

BHS SCC Minutes

Wednesday, April 1st at 3:30pm in the Media Center

BHS Mission Statement - At Brighton High, we choose to be better today than we were yesterday.

Conducted Digitally through Google Meet

In attendance: Tom Sherwood, Lisa Devashrayee, Lisa Prudden, Marielle Rawle

Staff Members: Catherine Bates, Kellie Clark, Tom Evans, ~~Aaron Hadfield~~, Jenn Mattson, Tabbie Mayne, Mikala Mortensen, ~~Ernest Pulliam~~, Sierra West, Paul Winkelman (Counselor Rep)

Parent Members: Julie Clawson, Debbie Durtschi, Laura Garcia, ~~Mark Gardner~~, Mila Gleason, Michelle Kushlan, Jill Hawkins, Gerry Hassell, Lisa Hill, Brady Lee, Matt Misbach, ~~Lisa Rowley~~, Cheryl Simmons, Kim Steenblik, Katie Tatton, Lois Kristensen (PTSA Rep)

SCC BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes from March 2020 meeting
 - Motion to approve: Tom Evans
 - Second: Lisa Prudden
- SCC Tour of new buildings
 - When we can meet in groups larger than 10, we will do the tour.
 - Tom is going to create a virtual tour after we get back from Spring Break to post on the website
- Discuss Sub Committees
 - Community Forums/Feeder School Meeting –
 - LandTrust and TSSP –
 - Everyone has signed and Tom will get it submitted by 4/16
 - Above & Beyond - Faculty Award
 - We will discuss this with P/T Conf.
 - We could do a breakfast or some other type of recognition later in the year
 - Comment that we should figure out how to recognize everyone. All teachers are going above and beyond right now.
 - Recognition for Paul Otterstrom – Brighton’s Teacher of the Year. We did a car parade with about 50 people driving past his house to celebrate the award
 - Schedule Options Committee
 - Will have a Digital meeting for those interested in discussing what needs to go out to the community as a follow up.
 - We went through the final proposal and it will be sent out to the sub-committee for approval. Please add anything you think the public needs to know.
 - Roll out of next year – Tom has been working with the district to make sure we can work a flex period into our schedule on Skyward. We need to make sure this will work with Skyward before we communicate anything to the community.
 - Plan on a sub-committee meeting at some point between 4/15-22. After the meeting, we will communicate information to the public.

COUNSELOR’S REPORT:

- Paul Winkelman represented the Counseling Department
- Counselors are busy contacting students and completing CCR’s with 10th grade students

- Deficit letters have been sent out and counselors are contacting senior students and their parents
- NG's are being waived for all seniors. This should be completed by Friday, 4/3. This was a district wide decision based on the current issues.
- Needs Assessment has been sent two times to students with a Remind going out today. Due date for students is 4/3. We can send it out again after Spring Break. There is confusion about which link is used. There should be a link for parents and another one for students.
- Merit Cord application date has been pushed back to allow students more time due to school dismissal. Also no transcripts or teacher signatures required to submit. Email them to Ms Shaw in the counseling center.

PTSA INPUT:

- PTSA is standing by to see what happens with the school year
- Teacher Appreciation Week – On hold for now. If the school isn't in session, it will be hard to move forward with the plans the committee had. Possibility of mailing something home to teachers.
- Bengal Bash – This should be on stand-by for now. We should know more in three weeks.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- LandTrust & TSSP - met, have signature page signed, will send in our Plans on time.
- Update on Construction
 - Without the students at school, construction has been able to get some asbestos abatement completed that they were going to do over the summer
 - We may be delayed in getting some of our materials because of the pandemic and companies that have shut down.
- Cell Tower Fund update emailed out. Nothing out of the normal.
- April PTC's – suggestions on how to handle those – April 23rd
 - Tom discussed teacher expectations with Steve Diamond from HR
 - Steve suggested running the online scheduler and if parents want to get face to face time, they can schedule appointments
 - Can we start earlier in the day and end earlier? We can possibly split it up into 2 blocks. One in the afternoon and one at night.
 - Teachers would like a little more time than 5 minutes for each appointment because of possible issues with technology. If we do 10 minutes, that means only 30 parents can sign up. If we want to accommodate more parents, we need to add more time. We may be able to make appointment 7 minutes long, but Tom prefers 5 minutes.
 - On the trimester, we hold 3 P/T Conf. per year and other schools hold 2 per year, but with 2 nights of conferences. This is equal amount of time expected for Brighton and the other high schools.
 - Tom will get more teacher feedback on P/T Conferences
- BHS Cell Phone Policy – need to update our BHS policy.
 - We need to read through Hillcrest's policy again so Lisa will send it out to SCC
 - Taking away cell phones is not the best solution, so we need to come up with some detailed consequences and determine what it looks like (the put your cell phone away "or what's")
 - Hillcrest uses the Vault bag, better option than the pouches.

