

BHS SCC Minutes

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 3:30pm in the Media Center

BHS Mission Statement

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

In attendance: Dave Castleton, Cheri Hawes, Rene Hunter, Kim Johnson, Sheila Page, Katie Tatton, Lisa Devashrayee, Mila Gleason, Michelle Kushlan, Bradey Lee, Matt Misbach, Will Powley, Lisa Rowley, Cheryl Simmons, Sara Jane Weaver, Tom Sherwood, Catherine Bates, Aaron Hadfield, Ernest Pulliam, Lisa Prudden, Janice Spencer-Wise, Mindy Curtis, Ethan Greene, Ann Hardman, Mikala Mortensen, Sierra West, Marielle Rawle, Amber Shill, Jeff Christensen.

SCC BUSINESS:

- Approve January Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve: Janice Spencer-Wise
 - Second: Katie Tatton
- Sub Committee – reports
 - Community Forums/Feeder School Meeting
 - Feeder mtg. went well. Construction and Trimester Schedule were the main topics
 - Took parent comments about the trimester and there were good discussions that pursued because of the questions.
 - Attendance Policy – no update
 - Above & Beyond Award
 - 2nd Tri Winners will be announced next Month. Thanks to all who submitted!
 - Winners will be announced at our next SCC meeting
 - Schedule Options Committee – Tom wanted to meet with the BHS sub group prior to meeting with District group. Will Re-cap once this meeting occurs.
 - Scheduled for last week, but the snow day occurred. Should have it this next week.
 - We need to formally remove two members of the SCC, who have both resigned:
 - Celeste King & Velvet Staub

COUNSELOR'S REPORT:

Jenna Miller represented the Counseling Department today.

- Bengal Fair – This was a successful night with many parents and students attending.
- Counselors are at the middle schools today to help with course selection
- February 21 – help night with course selection
- February 20 – ACT for all juniors. Teachers will be available after lunch for consultation and help for those students that need it.
- Counselors are wrapping up CCR's with Juniors and will begin meeting with 10th graders in March
- March 6 - 6am – 7:30am, 2:30pm-4:00pm – Schedule change day
- Time to register for AP exams – there is financial assistance is available when needed
- Linda Lindgren is the new Counseling Center secretary. She is replacing Gina Jacobsen who took a position as the new main office head secretary.
- Arena scheduling – This topic came up at our last SCC meeting. Tom suggested limiting access for students. We will discuss this in more detail at the March SCC meeting.

PTSA INPUT:

- Vaping Parent night – still working on it.
 - Tom will follow up with other principals to see if they have any resources for an assembly and/or parent night
- Teacher of the Year – Fill out the award form and return to PTSA “mail box” in the office.
 - We haven’t had many nominations, so we will work on getting more names

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

- CSIP and Land Trust – TO BE DISCUSSED AFTER MEETING TODAY
- Update on Construction
 - In trying to meet the Fall of 2021 deadline, the auditorium and all classrooms in the small circle need to be vacated in December 2019. We have found rooms for all of the teachers that will be displaced. These will be temporary changes that will last approximately 5 months.
 - Athletics areas will be done by April next year (2020).
 - Parking issues will remain the same until 2021.
- Cell Tower Fund Update
 - One expense was a mistake. Mitch Lunak – paid out of wrong account, but this has been fixed
- Student Educational Travel – CSD sent a request to submit input on their “Redline” version.
 - Jeff Christensen from the district policy committee attended our SCC meeting to clarify student travel and answer questions
 - The USBE did a school fees study and because of this, they are broadening what qualifies as “student fees.” As a result, overnight travel will be considered a student fee and fee waivers will apply
 - The new policy will reduce the number of days students can travel
 - Mile limit – within 2 consecutive years (425-mile radius)
 - National competitions would be an exception
 - How is this defined? We don’t want the “national competition” exception to exclude some groups. It was explained that there should be some qualifying event that leads a group to the national competition. Jeff will look at the language of 3.1.
 - There may be an aggregate fee cap
 - There will be an opportunity to petition the board for more money, mileage, days etc.
 - The CSD draft policy has been written in anticipation of the changes from the state board. There may be some additional changes and requirements the state makes that we will need to look at and possibly change our policy to be in compliance
 - Discussion about “educational travel” and “curriculum need,” but all examples apply to sports.
 - Discussion about fundraising for students that want to travel. There are some inequities at this point. The judge determined that we cannot choose what is considered “optional” and everything is considered a school fee. Schools will have to cover many fees. The main thing that will come out of this is that it will cost parents less for their students to participate.
 - Amber Shill mentioned that the court case was in the mid-90’s. We have never been in compliance and this year the state auditor was asked to investigate. That audit is what has initiated rewriting the policy so that we will be in compliance.
 - Tom commended the school board for coming up with a policy that will still allow students the opportunity to travel within the rules the state board sets.
 - If you have comments or suggestions, please get back to the policy committee or Lisa D. this week. The second reading of the draft policy will take place on 2/19.
- Miscellaneous: CSD- Working on a Survey.
 - Each year we give a survey as part of CTESS. Tom would like to send out a survey about every spring with questions that will help us measure our school climate. This is data we

could use to guide us in meeting the needs of our community. School culture goals should be based on feedback not on our perception. A Google survey with 25 – 30 questions. Short and simple for the parents to complete.

