

SCC Minutes

Brighton High School Community Council

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 Media Center

Mission Statement

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

In attendance:

Tom Sherwood, Cindy Baker, Lisa Devashrayee, Marielle Rawle, Catherine Bates, Dave Castleton, Julie Clawson, Mindy Curtis, Mila Gleason, Ethan Greene, Aaron Hadfield, Ann Hardman, Cheryl Hersh, Rene Hunter, Kim Johnson, Celeste King, Brady Lee, Matt Misbach, Mikala Mortensen, Will Powley, Lisa Prudden, Ernest Pulliam, Lisa Rowley, Cheryl Simmons, Velvet Staub, Katie Tatton, Liz Thomas, Jenn Searle, Janice Spencer-Wise, Theresa Walker, Sierra West, Paul Winkleman

WELCOME:

SCC BUSINESS:

Information about the SCC

This year, we will have one more parent on SCC than in previous years. We will discuss a change to the bylaws to reflect this. There is a School Community Council training that all SCC members need to attend because the state has made some changes that affect school's Bylaws. We will look at the bylaws at our next meeting.

We need to set aside Article 3 Section 2 of the Brighton High School bylaws at this meeting only to allow 17 parents and 12 employees on SCC for this year. State statute says you need to have up to 2 more parents than employees. 6 parents minimum. Currently, our bylaws allow 8 employees and Tom would like our bylaws to reflect the state bylaws. Cindy Baker mentioned that our bylaws were amended a few years ago because we could not fill the parent positions on the SCC. Aaron Hadfield questioned the validity of a vote on the suspension of the bylaws without prior notice on the agenda. Discussion followed. Lisa Devashrayee mentioned that she talked to Nancy Tingey prior to our meeting and it seemed ok to put aside our bylaws in our minutes until we meet next time to address them. It was acknowledged that this vote was not on the agenda prior to the meeting, but with all but 2 members present the motion went ahead. Tom reminded everyone that a Quorum means that a majority number of the members are here to vote, no specific make up of parent or employee members.

Motion to approve that we set aside Article 3 Section 2 of the BHS bylaws for this meeting only:
Janice Spencer-Wise
Second: Julie Clawson

Cindy Baker passed out information on Land Trust. Reminded us that this is one of the main reasons we are here as a committee. Please read through the sheet and become familiar with the process.

In the SCC, we conduct business using Roberts Rules

- If someone has a question, raise your hand
- You will be called on by chair, co-chair or principal

- We do not use individual names in discussions
- Everything is recorded in the meeting minutes, which you will receive about one week after the meeting.

Approved May 2018 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve May Meeting Minutes: Ernest Pulliam
- Second: Aaron Hadfield

Cell Tower Fund Updates

Question about cell tower funds and how they will be used. Tom explained that he will bring a summary sheet to each meeting that contains our balance and expenditures. Our balance is approximately \$100,000 at this point. Our yearly gain is about \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year. We get 85% of the cell tower funds and 15% goes into a fund for schools without cell towers. This is a district policy.

We were able to keep all of our cell towers because the financial costs of moving them off campus were not reasonable. Relocating cell towers is one of the reasons we have been delayed in construction.

The three cell towers will be new light poles on and near the football field.

Elect 2018-19 SCC Leadership

Nominations and Elections for –

- Motion for a 5 minute caucus for school employees to discuss who they may want to nominate for Vice Chair: Aaron Hadfield
- Second: Tom Sherwood

Nominations:

SCC Chair: Lisa Devashrayee, Cheryl Simmons (Cheryl Simmons declined invitation)

SCC Vice Chair: Lisa Prudden, Aaron Hadfield (declined due to other obligations)

Secretary: Marielle Rawle - appointed position by Tom

SCC Faculty: not needed since Vice is an employee

Elected:

SCC Chair: Lisa Devashrayee

SCC Vice Chair: Lisa Prudden (faculty rep)

Secretary: Marielle Rawle

SCC Faculty: not needed

- Motion to approve elected positions for the 2018-19 school year: Tom Sherwood
- Second: Aaron Hadfield
- All who voted were in favor

Proposal – Christine Yee (Teacher/Yearbook Advisor)

Christine Yee thanked the SCC for their help in designing the new school and listening to the teacher concerns.

