positive and constructive. There's a month window before adoption at end of October. Feedback will be accessible to administrators.

Budget

On display for you to take a look. Special Bd Mtg scheduled for Monday, 9/14 totally devoted to budget. Last Spring, established balanced budget by reducing funding in many areas. Last board meeting, schools commented on how budget cuts impacted them. Now, philosophically, need to determine in what direction to guide the administration in various areas regarding spending and whether we should run on a deficit, taking into consideration that there will be additional cuts next year.

Building into Board policy a monitoring system for instructional programs. What's working, benefits, cost, processes to gather data to determine effectiveness (see Educational Program Review Process below)

District Update – Dr. Jack Barshinger

- BHS exciting beginning
- PLC – kids and parents are adapting well
- Transportation - Will continue to work with vendor to get routes early.
- October 9 quick online: customer satisfaction survey for parents, teaching staff, support staff and students.

Program review process

Way to look at goals, activities and effectiveness of all programs in district annually. Involve teachers and staff; provide information to Board. Then develop priority system, which would differ according to 0%, 10% decrease and 25% decrease in spending.

Begin work in Fall, reports due in December. Then Board will revisit strategic plan.

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Addendum
BACKPACKMAIL

Listed below is the updated 2009-2010 and August/September 2010-2011 Deadline Date for Approval and Distribution Date Schedule for backpackmail. This is a Thursday-to-Thursday schedule for deadline and distribution. **Flyer requests must be emailed in a one page pdf format, which must not exceed 500kb in size to backpackmail@bps101.net by the deadline date for approval or will not be distributed.**

--In the subject line of your submittal email please include:

Name of the flyer, school, and distribution date

Ex: John Doe's Flyer, K-8, August 27, 2009

Ex: Jane Doe's Flyer, LWS, August 27, 2009

This format will help us insure that your flyer goes out on the distribution date that you request.

If you have any questions, please call Joan at 630-937-8800. Thank you.

2009-2010 School Year	
Deadline Date for Approval	Distribution Date
August 20	August 27
September 3	September 10
September 17	September 24
October 1	October 8
October 15	October 22
October 29	November 5
November 12	November 19
November 19*	December 3
December 10	December 17
December 17*	January 7
January 14	January 21
January 28	February 4
February 11	February 18
February 25	March 4
March 11	March 18
March 25	April 8
April 15	April 22
April 29	May 6
May 13	May 20
May 27	June 3

*Date varies due to school holidays

2010-2011 School Year	
Deadline Date for Approval	Distribution Date
August 19	August 26
September 2	September 9
September 16	September 23