

## FTU January 17, 2020 Minutes

Moderated by Mr. Bond

Faculty and Staff in attendance:

Dr.Oray, Mrs. Townes

### New Business

#### 1. Bard Family Night Out

- Planning for an event to take place in March. (There is interest in having something scheduled for the end of February)
- Send your ideas to Mr. Bond at [mbond@bhsec.bard.edu](mailto:mbond@bhsec.bard.edu)
- Tyrone Barnwell a representative from TDP ("an education advocacy organization working on education policy in Baltimore City." Oray and Townes are fellows) indicated that TDP can provide resources for events specific to parent engagement.
- A suggestion to send out a survey to gage family interest
- begin an inquiry to have evening programs for our students

#### 2. Correspondence for Additional Family Support

- A suggestion to and follow up has begun to reach out to the retired family members of Bard students as a volunteer resource

#### 3. January Town Hall Meeting

- Will be rescheduled due to Snow Day

#### 4. Bard Branding

- We are working with an outside agency who has volunteered to assist Bard with branding. The first round draft has been reviewed by admin and shared with families in attendance at tonight's meeting. For more information regarding and any suggestions, please email Mr. Bond [mbond@bhsec.bard.edu](mailto:mbond@bhsec.bard.edu)

#### 5. Black History Month

- Dr. Oray is heading event programing at Bard for the National Black Lives Matter Week that will take place the first week of February. Stay tuned for more information.
- Dr. Oray will be hosting an event on <sup>^</sup>*February 15th* at the Central Branch of Enoch Pratt Library on February 15th to introduce a wonderful opportunity for families, students, and community engagement related to the revitalization of the iconic literary magazine the Chicory. "*Buried deep in the **Enoch Pratt Free Library**'s archives, the literary magazine Chicory has been mostly forgotten. But the artwork, poetry and prose that fill the discontinued publication's pages address topics that still resonate: love, poverty, black pride, racial discrimination.*"By BRITTANY BRITTO, The Baltimore Sun March 10, 2017. Space will be limited. Contact Dr. Oray with your interest [poray@bhsec.bard.edu](mailto:poray@bhsec.bard.edu)

^Rescheduled to March 14th

## 6. Update School Climate

- Our Passport program is proving successful. Students are in the classrooms learning and hallway traffic has been reduced drastically.
- Bard has hired three new staff members as Student Liaisons to assist with our Passport program.
- How is the Passport system used during the lunch hour?: Students still have the freedom to choose where they spend their lunch period. The only change is instead of showing up to a teachers' room, students must now contact the teacher in advance to have lunch in their room. Students who opt out of eating in the cafeteria or a teachers room may obtain a pass to eat in one of two additional 'lunch rooms' that has been provided for the students.
- There was a suggestion to use the Y1 and Y2's study period as a time for them to earn community service hours
- Mr. Bond is currently hashing out details to have a 'Read With Me' program with (Community Elementary School) and our Y1 and Y2 students.

Questions arose regarding our social media presence

- create / organize a group to assist with daily posts to increase Bards presence in the community.
- Suggest a weekly spotlight on students, classes, instructors, the school
- Engage a school pictorian to gather photos of all events and programming at the school. On and off campus. There is currently a student volunteer photographing the sporting events

The Intersection, a non profit organization that works with our students "provides high school juniors and seniors with high quality after school and summer programming that incorporates fundamental components of community organizing, provides opportunities for youth-led civic action and leads intensive college readiness curriculum, which result in students who are prepared to become community leaders and succeed in college and beyond." will be taking our students to the Youth Rally For Education in Annapolis on January 27th at 5pm. Transportation and food will be provided. For more information contact

[communications@baltimoreintersection.org](mailto:communications@baltimoreintersection.org)      [organization@baltimorealgebraproject.org](mailto:organization@baltimorealgebraproject.org)

Looking ahead:

- Update on chronic absenteeism
- Forming Sub-Committees and Officers
- Update regarding retired community volunteers
- Bard Family Night Out