The goal of the yearbook staff is to get at least 3 pictures of each student in the yearbook. They have also been asked to put pictures on the school website. We will have photo galleries posted on Brightonbengals.org. This will get pictures of our school events and to a wider audience and spotlight more students.

The yearbook staff consists of about 20 students that cover the over 2000 students at Brighton. Currently, yearbook has 2 cameras. Yearbook is asking for \$4,736.88 to add four cameras and two lenses to the yearbook toolbox. This is an investment for about 5 years. The cameras will allow yearbook to cover more events. (Ms. Yee passed out a proposal listing an itemized expense list). Tom explained that there are plans in place for repairs of cameras. It is part of the operational costs and built into the school budget.

Lisa D. asked about parents giving permission for students' pictures to be posted on the public website. Tom said that if pictures are taken at a public event, we do not need permission.

Last year, we bought 1600 yearbooks from Jostens and sold 1400. There are plans in place to make the books more affordable for all students. If students cannot afford a yearbook, we make arrangements with them to work for the school, etc. so they can get one if they want one. Tom explained that there is still a high demand for yearbooks at Brighton.

Cell Tower funds will be used for the proposal from Ms. Yee.

Tom said that cell tower funds should be used on students that attend here. He feels as if buying these cameras and lenses for yearbook are a good use of resources. He suggested giving yearbook the amount that SCC feels comfortable with and the school will cover the balance.

- Motion to approve Cell Tower funds purchase cameras and lenses in the amount of \$4,736.88 for the Yearbook program: Janice Spencer-Wise
- Second: Cindy Baker
- All who voted were in favor

Sub-Committees – Sign up to participate - explanations and sign-up will be at the next meeting
CSIP/Land Trust
Facility Upgrades
Attendance Policy
Community Forum
Above and Beyond
Schedule Options

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

CSIP and Land Trust

Renee Hunter suggested that we discuss the need for a CSIP/Land Trust sub-committee. We can discuss it in the SCC meeting. Tom agreed with this.

At upcoming meetings, we will be discussing a \$17,000 allotment and how those funds will be spent.

Update on Attendance Policy

Nothing new at this time.

Update on Construction of New Brighton High School

The construction has not been as problematic as anticipated. Because of construction, we went to approx. 600 on-site parking spaces to 200. We have replaced 350 of them with the LDS church, tennis courts, and skate park. Students have acclimated well and we have not had a lot of complaints.

Aaron Hadfield mentioned that we have not seemed to have an increase in tardies.

Drop off and pick up is our most challenging issue. Tom had asked the architects to work a drop off and pick up plan into the construction, but they did not. We discussed increasing our bussing radius and a shuttle service, but it was felt like we had increased our parking stalls enough to accommodate our drivers.

Cottonwood Heights police have been issuing citations and trying educate students and public. Brady Lee mentioned that the concern seems to be j-walking. It stops cars suddenly and then slows down the flow of traffic.

Liz Thomas asked who made the parking decisions? Tom did. She wondered why the community didn't have a voice in the decision? Tom explained that the carpool lot was created to—encourage fewer students to drive to school. There was a misrepresentation about Lot A (carpool) parking. Those with the most number of licensed drivers got priority. Liz Thomas mentioned a concern from parents about paying for parking in a public lot (tennis courts, skate park). Tom said that we negotiated with the church and Cottonwood Heights to lease those lots for the next three years from 7am to 4pm. We stripe the lots, pay for security, clean up the lots, etc. We could put a sign at the lot if it is a problem for the community that explains the lease. There was a community issue with the lack of parking stalls by the tennis courts. Lisa D. mentioned that this was resolved through informing the community members of the situation and asking students to not park on the street by the courts. Liz Thomas also mentioned that parents were upset that their students with 4.0's and good grades could not get a closer parking spot.

Hawk lights are in the plans for the cross walks. The city council met with the school board members yesterday and would like us to encourage students to think of creative ways to get to school. Scooters, bikes, etc. (Students have to be 18 in order to drive a scooter).