- With Butler being vigilant with their new cell phone policy, we may have less push back from students as they become accustomed to the rules in middle school
- What is Albion doing? The SCC will bring it up to their principal and see if we can all get on board with similar policies.
- There is an APP that rewards students for not using their phones. Pocket Points. Students who used it liked it. They could use it to earn points in the class and could earn extra credit points. In the future, we could let them use these points to buy items out of the school store.
- Miscellaneous:
- How is online school going?
 - What the district communicated is different than what we did at Brighton. We are in the middle of the trimester and the rest of the district is at the end of the quarter.
 - Parents have emailed about online school and we have received mostly positive comments and appreciation for what the teachers are doing right now and the high quality of lessons their students are getting
 - Teachers are keeping Skyward up to date
 - Concern that some teachers are using different platforms, but the district has these blocked and students can't get on. Tom will follow up.
 - Teachers are putting in long hours trying to make this work for students
 - Tom Evans commented that it was an adjustment to get Canvas up and going, but we are working hard to communicate with families and students
- Grading
 - We've been discussing what grading looks like in the current situation
 - Do we move to Pass/Fail? Straight letter grades may cause a lot of students to fail.
 - Universities are doing a P/F option. Students can choose to receive a letter grade or a P/F.
 - As we discuss grading options, we are taking students' circumstances into account and how we can approach grades in a fair way
 - After Spring Break, the District will make a decision that we can move forward with.
 - Concern about scholarships. Eligibility for sports. We won't be doing a mandatory P/F because of these issues
- ACT
 - Students that were supposed to take the make-up ACT were given vouchers to take it another time
- Principal's Pantry
 - For the past 2 ½ weeks, we have had food in the main hall for students
 - We need donate the rest of the food - Food Bank?
 - Are there schools in the District that might need it? Tom will look into this.
- Senior Recognition
 - What can we do to support our senior athletes?
 - We are discussing virtual graduation with Jostens
 - If you have reasonable ideas, please email Tom

FACULTY REPORT:

- Teachers have been successful setting up their Canvas courses and appreciate Jessica Miller, our Ed Tech, who has been working hard to support teachers.

SCHOOL CLIMATE:

- BHS Safety Concern sent to CSD: Vaping and the Bullying associated with it. The secondary concern sent was the Cross Walk safety and traffic issues.

OTHER:

- We have checked out over 300 Chromebooks and 17 hotspots so far
- Albion has more Chromebooks available to hand out
- If you know of any family that needs help of any kind, please let the school know
- Is the Counseling Center still monitoring SafeUT APP?
 - Tom, an Assistant Principal and a counselor get alerts from SafeUT and pass those on to the appropriate person who can help with the situation
 - We have a social worker and school psychologist that are doing remote visits
- Spring Break is next week. The school is on a hard close and the building will be locked from the afternoon on Friday, 4/3 to the morning of 4/13. Teachers will not be grading or contacting students during this time, so students should not expect to have new assignments or answers from teachers during the break.

CELEBRATIONS:

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NEXT MEETING:

- Next meeting: May 13th
- Please keep in mind with the current situation in our schools, we may need to add an additional meeting before the end of the school year to address anything because of missed meetings. Or take a vote on something through email.

Motion to adjourn: Tom Sherwood
Second: Julie Clawson