

# BHS SCC Minutes

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 3:30pm - Virtual

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

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

**Staff Members:** Catherine Bates, Lindsay Christensen, Kellie Clark, Tom Evans, Aaron Hadfield, Jenn Mattson, Tabbie Mayne, Ernest Pulliam, Paul Winkelman (Counselor Rep/member)

**Parent Members:** Marci Cardon, Julie Clawson, Lois Kristensen (alternate) Debbie Durtschi, Cindy England (alternate), Laura Garcia, Mila Gleason, Cheri Hawes, Jill Hawkins, Gerry Hassell, Lisa Hill, Matt Misbach, Stefanie Ripplinger, Cheryl Simmons, Kim Steenblik, Katie Tatton, LeRoy Vea, Sabrina Ely (PTSA Rep)

Guests: Susan Edwards, Kirk Cullimore

## **SCC BUSINESS:**

- Approve Minutes from October 2020 meeting
  - Motion to Approve: Lisa Prudden
  - Second: Julie Clawson
  - Vote: Approved
  
- Discuss Sub Committees
  - Community Forums
  - Feeder School Meeting
    - On hold for now
  - LANDTrust and TSSP = current plan is on the webpage.
    - Lisa D. will send out in an email. Plan to discuss in January.
      - Read 180 was purchased for ELL class in our plan – but the district helped provide workbooks so our cost will decrease. We are waiting to see where that ends up. Most likely will need to do an amendment to fix this budget category.
      - Paying teachers to teach on Flex budget category won't all be used. Tom won't need as much money as he set aside, but we will need money to pay teachers to teach online classes. Since this is the same – paying teachers salary – we won't need an amendment.
  - Above & Beyond = 1<sup>st</sup> trimester winners: Amy Mena, Jim Nielsen, Matt Simmonds
    - Delivered to Mena and Nielsen and Simmonds will be announced tomorrow
- School Safety Goals – Update what we have? Change them?
  - Vaping in bathrooms and bullying associated with it is one of our current goals
    - We have decreased vaping in the bathrooms, but it hasn't been completely fixed
    - Monitoring it has decreased the number of students using the bathrooms, but they are now vaping in their cars
  - Traffic and Pedestrian concerns on and around campus was our second safety goal
    - worked on getting our hall monitors to help at the crosswalks and parking lots
  - Main safety goal for 2020-21?
    - Tom suggested a goal of safely navigating campus
    - To improve this, we could: increase signage to help students/community safely access buildings; directing students to paths instead of walking down parking lot
      - Can we use hall monitors to help with this?

- Also mentioned - Decline in civility nationwide. We need to discuss tolerance for different points of view on religion, race, politics, etc.
      - Mila commented that her daughter's car with BLM all over it was vandalized after the elections
      - Any type of property damage should be reported to the school
  - We need to focus on increasing respect for other points of view
  - Address safety concerns due to the ongoing construction on campus
  - **Goal #1** - Ensure students' safety while navigating campus with the ongoing changing environment as a result of construction.
  - **Goal #2** – Safe School Culture – Continually promote a welcoming and safe school culture for all students and faculty at Brighton High.
    - Will refine with admin (sexting, political views, religion, etc.)
- Safe Technology & Digital Literacy Plan – conducted by Catherine Bates
  - NetSmartz
    - We will send the modules home and encourage families to go through them together.
  - We've been waiting for direction from the District, but we haven't heard anything yet
  - We can use the plan from last year and adjust it for this year
  - Catherine will start sending information to Marielle for the Bengal Bulletin
  - We can use Flex period as a time to teach mini lessons about digital literacy provided by NetSmartz. Teachers will not need to come up with these plans.

### **COUNSELOR'S REPORT:**

- Counseling Center is holding 9<sup>th</sup> grade CCR meetings and creating 4-year plans
- Working on issues with 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester classes
- Digital Footprint is a discussion counselors are having when meeting with students and parents – social media is becoming a place for child trafficking. Parents need to monitor their student's social media
- Jordan High night school has gone online
- This is the last year for Regents Scholarship

### **PTSA INPUT:**

- Nothing this month

### **FACULTY REPORT:**

- Pace Gardner – Living Leader – sent out video to SCC members to show what he is doing this year.
  - This was included as a link to the email Lisa D. sent out
  - Pace can submit a petition to SCC for additional funds if needed
- After school faculty exercise group
  - This has been put on hold for the time being due to Covid
  - Fitness Center is available to faculty

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- TSSP and LANDTrust – Will email out the current plan. To be discussed in January. Plan on February to have the full discussion after our regular meeting.
- Update on Construction
  - We are on schedule

