

BHS SCC Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 - 3:30pm in the Media Center & 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, Laura Garcia, Mila Gleason, Cheri Hawes, Jill Hawkins, Gerry Hassell, Lisa Hill, Stefanie Ripplinger, Cheryl Simmons, Kim Steenblik, Katie Tatton, LeRoy Veal, ~~Sybrina Ely (PTSA-REP)~~

SCC BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes from November 2020 meeting
 - Motion to Approve: Katie Tatton
 - Second: Julie Clawson
 - Vote: Approved

- Matt Misbach resigned 11/24/20 - automatically ratified Cindy England
- Discuss Sub Committees
 - Community Forums
 - Feeder School Meeting
 - LANDTrust and TSSP = current plan is on the webpage
 - Above & Beyond = 2nd Tri Nominations email to send out this weekThese will go out soon and will be forwarded to the sub-committee

COUNSELOR'S REPORT:

- Site Review Report - State
 - Passed. The state is impressed with our programs and how we are conducting our guidance. They also commented that when we graded ourselves, we were too hard on ourselves.
 - Complimentary of our school and our efforts to help students that are struggling
 - They like our Flex period and how it can be used for a broad range of student needs
- Working on Junior class CCR's and registration for higher ed day. Students can go on and have virtual conversations with colleges
- ACT Prep classes will begin soon
- CTEC registration is open and they are doing a virtual open house on 1/27
- PSAT - 1/26
- Counselors are concerned about students not attending in person and are reaching out to them encouraging engagement in their classes.

PTSA INPUT:

- PTSA is having a hard time getting students and clubs together this year
- Providing Parent-Teacher Conference meals tomorrow.
 - Thank you to PTSA for doing this. The teachers and staff appreciate it more than you know.

FACULTY REPORT:

- Teachers are getting ready for Parent Teacher Conferences tomorrow. As always, please check Skyward so that you are aware of your student's progress in their classes.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- TSSP and LANDTrust – February to have full discussion after our Regular Meeting.
 - We can make plans to have at least as much money next year as we had this year
- Update on Construction
 - Timeline
 - We have the week of Memorial Day to get everything out of the building
 - Demolition begins the beginning of June
 - Everything in the front of the school, besides the Arts building parking, lot will be inaccessible in the fall
 - We won't have access to our front doors when school starts in the fall. Temporary main entrance will be the auditorium entrance in the Arts building. We will have a temporary attendance office there to greet the public.
 - The building will be 100% complete in August
 - Back parking lots will be completed and back entrances will be done in August
 - By Thanksgiving, all landscaping will be done
 - The roundabout construction will start in the spring so that it is complete before school starts
 - The overall project is on time, but there is some concern about the cafeteria, library and multi-purpose room above the library not being completed
 - Auditorium should be done by 2/5. We have groups that want to use it as soon as possible.
- Cell Tower Fund update – nothing new at this time
- COVID update – update on School quarantine guidelines
 - Everyone should have received an email from the district about updated guidelines
 - We are hopeful that more students will return to school because of the new guidelines
 - Mask to mask contact is not quarantinable
 - We have over 700 students that are absent each day from in-school participation (attendance marks are not as accurate as they should be, so the numbers are not exact)
 - 500 students with at least 2 F's. On a regular year, the number is approx. 350. We are trying to reach out to these students. We do home visits, phone calls, emails, etc.
 - Next fall, we aren't going to offer Brighton online classes. If students want an online experience, they will need to take those classes through CVHS.
- Registration
 - The district recognizes that there are families that like how we do school this year. Virtually attending classes from home. There will be efforts to offer more classes of this nature – blended instruction/synchronous. But not the number we have now.
 - CVHS will offer the online classes next year
 - Comment from teacher that we need to make it clear that there are some classes that don't work for synchronous learning, such as Ballroom Dance.
 - In extenuating circumstances, we can accommodate this. But not as the norm.
 - Parent commented that this puts a big strain on teachers as they try to keep virtual students and in-person students engaged.
 - 3rd trimester will continue the same as we have been doing. We will be accommodating virtual students.

- Flex
 - Flex is still a good idea, but has been a challenge this year
 - We have some things we need to work out with attendance being optional this year
 - We have a lot of students that are opting out of Flex and leaving the school or wandering the halls. Many seniors do not attend.
 - Teachers are concerned that they don't have their own students in their Flex classes. We decided to have grade level specific students so that we could do grade level specific things during Flex.
 - We need to decide what is the most important. Grade level students or current students. We will discuss this in BLT prior to next year.
 - Comment from teacher that she has good attendance in her Flex. She feels that teaching a lesson/meditating would send her students out into the hall. She also feels like having students that she teaches enriches the relationship part of Flex.
 - What are parent perceptions? Most parents on SCC love Flex and feel like their students are benefiting from it. One parent commented that her student is not using it.
 - Mental Health
 - Lessons – We have a handful of teachers doing this. We didn't push out a mandatory policy for lessons during Flex because of everything else the teachers are doing this year.
 - When teachers try to do lessons/activities during Flex, we get complaints from students and parents. They just want the time to be used as a study hall.
 - Students that are disconnected from the school are the students that are having the most problems with social emotional well-being
 - When we find out about students that are struggling, we always follow up and find the best person to help them
 - SafeUT is a good place for referrals as well as Hope Squad

- Cell Phone Policy – Draft version update
 - Tom sent the draft out to teachers yesterday
 - The teachers he heard back from are supportive of the pouches
 - One to One – We plan to let students keep chrome books over the summer. We will issue it to them as a Freshmen and they will keep it throughout their four years. At this point, IT wants us to gather them, store, update, etc., but we are hoping that we can let the students keep them over the summer. We don't have the storage space.

- 2020 Graduation Numbers
 - Considering Covid, 92% is a good number.
 - 2019 was 92.5% which was about 3 students when you look at the overall numbers.
 - The largest number of summer grads ever - 42 (we let all students walk this year and so many students weren't motivated to finish because they got to walk at graduation)

- 2021 Graduation
 - We won't be holding graduation at the Maverick Center this year
 - We will replicate what we did last year and many things we do will be determined by what the Covid transmission rate is in May
 - Feedback – PTSA commented that they appreciated last year's graduation (short ceremony, individual attention). Every parent that SCC members have talked to would opt for this type of graduation every year.
 - After this year, we can survey the seniors and ask them what they want to do

SCHOOL CLIMATE:

- Mask wearing – see discussion above
- Attendance in person vs. online 2nd Tri – see discussion above

OTHER:

- Safety Goals for 2020-21 School year:
 - **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.
 - These were turned in to the district. They can be amended if we need to.
 - Our School Safety Committee has reconvened and will be meeting next week
- CSD Teacher of the Year
 - BHS Nominations need to be submitted to Front Office or PTSA
 - Due by Feb 5th
 - Form can be found on the CSD website – one of the main banner links
 - We are hoping to receive several nominations
 - Teachers and staff can nominate as well

CELEBRATIONS:

- Our local leadership has determined extra-curricular activities as meaningful and have allowed us to continue to play sports.
- We performed Hamlet before the holiday break. Even with all of the challenges facing the theater classes, they pulled off a successful play.
- School-wide fundraiser was a success. We raised over \$16,000 to donate to the refugee center. With Hillcrest and Jordan participating as well, we donated over \$25,000.

Motion to end meeting: Ernest Pulliam

Second: Lisa Prudden

Vote: Approved

NEXT MEETING: Feb 10th – TSSP Meeting right after
March 10th, April 14th, May 12th