

PAC Meeting 9/26/2019

Introduction of community partners

New dining service Aramark

Lindsay Burke, Food Service Director/Registered Dietitian encourages to contact her with questions and suggestions (burke-lindsay@aramark.com, 610-861-8135, ext 42711)

App “Nutriclice” available in Apple/Google store

Aramark will continue to offer catering for in-school events, info on BASD website

<https://www.beth.k12.pa.us/Departments/DiningServices/>

BASD Minithon

Help conquer childhood cancer by supporting and/or sponsoring Minithon-events

Find events on social media: “BASD_Minithon” on FB, Twitter, Instagram

Upcoming event: Harvest Fest with haunted House @ Freedom HS, Sat 10/12 5-9 pm, \$7

→ Share info on SG PTO page?!

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Fights blood cancer with penniesforpatients.org, a science-based service-learning program that connects schools with local blood cancer patients and provides participating schools with STEM-curriculum, works with Lighthouse students. Last year 6 participating BASD-Schools raised \$13,000 with spare change (SG and NEMS not participating)

Update on BASD Empower initiative

(BASD Empower is the name for Bethlehem Area School District's 1:1 Take Home Technology initiative where by September 2020, all BASD secondary students will have their own district-provided computing device. More info: www.beth.k12.pa.us/Empower/)

Goals:

- Stresses *the way* students learn (as oppose to focusing on content): Encourage critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, citizenship
- Technology enables blended learning: direct instruction, collaborate learning, independent practice
- Importance of creating digital content as oppose to mere consuming
- Increasing support of digital literacy as part of curriculum: digital footprint, cyber bullying, news and media literacy
- Facilitate teachers' development. Learning that is expected from children applies to teachers as well! In-service-days more competence based, personalized, require the submission of evidence of learning (e.g. teachers need to prove they can use Schoology), coaches attend classrooms.
- Provide guidance for parents with material and workshops. Two good sources for parents: www.commonsemmedia.org
beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com
- Take-home-technology:
First step: Purchase of chromebooks (Lenovo 500e) for 1 Mill. Dollars. Grades 8,9,10 took chromebooks home this year; grades 6,7,11,12 will follow 9/2020
Next: Establish greater home access to close “homework gap”, BASD wants to enable home connectivity to all , district is looking into options (portable hotspots etc.)