

Co-Principals' Report

BMU School Board Meeting: June 2, 2021

I. Hiring Updates:

Emily Bushway has been hired to teach **1st grade** here at BMU next year. Emily has taught 3rd grade the last two years at Lunenburg Elementary School. She completed her graduate work at Wheelock College in Boston, MA and has an Early Childhood Education teaching endorsement. Thank you to the following members of the interview/hiring committee for your work: Angeline Alley, Kelly Emerson, Melanie Gonyaw, Sarah Despina and Allyson Coburn.

Elizabeth Baillargeon will be joining BMU beginning SY 22 as our **2nd grade teacher**. Elizabeth comes to us from Lyndon Town School and has 19 years in education as a teacher. Thank you to Kelly Emerson, Melanie Gonyaw, Sarah Despina, Angeline Alley, and Allyson Coburn for their work to hire Elizabeth.

Patricia Casey-Rafter will be joining the BMU faculty starting the 2021-2022 school year as the new **high school math teacher**. Trish comes to BMU with 14 years of teaching experience. She is currently teaching high school math at Mount St. Joseph Academy in Rutland. Trish earned her Bachelor of Arts at Dartmouth College and has done graduate work at The University of Vermont, Johnson State College, and St. Michael's College. Thank you to the following members of the interview/hiring committee for your work: Angeline Alley, Dawn Blanchard, Bianca Carbee (student rep.), Keegan Frigon (student rep.) Forrest Matthews, Jim Nelson, and Kristen Robinson.

We are pleased to announce that **Jennifer DeBois** will be joining the BMU faculty starting the 2021-2022 school year as the new **high school Science teacher** (taking over for Mallory Scahill). Jennifer earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of New England in Biddeford, ME. She has been teaching for one year at Fryeburg Academy in Fryeburg, ME. Thank you to the following members of the interview/Hiring Committee for your work: Kim Adams, Angeline Alley, Dawn Blanchard, Karli Blood (student rep. - grade 9), Cooper Ingerson (student rep. - grade 10), Jennifer Reeve, and Kristen Robinson.

Samuel Matthews will be joining BMU starting in the 2021-2022 school year as a **physical education teacher**. Sam comes to us from the North Country Supervisory Union. Over the past four years he has taught physical education at both the Newport Town School and Lowell Graded School. Thank you to Allison Ingerson, Julie Gandin, Matthew Webster (student rep.), and Casey Robibero for their work to hire Sam.

Anna Westbrook will be joining BMU starting in the 2021-2022 school year as the new **high school English/Interventionist** position. Anna is currently teaching at the Uncommon Collegiate Charter High School in Brooklyn, NY. She earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master in Teaching degrees at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. She holds a second Masters degree from Relay Graduate School of Education in NY. Thank you to the members of the Interview/Hiring Committee for your work: Angeline Alley, Mia Beck (student rep), Dawn Blanchard, Jennie Lund, Kristen Robinson, and Cedric Schaefer (student rep).

II. Positions Left to Fill:

BMU Food Service Director
Kitchen Staff (3 positions)
Anticipated Vacancy - MS Math
Anticipated Vacancy - MS Science
Maintenance/Grounds - Supervisor

III. Spring Assessments:

(a) Students in grades 5 and 8 are taking the Science SBAC during the week of May 24, 2021. Students in grade 11 will be taking the Science SBAC at 8:00am on Friday, June 4, 2021.

(b) STAR Reading and STAR Math

The STAR Reading and STAR Math assessments will be given to students in grades 3 through 8 June 1 through June 10, 2021. This is the third and final STAR Reading and STAR Math assessment for this school year. We are looking to expand the administration of the STAR Reading assessment into grades 9 and 10 for the 2021-2022 school year and then including the STAR Math assessment into these 2 grades starting the 2022-2023 school year.

III. End of the Year Events:

June 1 - Kindergarten Expo - 5:30 PM

June 2 - Kindergarten Readiness Night - 5:00 PM

June 3 - NHS Induction & Arts/Music Showcase

June 9 - 8th Grade Promotion - 6:00 PM

June 12 - Graduation - 10:00 AM

June 13 - Prom - 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

June 16 - Last Day of School for students (In-person and early release)

June 16 - Last Day for staff. Staff may leave after noon and upon completion of check-out