

**BMS/BHS Monthly Board Report**  
**April 2023**  
**Tiffany Hicks**

**THANK YOU, BOE MEMBERS!**

- As always, thank you for your continued support in all of our endeavors!
  - My board report looks a little different this month; I wanted to highlight certain individuals and the work they are doing each day!

**INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES REPORT (Ms. Winkler / Mr. Skaggs)**

- Internal Labs occurred March 20, 22, 23, and 24. Matt Elrod, Keith Graham, Katie Shroyer, and Carolyn Whitling hosted teachers within our building to generate discourse around the workshop model and thinking strategies. All participants walked away with great insights and hopefully a renewed sense of collective efficacy.
- Morgan Nilhas, our partner with Scholastic, made her final trip to middle and high school. Based on the parameters of the KyCL Grant, we have seven teachers currently working with her on implementing writing in the classroom. They submitted a lesson plan and she attended their classes, alongside our instructional coach Nic Skaggs, to observe them in action. The following day, they were all able to sit down for a debrief. Morgan will be back with us starting August 2 and 3. At that time, we will add five more members as cohort 2.
- We have continued work with our essential standards during PLCs. We have begun writing more purposeful learning targets for our current standards. Our learning targets incorporate a thinking strategy with the content skill.
- In early April the ACT scores arrived. **Preliminary data analysis shows that the junior class increased their math average from 15.43 in 2022 to 16.7 in 2023. 66% of the juniors showed growth from last year on the math portion of the ACT!**

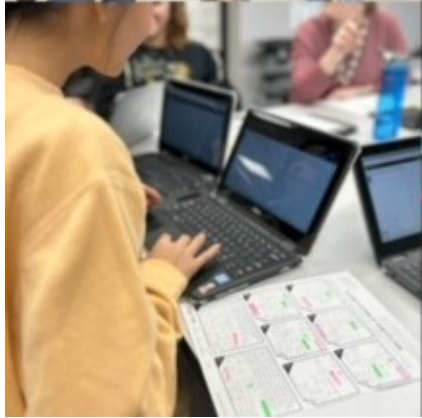
**GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REPORT (Mrs. McDougall)**

- During the end of March, I proctored the EOP (End of Program) exams. I tested 40 students. We just received scores back today. 11 out of 40 students passed the Accounting exam and 12 out of 40 students passed the Administrative Support exam.
- Mr. Pelgen and I met to solidify the students who will be taking Dual Credit classes and Vocational School classes. There are 13 students who will be attending the vocational school and 57 students will be attending Gateway. I am continuing to meet with Mrs. Brun about the status of the virtual and hybrid students. We meet bi-weekly to check and statuses and contact parents if the student is behind.
- I also scheduled Keith Ritchie from KHEAA to come in to speak to the 9<sup>th</sup> graders on April 17. He will discuss what KEES money is and how students can earn more money.

He is also coming this Friday, April 21 to meet with the 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Each 10<sup>th</sup> grader will create an account in KHEAA and be able to see how much KEES money they have earned at this time.

#### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT (Ms. Young)**

- Behavior
  - We have been working hard to address the concerns surrounding our student use of VAPE pens. As we compare this year and last, we have seen a significant increase in the numbers of behavior referrals in the area of possession and use of nicotine and THC. We have implemented systems in which we are able to quickly respond to use in the building. Danielle Carr has also been researching a cessation program that will allow us to provide further support to our students. We are hoping that our heavy focus on this area will bring a decrease in the near future. Mrs. Carr has also arranged for the Northern Kentucky Health Department to provide a parent information session on Wednesday at Family-Teacher Conferences. We're also working closely with our mental health specialists because many of the students using these substances need additional support.
- Attendance
  - Our Attendance Committee continues to meet each Tuesday in order to discuss concerns in regards to our individual student attendance. The team includes Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Rechtin, Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Erika Huff. We discuss possible barriers to student attendance and resources and support available to address these concerns. We are also discussing possible changes in our system and ways to improve next year.



## **DATES OF IMPORTANCE:**

- April 16-20: T. Hicks @ LRP Conference – Out of District
- April 19: Spring Fling – Family Teacher Conferences
- April 25: Progress Report Grades Due
- April 26: BOE Meeting in Library
- April 28: ERD Schedule – YouScience Day #3
- May 3: Book Giveaway during ELA Classes
- May 5: KSA Testing
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- May 5: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Staff Potluck
- May 8: Big Smiles Visit #2
- May 16: No School – Election Day
- May 18: Underclassmen (6-11) Awards Night & 8th Grade Ceremony
- May 19: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Kings Island
- May 22: Senior Parade & Honors Night
- May 25: Last Day with Students
- May 25: Senior Trip to Kings Island
- May 26: Closing Day & Graduation