- We have a principal's leadership team of students that Tom can meet with to survey students about school culture.
- More discussion about the survey is moved to March agenda

FACULTY REPORT:

- Ms. Curtis (theater teacher) needs one parent & teacher SCC member to read two scripts for next year.
 - Fiddler on the Roof – this was the first musical performed in the BHS auditorium
 - We need this completed within a month and she would preferably want a parent with a student in performing arts
 - Thank you to Lisa Rowley and Rene Hunter who volunteered
- Lisa Prudden to discuss/update CTE in March

SCHOOL CLIMATE:

- Assembly attendance and expectations
 - Teachers and parents are concerned that students aren't attending the assemblies, using it as free time and leaving the school, etc.
 - Lisa would like input from SCC
- Principal Pantry – We have food. A lot of food. We are now in the process of getting the food organized and getting the word out to students as well as helping them feel comfortable using it
 - Our community has been so generous that we have donated food to Ridgecrest, Oak Hollow, and Oakdale Elementary schools.
 - Tom will do a follow up PSA on Bengal News that explains the purpose of the pantry – it seems like many students misunderstood the first announcement on Bengal News and assumed that the pantry was for any student that wanted a snack. We have had to create rules of use. We are hoping the PSA will be clearer, but inviting enough that students in need will feel comfortable using the pantry.
- PLT is doing a clothing drive to benefit the community. There will be a store open for families and then the remaining clothes will be taken to the Road Home. We will keep some clothes at Brighton for students in need. The next step is getting a washer and dryer for students to use.
 - Mentioned that there would be one in Pre-school at the end of the school year.
- March 6th – Parent night at BHS – Katey McPherson is coming. There will also be a BHS Student panel to answer questions from the audience. Focus is on Social Media use.
 - Brookwood will host this same assembly during the day and will live stream it. Lisa will send out the link when she gets it.
- Re-Cap from Bike/Walking route small group meeting with SLCo Rep & CSD Admin.
 - Email Lisa if you are interested in attending any future meetings.
 - Notes were taken during the meeting. Then they were emailed out to all SCC members. No one had any questions or concerns after receiving these notes. We will add the notes from that meeting & email to the minutes.

Re-Cap of Salt Lake Co Meeting held 2/7/19

Met with Kathryn Hiolski, Health Educator with the County Health Department. Leon Wilcox, Tom Sherwood, Doug Hallenbeck (Butler Middle VP), Nancy Tingey, and Lisa Devashrayee were also at the meeting. Amber Shill was excused.

Summary: Cottonwood Heights City Council member – Tali Bruce, has asked that Brighton try to look at Bike lane/Walking route options to encourage more students to use alternative “Active”

transportation to get to school. They contacted Kathryn and put Brighton in touch with her and her department. Tali was in touch with Eric Kraan – SL County Bicycle Advocacy Committee. He is also a resident of Cottonwood Heights. Could be a resource later in this process.

Kathryn's goal is to promote active lifestyle changes and the use of active transportation in our area of the City. Her department will do some Walk Audits and Bike-ability Assessments once the roads are clear of the snow. Once she has completed those, then we will have an idea of where and how we could start working on this initiative. Lisa will reach out to some parents to who already use bikes to get their kids to school. Kathryn would like to discuss routes and options with those that are already trying to use this mode of transportation.

Leon will put some maps together of the area discussed in the meeting to start with, and get it to her and her committee. First area of focus: 2700 East towards Wasatch Blvd. From Fort Union to Bengal Blvd. Second area discussed as just West of Highland Drive, directly off of Bengal Blvd – where Bengal would continue if it went through Highland Drive. Doug will get their safe walking routes to Kathryn, so she can see what is already proposed and try to focus on hot-spots and alternatives.

Take note that this is a LONG-TERM plan. Discussions now, gathering data, and working with the City to try and implement this philosophy and goal is where we are starting. Green Bikes, E-Bikes, etc. were all discussed as well.

OTHER:

- Ms. Bates update on Digital Citizenship – Norms with Cell Phones
 - She will send information for the Bengal Bulletin each week.
- The ASPIRE test will be given to 9th and 10th graders on April 23rd and 24th. We will have two late start days to accommodate this test. English and Math will be on Tuesday. Wednesday will be Science and Reading. We will have adjusted schedules on these days.
- ACT is next Wednesday, 2/20 for Juniors

CELEBRATIONS:

- 3 National Merit Scholar finalists this year
- 119th state championship – Swimming
- Outstanding participation from our community for our Principal's Pantry and Clothing Drive

Motion to adjourn: Bradey Lee

Second: Catherine Bates

NEXT MEETING: March 13th – Future meetings: April 10th, May 8th

****** All interested in attending the CSIP & LandTrust Planning meeting after are welcome. No minutes will be taken at that sub-committee meeting.**