

BHS SCC Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 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 Christensen, Debbie Durtschi, Cindy England, Laura Garcia, Mila Gleason, ~~Cheri Hawes~~, Gerry Hassell, Lisa Hill, Stefanie Ripplinger, Cheryl Simmons, Kim Steenblik, Katie Tatton, LeRoy Veal, ~~Sabrina Ely~~ (PTSA Rep)
Guests: Janice Spencer-Wise, Mikala Mortensen, Daniel Emrazian (filling in for Lindsay)

SCC BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes from January 2021 meeting
 - Motion to Approve: Ernest Pulliam
 - Second: Julie Clawson
 - Vote: Approved
- Jill Hawkins resigned 1/15/21 - automatically ratified Lois Kristensen
- Discuss Sub Committees
 - Community Forums
 - Feeder School Meeting
 - LANDTrust and TSSP – discussion will be today after the regular meeting
 - Above & Beyond = 2nd Tri nominations gathered. No winners announced yet
 - Will be awarded next week and announced on next month's agenda

COUNSELOR'S REPORT:

- February Newsletter was attached to email from Lisa earlier this week
- Finishing up 11th grade CCR's and will follow up with 10th grade CCR's
- ACT Prep classes have started for ACT on March 9
- Arena Scheduling opens 2/22 – 2/25
- Course Selection has opened and students need to complete this by 2/19

PTSA INPUT:

- Nothing at this time

FACULTY REPORT:

- Mr. Hadfield reported that many teachers are concerned about students that have shown up right now at the end of the trimester who haven't done anything previously and now want to pass their classes
- Some students are "zooming in" to class most days, but aren't completing assignments. Computers on but not really present.

- Teachers feel that other than serious health issues, students should be showing up physically in class
- Teachers are overwhelmed with trying to teach students at home as well as the students physically in class
- There are students that attend every class except 5th period and will attend it virtually so that they don't have to come back to school after lunch.
- Mr. Sherwood commented that we know we have a lot of students taking advantage of the attendance policy; however, we have been directed by the School Board that we need to hold students harmless for attendance.
 - We need to offer them different modalities of learning. There are too many reasons for students to stay home this year. We can't punish them for not coming.
 - We have 2/3 of our students here each day

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- TSSP and LANDTrust – Sub-Group discussion after meeting today** See Below
 - Possible Amendment discussion and vote – due to Covid budgeted items may need to be altered.
 - We have money left in the account due to adjustments this year. About \$40,000+
 - Money should be used for personnel and “stuff” that is used for students.
Options:
 - A. Band instruments (Mikala mentioned several are very old and not working any more)
 - B. Technology that we can buy now for the new building (computer lab)
 - C. Defer all of the funds and use them next year
 - Proposal needs to be taken to the District with these three options.
 - *Motion to approve amendment with the three proposed items above (band instruments, computer lab, defer): Aaron Hadfield*
 - *Second: Marci Cardon*
 - *Approved by Vote*
- Update on Construction
 - Auditorium is still not complete and at this point we have been delayed by sub-contractors with Covid. We are waiting on delivery of a fire curtain and we are also waiting for the receiving door to get installed.
 - We are grateful to Butler for accommodating us and our performing arts needs.
 - Contractors are confident that we will hit our fall dates and start school in the new building
 - May 1st will be first the day we can start moving things from the existing building to the new building
 - Utilities – We need a main water line installed where the existing building is, but this is a big job and the one thing the contractors are most concerned about.
 - Existing building will be demolished 6/15
 - Asbestos abatement scheduled for spring break
 - We will schedule a tour in May for SCC members
 - Ribbon Cutting scheduled for August 12

- Cell Tower Fund update
 - Specific expenditures were sent in the email from Lisa
 - Approved \$1,500 for Robotics to come out of Cell Tower
- COVID Update
 - Our Covid numbers have stayed low, but if we get to the 1% we will do Test to Stay (80% of students that are attending must be tested)
 - Every other week we test close to 600 students and we have not reached 5 positives in one day so far
 - Vaccines – As of last Thursday, every CSD teacher/staff that wanted a vaccine had the opportunity to get the first dose. 2nd doses start this week.
- Cell Phone Policy – Where are we at?
 - Feedback from teachers – they like the policy and we plan to start it school-wide next fall. Some are going to try it this Spring.
- Miscellaneous:
 - F's. There are a lot of students that act like they are coming to school, but not actually coming or engaging. Many parents don't know their students aren't coming to school.
 - Counselors and Assistant Principals are meeting with students and trying to help them
 - Federal Funds have been allocated to the districts to help support students
 - Things that we would typically pay for with TSSA and LandTrust could be paid for with the Federal funds
 - We will have these extra resources to support students for two years

SCHOOL CLIMATE:

- Students & Staff – Dealing with grief. Resources.
 - We have a district crisis team that comes to the school to provide support when there is a crisis such as the one we experienced a few weeks ago.
 - Safe UT – Sent a crisis team with specialists. This hotline is available to everyone at any time for any reason. If you need to talk, make a connection, etc.
 - Best practices suggest that you try not to make a suicide an event or draw too much attention to it, but take care of everyone that needs support.
 - Lisa had feedback that people wanted information/support sent home
 - Andrea Dover, our social worker, is looking into finding resources to send out to the community. (BTW. She has been a great asset to Brighton in providing students with emotional supports when they need them and many times on a moment's notice.)
 - Counselors are still monitoring students that need support. When counselors hold CCR's they talk to students about mental health supports and where to find them. Resources are also on the canvas pages.
 - Hope Squad has been active in all of this and coming up with ideas about how to support students
 - Can we put a list of resources on the counseling center website? Posters in the hall that list resources?

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.
- BHS Robotics requesting financial support. Ms. Spencer-Wise & Ben Huber (Club Pres)
 - Video presentation from Robotics president
 - This year has been difficult to get sponsorships from local businesses, they have tried
 - Requesting \$1,500 from Cell Tower - See the proposal details that was emailed
 - *Motion to approve \$1,500 from Cell Tower: Cindy England*
 - *Second: Katie Tatton*
 - *Approved by vote*
- Flex Period
 - This program will continue for next year
 - The district is looking at a high school-wide advisory period with curriculum (Hillcrest, Alta, and Brighton have existing advisory periods in place)
 - Driver's Ed and Health will continue to be taught on Flex
 - Performing Arts teachers feel like there are a lot more unexpected conflicts with Flex than they anticipated. It hasn't worked the way they expected it to work. (ex. AP Capstone students conflict with choir). Mr. Emrazian feels like he will need to go back to teaching a zero period next year, which is what Flex was hoping to prevent.
 - Being on the trimester it is more complicated to avoid conflicts (ex. We teach 20 AP classes in 5 periods). Hard to find a period without AP Students in a class.

CELEBRATIONS:

- Tom was awarded one of the outstanding administrators of the year by the Utah Music Educators Association.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Lisa Prudden

Second: Tom Sherwood

NEXT MEETING: March 10th

**TSSA & LANDTrust Subcommittee met afterwards to discuss next years financial situation with extra Federal money as well as TSSP/LANDTrust money and plans. Suggestions were made and discussed. Ideas will be sorted through to determine which category to pull different financial needs from so we can put our TSSP/LT plans in place. Will discuss again to sort through it once firm numbers are provided to Tom.
Attended: Cindy, Marci, Katie, LeRoy, Paul, Daniel E, Mila, Lisa D, Tom, Marielle, Lisa P, Debbie D, Lois K.