

## HEMINGWAY PARENTS MEETING

Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
8:05 a.m. Hemingway Cafeteria

**ATTENDANCE:** 25 parents

**SPEAKERS:** Teresa McGoffin (BCSD Technology Director) & Paul Zimmerman (Technology Innovation Specialist)

**PA UPDATE:** Laura Gvozdas said that the Hemingway Spring Fling Party and Fundraiser is Saturday, April 28 from 7-10 p.m. at the Limelight Hotel in Ketchum. There will be a ski pass raffle that begins in March and a silent auction at the event. Limelight will be offered rooms at a discounted price and room booking and online ticket sales information will be emailed out to parents later this month. There will be a Spring Fling Volunteer meeting on Thursday, February 22. Other important dates: Tuesday, February 27 the School District will hold an informational meeting about the levy at 8:05 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Voting on the levy occurs on Tuesday, March 13. Hemingway Rainbow Day is scheduled for March 20 and STEAM Night will also be that night.

Treasurer Karen Bulls reported that they currently have about \$30,000 in the bank. She will be retiring from her Treasurer position this year and Janie Tillotson will be taking over as Treasurer. Recent grant requests that were approved and paid by the PA include the upcoming St. Thomas Playhouse show, additional books for the library, supplies for the Publishing House and the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Mountain Man Presentation.

**TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION:** Teresa McGoffin said that the full presentation plus links to the following are available on the district website: <https://www.blaineschools.org/domain/76>

List of helpful links:

- Gaggle list of Apps
- BCSD Securly Parent sign Up (provides a weekly summary of what your child is viewing on district login)
- Blaine County Internet Safety Page
- Common Sense Media Family Guide
- Cox Digital Academy
- OpenDNS Family Shield
- Google Safety Center for Families
- Departments: Technology
- Google Apps for Education: email access increases as a student progresses through school

Teresa McGoffin said that BCSD has a variety of protections in place for students. Emails get flagged for bullying language, self-harm. Filtering is in place for email usage (also available for chromebooks.) Firewall restricts sites such as Instagram and Netflix. In the case of cyber bullying: Ask the kids—don't delete (or delay) when you get something weird. Let staff know (principal/counselor). School resource officers are also available.

Paul Zimmerman said that awareness is the key. Conversations are step one! Mindset is so important...relax! Empower ourselves to have the right conversations. It is not about control. Teach good judgement. Empower with good skills to make good decisions. If I am limiting everything --how can we teach our kids how to navigate on their own? Social Media: Example-Reddit -has a wide variety of content -good and bad- we need to help kids navigate. Don't limit. Empower. Messaging: Make sure kids know that who they think they are communicating with are not necessarily who they say they are. What we can do: Not about control- it is about safety and being in "their space."

Say things like, “I don’t know how to do it (use a particular app), can you show me?” Use that question as a tool to drive the conversation. Help them cultivate using good judgement to make decisions. Parents can set restrictions on phones. Iphones- in settings- and parental controls for android are found in Google Play Store. At home you can have multiple users with parental controls set up for each user. OpenDNS Family shield. This protects all devices on network from porn, etc. (Set it and forget it). Paul Zimmerman teaches additional classes at the community library (typically middle Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Contact the library for schedule.

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