November SIT Team Meeting Minutes

A. Review school progress operating under the "new normal".

- 1. Masks continue to be worn in all classrooms and passing times.
- 2. Masks have not been a major disruption to the learning environment at this point.
- 3. Cleaning supplies are replenished in classrooms each night.
- 4. Desks, floors and commonly used areas are sanitized each night.
- 5. Deep cleaning of all classrooms on P.D. days.
- 6. Lunch will continue to be eaten in the classroom based on state guidance.
- 7. Stable pods continue to be the reason we have not and hopefully will not face a shutdown.
- 8. New state playbook to be distributed to school districts soon.
- 9. The rotation of the daily schedule has started for the 2nd quarter. Mr. Palazzo will send out a monthly schedule with the rotation.

B. Review of teacher work on state professional development days.

- 1. N.E. Base Camp learning modules
- 2. R.I. Intensive Math Institute provides in service training for all math teachers.
- 3. Achieve 300 & Ixl provide training to social studies, ela and science teachers.
- 4. Team time to work on long range interdisciplinary units.
- 5. Content level meetings to work on long range priority standards.
- C. Distance/Virtual strengths and needs.

C.Academic Progress for the 1st Quarter

- 1. First guarter ended on 11/13/20.
- 2. Report cards will be available on 11/20/20.
- 3. Report cards will not be sent home in hard copy form.
- 4. Failure notices will be mailed home to ensure communication from school.
- 5. Students of the month will be recognized starting for 2nd quarter.

D. P.B.I.S.- events to take place to engage students in the school community.

- 1. Nancy Riccardi- Spirit Wear/Calendar Fundraiser
- 2. Student Spirit week for both virtual and in person learners.
- 3. Football fridays- a chance to show school spirit and unity.
- 4. School Store- cart to be pushed around during lunch times.
- 5. Bobcat Bracelets- to be given out by staff recognizing a good deed or effort.
- 6. Spirit Wear Fridays- BMS bobcat attire sold and worn on Fridays.
- 7. Holiday Hot Chocolate and cookies as a part of P.B.I.S.

E. Feinstein Thanksgiving food drive- final push

- 1. Feinstein will not be sponsoring a food drive.
- 2. Items donated will be used to create Thanksgiving baskets for needy Birchwood families.
- 3. Birchwood staff is donating the turkeys for the baskets.
- 4. We are still holding a school wide challenge to create a buzz, competition and school spirit.
- 5. Excess items will be donated to Stephen Olney foodbank.

F. Adopt a family for Christmas holiday.

- 1. Birchwood staff will adopt families in need for the holiday season.
- 2. Baskets will be made and distributed with gifts for the holiday season.

G. Family Engagement strategies.

- 1. Weekly family update sent from the principal.
- 2. Teams will send a weekly update on the happenings in the classrooms geared towards instruction and assessments.
- 3. P.T.O. will be restarted once the pandemic restrictions are lifted.
- 4. Principals will visit feeder schools in the spring of incoming 5th graders.
- 5. Middle School parents night will be held in person or virtually if required in the Spring of 2021.

H. School operating budget for 2021-2022 school year.

- 1. Review of expenditures and allocation of funds.
- 2. Review budget to be submitted to the finance department for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

I. For the good of the order.