- Some teachers are frustrated because details are not complete in classrooms, but we are making progress (ex.: Outlets in classrooms. Contractors are focused on completing the school for the fall and so details are being pushed back, but will get done eventually)
- Auditorium opening has been pushed back due to Covid issues. (December)
  - The school play is on hold because of the executive health order, but we will do it in December at Butler MS if allowed
- Cell Tower Fund update – Tom’s request for some \$
  - Funds have been bumped up to \$40 per employee allowed by the district
  - Request to transfer \$5,000 to faculty fund
    - Motion to approve request: Cheri Hawes
    - Second: Gerry Hassell
    - Approved 100%: Vote by role call.
- COVID update
  - Dashboard report looks good, but are not accurate
  - Today we added 4 cases, so we are officially at 12. We are going to have 2 classes quarantined tomorrow for 14 days
  - Seems like a Halloween spike
  - We are doing well in comparison to the state
  - Cottonwood Heights has a lower transmission rate than the rest of the district area.
  - JSD is holding an emergency meeting tonight because of spikes in their schools
  - UEA – petition to put all secondary schools online from now until after the holidays
    - Our CSD rep. presented this idea to the Board last night and most CEA teachers are in favor of this from what the rep stated.
    - Concern about the mental health of our students. We have had a few suicide attempts in the past few weeks (none have been successful).
    - Hybrid schedule would be a good option for Brighton. We could space kids out and all kids could connect with their teachers and come to school two times per week.
  - Question/Discussion –
    - Do we have a lot of teachers that want to teach online?
      - Comment from teacher – Dance online takes a lot creativity. The general opinion from performing arts dept. is that we need to have a fixed schedule. It is hard to plan because of all of the changes that keep coming at teachers. Teachers want consistency. Teachers are worried about numbers increasing and it seems inevitable that we will move to all online. The unknown causes anxiety. This is also a concern for students. Inconsistency makes it hard to make decisions. We need the District to make a decision and go forward with consistency instead of finding out last minute.
      - Comment – More F’s this trimester than ever before. Hybrid gives teachers the ability to build a rapport with students. Seems like the majority of students that signed up for online are failing their classes. We haven’t had even one student stay on track and complete .50 credit (CVHS)
    - Do we have to do what the district decides to do?
      - When our positive Covid numbers get high, Tom meets with the Superintendent and they look at the numbers and then discuss community spread coming up with a plan that works best for our school

- We don't see the district making definitive decisions that will plan out the next 2 months. It will be a week to week decision based on numbers.
- How many CEA members?
  - District-wide we have about 50% membership
- 4-day school week in person and Fridays online – how is it going? Fine for now. This week is the end of the Tri.
- Cell Phone Policy – input on latest Version
  - Consequence in class for students using phones inappropriately
  - Yondr pouch – Hillcrest used a cheaper version and a level system approach
    - We can move students away from phones as their device to chrome books
    - Phones are faster than chrome books and so they like using them better
  - Tom will take this to BLT and faculty to get input. We can implement it this year if we get it vetted.
  - The District is asking for Brighton's policy.
- Miscellaneous:

### **SCHOOL CLIMATE:**

- Mask wearing – Are we doing better?
  - Students will take their masks off if no one is looking, but when someone walks by and asks them to put their masks on, they do.
  - Most students are doing well wearing masks in their classes
  - In the hallways, most kids are wearing their masks, but some don't, esp covering their noses
  - Lunch is a problem
  - We need more adults/teachers in the building to ask students to put their masks on and be proactive about it.

### **OTHER:**

- Guest – Kirk Cullimore would like to address the SCC (father of a BHS student)
  - Digital Citizenship Discussion
  - Mr. Cullimore sent an email for review by the SCC prior to this meeting
  - From his perspective, there is a perceived culture of minimizing sexual assaults among teenagers
  - At Brighton there is a prevalence of inappropriate texts, snapchats, etc. requesting nude pictures (this is prevalent in teenage culture everywhere)
  - How can we address this and help curb it?
  - This year is different because we haven't had in-person meetings where sometimes we address issues like this in parent meetings and through assemblies
  - Counseling Center is discussing digital safety with students when they meet
  - Bengal Bulletin – digital safety reminders
  - Sexual Assault - Tom commented that sexual assaults are beyond the scope of the school. If Brighton has a culture of assault, we need to know about it so we can address it, but typically this is a law enforcement issue.
  - Parents may not be up to speed about what "consent" looks like. Tom is open to suggestions
  - Sexting/Nudes – This is common. It has become normalized and many students willingly send these pictures without realizing the consequences.

- We have held assemblies every year, but we don't know if this makes a difference. NetSmartz is offering modules that we will have students complete during the year.
- As an administration, we deal with this issue and other social media issues every few weeks
- Parents don't seem to be policing their own student's cell phones
- Restricting our network doesn't matter because students have unlimited data and can use their own data
- How do we reach people?
- We can start attaching information in the Bengal Bulletin
- Can we send a Skylert about digital citizenship that isn't connected to the Bengal Bulletin? Any time we increase the emails going home, it becomes "white noise," but we can try anything.
  - We can send home a digital citizenship newsletter once per trimester
  - Can we have the Counseling Center get involved in this and talk about it during their student meetings? Mr. Winkelman said they are addressing this in their meetings and sending out information to parents
  - Bengal News – SBO's get the message out
- Susan Edwards (district rep)
  - She will bring this up at the district level
  - CSD is hosting a meeting with local ecclesiastical leaders and she will discuss this topic with them and get support from them to pass on to their communities
  - Also mentioned to help push this at the middle school level. Seems to be catching incoming freshmen off guard?
- Update on Hall Monitors and helping at the cross walks
  - Hall monitors are at the cross walks.
  - They now have orange coats to make them more visible.

**CELEBRATIONS:**

- Marching Band took 3<sup>rd</sup> in State in their category. Amazing award for a first-year marching band. Congratulations!
- Mr. Gillespie received the College of Science at U of U - Ronald Ragsdale Chemistry Teacher Award – most exceptional chemistry teacher in the state.
- Fall Sports all represented Brighton well and we are happy we got to complete the season
- Sad to see Dance and Theater productions put on hold for now due to Health Mandate.

Motion to adjourn: Tom Sherwood

Second: Marci Cardon

**NEXT MEETING:** DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> if needed.

January 13<sup>th</sup>, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>