

Family & Community Engagement Committee
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Committee Co-chairs: Mariah White and Drew Althoff

Committee Members: Megan Baker-Hunger, Sandy Borkowski, Trisha Bozadjieva (Bluffview Parent), Chris Dubis, Cindy Smith, Tina Smith (Bluffview Parent), Jeff Van Fossen (Bluffview Parent)

Vision Statement

To foster strong and sustained connections with families and community partners to best serve BMS students.

Mission

Bluffview Montessori School empowers self-directed learning through a materials-based Montessori curriculum that encourages independence and natural curiosity. Bluffview cultivates learners' deep respect for self, community, and a peaceful environment, while nourishing the intrinsic desire for academic, civic, and personal fulfillment.

Goal Focuses

- Community outreach and public relations
- Volunteer recruitment and retention
- Family/Parent/Guardian events at BMS
- Increasing attendance at student conference nights
- Staff and student wellness
- Wellness policy review and compliance

ATTENDING: Megan, Sandy, Chris, Jeff, Mariah, Drew

NOTES BY: Drew

Topic	Notes
WELCOME	Quick check-in circle 1. What is one of your favorite snow day activities?
We did a quick share round on some of our favorite things to do on snow days.	

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT	Need to decide / confirm date in February and what the event will be 1. Thu 2/22 or Fri 2/23 2. The Social Dilemma or Montessori parenting tips?
<p>Group agreed we will move forward with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Social Dilemma ● Thursday, Feb. 22nd in cafeteria ● 5:30 - 8:00 pm (90 minute viewing with 60 minute discussion) ● Child care available on site ● Refreshments provided ● Bring your own chair! <p>We also agreed that based on the turnout from this event, we could determine where to go from there with regard to bringing in local experts to <u>establish our school community's scope of concern</u> surrounding tech and social media use in our students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What resources are needed? ● What can "I" do about it? 	
WELLNESS @ BMS	Waiting on survey results - more to come at Feb. meeting 1. Wellness Coordinator position 2. Reporting and assessment
<p>Wellness discussion was tabled for next month due to waiting for survey results. Tina Smith reported that as of 1/9, there were 46 parent surveys and 14 employee surveys submitted.</p>	
OPEN DISCUSSION	Anything else to cover today? 1. SANDY: Mural @ BMS and community collaboration with Sarah J.
	No news to report from Sandy - will continue to stay tuned.

ACTION STEPS: For next meeting

1. Save the date on BMS calendar
2. Advertise the event in RSS feed and as a standalone email to all school
 - a. Create a Canva invite
 - b. Create a tracking spreadsheet for attendance
3. Register the event on the [Social Dilemma](#) website

- a. Additional resources provided
- 4. Arrange child care
- 5. Determine refreshments we'd like to have
 - a. Connect with Cindy