

BHS SCC Minutes

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 3:30pm in the Media Center

BHS Mission Statement

At Brighton High, we choose to be better today than we were yesterday.

SCC BUSINESS:

- Approve October Meeting Minutes
Page 3 under leadership needs to be amended. The word “committee” needs to be replaced by “council.” This is also referenced in the Bylaws, so those will be corrected as well.
Motion to approve amended minutes and Bylaws: Ernest Pulliam
Second: Liz Taylor

- Sub Committee – Reports

Community Forums/Feeder School Meeting = Feeder mtg. – date set?

- Tuesday, January 15 @ 12:00pm
- ProStart will not cater, but we will be using The View
- If you would like to come, send Lisa Prudden an email, so we have accurate numbers.
- We will be discussing:
 - Update on building
 - Parking
 - Counselors
 - PTSA student board
 - AP Capstone
 - Math Lab?
 - Bullying – same thoughts coming up through our feeder schools

Attendance Policy

- This committee has not met yet

Above & Beyond/Faculty Award = results/awards done?

- They have chosen the three teachers for this trimester and have ordered awards. We will not announce names yet.
- The week of parent-teacher conf. we will send out a link to parents that they can use to nominate teachers. Digital seemed to work well.
- We are happy with the amount of responses and comments and would like to get a more rounded response so that a more diverse group of teachers are nominated.

Schedule Options Committee – Have a BHS Committee & then a District Committee. Action Possible.

- We have 12 members that want to serve on this committee, but we need to limit the numbers from our committee who will serve at the district level. The school level will keep the 12 members, but the committee can decide who would like serve on the district committee (up to 5).
- Teachers/Parents can meet and discuss who they would like to serve. Lisa will communicate with everyone on this committee to find out who will participate at the district.

COUNSELOR’S REPORT:

- Amy Mena reported for the counseling center.

- She passed out the newsletter and discussed important information from it.
- Last week the Utah College App. Week
 - About 239 seniors applied at school (others could have applied at home)
 - We are given \$5000 to help students with application fees, so students that may need help with application fees can still apply.
- Counselors have finished seeing seniors and are now holding CCR's with freshmen
- ACT prep classes will begin in January
- Tom pointed out that there are many free online resources for ACT study help
- Reminder that we have a scholarship expert in the counseling center
- Welcome back to Ms. Jenna Miller who is back from maternity leave
- Mr. White, who was our intern, is finished with his hours. The counselors thanked him for all of the service he has been to students and the other counselors.
- PSAT scores will be back in December
- Tom discussed the issues of drugs and the effect they have on students. Parents should be aware that Xanax is being widely abused by students.
- The question was asked if vaping is still going on at school and in the bathrooms. Tom acknowledged that this is a problem and estimated that 40% -50% of students are vaping at school. Discussion about policies.
 - The district is developing a course that will specifically address vaping.
 - Restorative Justice – This is a new philosophy that addresses school discipline. It is based on handling minor situations at the school level instead of involving law enforcement. Studies have found that it is better for students to stay in school and attend class so that they can pass and graduate from high school.
 - State legislature **decriminalized** some things such as smoking/vaping
 - Our policy is now based on an education model – When students are found vaping, a \$25 ticket is paid to the school district. If the student attends a substance abuse class at the Canyons Family Center, the fine may be waived. Contraband is confiscated. Parents are contacted.
 - A parent council member mentioned that their daughter has been threatened when she came upon older girls vaping in the bathroom. Discussion about how to handle this situation. Tom asked for suggestions, but also said that that we cannot handle anything at the school level unless it is reported, so encourage your students to report.
 - Tom said that this is really a family concern. Families need to be more involved and educated about the drug issues students are facing and involved with. We can help at the school level, but the teaching and expectations need to come from home.
 - PTSA is organizing a parent night that addresses the vaping issue.
 - The SOAR Report comes from the Sharps survey that is given to students every two years. It does not address vaping.
 - Has the Health curriculum been updated to address vaping? We will look into this.

