



LRSP Status Report – June 2011

4.01 BHS Foundations Plan SR 2011

Strategic Objective (SO):

4.01 Develop and implement Foundations action plan designed to decrease behavior infractions, reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug usage, and increase positive school and district climate.

Department/School: Bozeman High School

Leader: Gary Corneer and Laura St. John

Team Members:

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In a year, we hope to see the following progress on this strategic objective:

A decrease in the total number of behavior referrals to the deans. A decrease in the total number of bully/harassment referrals. A decrease in the number of students using or possessing on-campus. An increase in positive school climate. Staff agreement on common behavior expectations, like use of cell phones, behavior in common areas, and dress code. A comprehensive communication plan used to educate students on basic behavior expectations.

PROGRESS SUMMARY

This year the Foundations PLC focused on three topics to help get both students and staff involved in school concerns and activities.

Last fall we sponsored two events for students. The first was a guest speaker, Bob Stuttman, who is nationally known for his expertise on drug use and abuse. An all school assembly was held, with a student only “debriefing session” set up in the old BHS library that followed the assembly. Nearly 300 students chose to attend and speak with Bob in a confidential setting. At noon, teachers were also invited to attend a lunch session as a follow up. This session allowed for input as we began to strategize ways to have staff help with awareness, use, and intervention. The Foundations members then met and agreed that Laura should ask for Bob’s recommendations. We, as a group, felt that his follow up was not what we expected. Laura tried one last time, but to date, the information from him has been vague.

The second major activity was what has been called “5th Quarter”. This year the Foundations team, and the Speak Out students decided to put on a Winter Fest. This event took place after a Saturday home basketball game. We had both inside and outside activities such as a cakewalk, snow volleyball, snow field hockey, and chariot races. Students also were fed pizza, pop, and snacks.

We also discussed ways to help teachers inform the Deans on suspected drug use. I discussed different scenarios in which they could notify either of us; yet still maintain a rapport with their

students. As an example, we discussed “texting” as one of the best ways. They asked how we approach a student and I explained to them that one of us would come to their class, call the student into the hall, and use the premise we were there to check up on attendance. This allows us to check out the situation.

One of our objectives was to reduce the number of referrals for drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. Although we did see a reduction in alcohol related referrals, the drug infractions were up from previous years. We discussed as a group that the feeling of the administrative team was they were up due to a couple of major factors. The newly established dean of students positions has made us more visible, and easier to contact than in the past. And two, we believe that the medical marijuana business has made easy access to the drug.