Tom will send out a communication with the public about the fact that we have leased the parking lots. Liz Thomas was thankful.

Jenn Searle – Sidewalk to the Seminary

There are approximately 150 students walking to seminary in between each period. The main handicap entrance has been blocked off by construction and there is a concern over students using the city sidewalks and the safety of the students. What is the plan to accommodate the seminary students?

Tom explained that we need the fence to stay in place because that area houses most of the utility lines. The area next to the fence in the faculty parking lot needs to be striped so cars do not park there. The north entrance of the seminary building does meet ADA specifications. We cannot put the walkway to the east doors because of the upcoming construction. Students will still need to use

the north entrance. Once phase one of construction is completed, students will still need to access Seminary as well as the new performing arts building from the city sidewalk. We will make clearing the walks a priority. Aaron Hadfield suggested a barrier in the gutter or road to make this a safer passage for students.

October 1st – Construction will start in full force. Phase 1 – ends January 2020, Phase 2 – ends Fall of 2021. Construction ends December 2021.

Cindy Baker reminded everyone that Mr. Sherwood updated the SCC on the new building construction in detail at every meeting last year. The SCC was an important influence as construction meetings were taking place. The floor to ceiling windows change was influenced by teachers and the SCC.

Tom Sherwood mentioned that the freshmen and sophomores will be tested three times per year in literacy (reading inventory - RI) and math (math inventory - MI). We will run an assembly schedule and while testing is taking place, juniors and seniors will attend an assembly with a motivational speaker. The first round of testing will take place on September 18.

One Lunch

We have not had any negative feedback from students or teachers about the change to one lunch. It was asked if we could make microwaves available for students. Tom will buy some and put them in the Atrium.

At our next meeting, Tom will bring the results from our 2018 ACT, Sage, AP tests as well as our Graduation rates. And discuss our 2018-19 CSIP.

Miscellaneous

COUNSELOR'S REPORT:

Sandy White (Counseling Intern and Social Studies teacher at BHS) discussed the upcoming events from the Counseling Center. These are all listed on the Counseling Center website.

Items of note:

The PSAT will be administered at Brighton on October 10, 2018 for any juniors, sophomores, and freshmen that have registered.

Counselors will be conducting CCR's with the Seniors and then moving to Freshmen.

Tom Williams is filling in for Jenna Miller while she is out on maternity leave.

FACULTY REPORT:

Janice Spencer-Wise thanked the SCC for supporting the teachers. We need students to arrive at school on time and be in school each day.

SCHOOL CLIMATE:

PTSA Input – Theresa Walker

The PTSA Student Board is in its 2nd year. The focus is service. They help plan Red Ribbon Week, Meet the Candidates Night, Food Pantry, etc. Apparel sales go towards a student scholarship fund. Last year they gave away \$2000 and only 3 students applied. At this point, the PTSA is in the process of recruiting more Student Board members.

PTSA Reflections Theme – Heroes Around Us

- We will encourage teachers to get their students involved

Ms. King is the advisor this year.

COMMUNICATION:

Tom Sherwood suggested that you don't make it a secret that you are members of the SCC. Let people know that you are on it and encourage the community to talk to you about issues they are concerned about. Be the voice of the people in your communities. The SCC has a big influence on the school board. They respect, listen, and honor the SCC.

OTHER:

Asked what time and day worked for those on the committee. Mentioned that we usually meet the second Wednesday of the month – that didn't seem to be a conflict for anyone there. The time we met last year was 3:30pm. Two mentioned (Cheryl Simmons and Dave Castleton) that if that is the time that is best for most then they could support it. They just need to adjust their work hours. They were asked if moving to 4pm would help. Dave mentioned not really. It was agreed upon to keep the Second Wednesday at 3:30pm for this year. Also, usually no meeting in December. A list of dates will be brought next meeting so all can get them on their calendar.

CELEBRATIONS:

Considering all of the disruption to our daily operations, the first few weeks of school have gone better than expected. We would like to thank all of the teachers and students who have contributed to that.

Thank you to Cindy Baker for the many years of service and her commitment to Brighton High School.

Motion to adjourn: Cindy Baker

Second: Celeste King

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, October 10th, 2018

3:30pm