PTSA INPUT:

- January/February – parent night. As discussed, they are trying to get a speaker to come in January or February to discuss vaping and such with parents. Once a date has been selected it will be announced.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- CSIP and Land Trust

- Comments about the difference between district accounting and school level accounting
- Update on Construction
 - Grass on the baseball and softball fields is being placed.
 - Meeting with the board because of the budget issues – The budget went from a projected budget of 90 million to 119 million. It was suggested that the budget be changed to 107 million.
 - Cutting things like aesthetics inside the building. For example, white boards floor to ceiling was budgeted for 1million dollars. We will use our current white boards instead. Some of the outside fixtures won't be installed. We don't want to cut technology expenditures, but we may have to.
 - The cost is locked in once we agree to the budget.
 - Discussion about fundraising to make up the difference. Tom said that this is a possibility. We could give naming rights to buildings, etc.
- Update on Attendance Policy – compare attendance to last year, where are we?
 - Utah State Board of Education Website
 - Look at the reports to find data about schools – Tom passed out at attendance report
 - Chronically absent - students that miss more than 10% of the time
 - In comparison to the rest of the district, Brighton is doing well
 - Any absences count towards chronically absent – excused/unexcused, vacation
 - The goal is to have 0 students chronically absent
 - Tom made the comment that the teachers seem to like this policy and that is it appears to be successful. We are seeing a lot of teachers turning in BHS Time slips for made up attendance.
 - Teachers would like to see the menu of make-up options. Teachers present today discussed the positives of the attendance. Aaron Hadfield is worried about how the attendance make-up affects graduation. Lisa Devashrayee suggested that the teachers discuss this and the few on the council report next time.
 - Question was posed about how the committee can be involved. Tom suggested creating a parent survey so that we can understand the misconceptions.
 - Tom will send out a survey to parents, students and teachers to get feedback.
- PD Goals & Expenditures needed, Action Possible
 - Lisa sent out the PD Goals in an email previous to SCC meeting
 - We don't have any expenditures at this time
 - The BLT is made up of all of the Department Chairs
 - Please make suggestions if you feel as if there are things you think our teachers need to know that would make good topics for professional development
- Cell Tower Fund Updates - Anything new with Bengal Vision? Action Possible
 - Lisa sent out the budget in an email previous to the SCC meeting
 - Tom will follow up with Jerry Christensen about interns for Bengal Vision
 - Follow up to funding for science department – The Physics classes got their chrome books, but we are waiting for the carts to arrive
- Miscellaneous: 2018 Summary of: Junior ACT Scores, SOAR & Senior Survey
 - Junior ACT Scores

- English ACT score is good this year. Some English teachers are using ACT based curriculum in their classes and this has made a difference.
 - Brighton scored the highest in 5 years in all categories
 - SLCC Report
 - We had 105 students attending
 - Discussion about concurrent enrollment – credits are portable to every state school. BHS went up 30% in enrollment in the state last year.
- Concurrent Enrollment classes offered at BHS:
 - Math 1030, 1050, 1060
 - Theater 1013
 - Art 1020
 - English 1010 and 2010
 - Medical Terminology 1100
 - Marriage and Family - CHF 2400
 - EET 2150 (embedded systems technology) – pilot program for 3rd trimester
 - CTEC offers quite a few courses
- Soar Report
 - Question about Secondary Math III
- Senior Survey Concerns
 - Safe from Intimidation and Harassment
 - We are emphasizing kindness – posters, regular discussions
 - We need to encourage kids to report – we can't fix it if we don't know about it
 - SafeUT – reports have been made that we address
 - Bullying – defined as pervasive and persistent behavior that continues. There is a difference between being mean and bullying
 - Tom's opinion is that this question is posed in a confusing way that may be affecting the students' response. We are asking students to make a judgment about how other students feel.
 - Teachers know when I don't understand
 - We did not discuss the response to this question, but it was a score that caused some concern

FACULTY REPORT:

- It's the end of the trimester. Teachers are here to support students. Encourage them to ask their teachers for help and advocate for themselves.
- Any report on parent teacher conference attendance? High school average is 30%. The district has a committee that is revisiting parent-teacher conference.

SCHOOL CLIMATE:

- Single Lunch Period – Survey sent to whom? Any results?
 - Survey will go out to parents, faculty, and students
 - Questions?
 - Would you prefer lunch be after 3rd period or after 4th period?
 - Has 5th period attendance changed
 - How do teachers feel about the single lunch?
 - It should be no more than 3 questions

School Calendar

- There will be a change to next two years calendar to align better with the rest of the District.

- Teachers want end of 2nd trimester – change a Monday for a Friday for grading day.
- Starting 2019-20, we will lose extra grading days
- PD days during the year are moved to before school starts
- School will end no later than the week of Memorial Day
- We can start school Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday

OTHER:

CELEBRATIONS:

- Graduation Rate over the past 8 years has gone up
 - Last year we graduated 94% of our students
- Sterling Scholars were announced last night.
- Choir and Instrumental Music performances were last week. They were well attended.
- Academic All-State students will be honored on Bengal News. They were also honored at Board Meeting.

NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2019

Future Meetings: Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 8