

BHS SCC Minutes

Wednesday, March 10th 2021 at 3:30pm, Media Center & Online

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, Debbie Durtschi, ~~Cindy England~~, Sabrina Ely (PTSA Rep), Laura Garcia, Mila Gleason, Cheri Hawes, Gerry Hassell, Lisa Hill, Stefanie Ripplinger, ~~Cheryl Simmons~~, Kim Steenblik, Katie Tatton, LeRoy Vea
Guests: Renae Hunter, Amber Shill

SCC BUSINESS:

- Approve Minutes from February 2021 meeting
 - *Motion to Approve:* Julie Clawson
 - *Second:* Ernest Pulliam
 - *Vote:* Approved
- Discuss Sub Committees
 - Community Forums
 - Feeder School Meeting
 - LANDTrust and TSSP – see Principal’s Report
 - Above & Beyond
 - 2nd Trimester Winners: Adams, Baird, and Thompson were awarded during one of their class periods

COUNSELOR’S REPORT:

- March Newsletter was sent home in Skylert
- Registration is complete (almost 100% of students are registered for 2021-22)
- 3rd trimester schedules changes are done
- 10th grade CCR’s are in progress
- Junior ACT was successfully administered yesterday – 450 Juniors took the test
- Graduation Merit Cord applications are due in April

PTSA INPUT:

- PTSA Scholarships are coming due. If your student is a PTSA member, look for information coming in April.
- Looking for Board members for next year.

FACULTY REPORT:

- Attendance seems to be the same as last trimester. Many students attending virtually, but not engaged when online.
- Tom reported that we had more underclassmen return this trimester to in-person classes

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- TSSP and LANDTrust – update on financials & BLT input
 - We need signatures from all SCC on the Amendment passed last month.
 - If you are remote please come to the office during the week to sign the form.
 - Discussion about finances and expenses for next year
 - \$15,000 carryover is about what we have each year.
 - The budget should not be reduced for next year, but may increase as it has done in the past

Current year funding:

- PAWS
- Summer school
- Additional hall monitors with expanded roles (Check and Connect – considered for next school year, In School Suspension)
- Technology - student chrome books
- Reading class (Read 180)
- ELL teacher and additional supports (Read 180)
- .25 counselor

Additions to current funding for 2021-22:

- Link Crew – Program for 9th graders
- Substitutes - Core departments will get PLC days to plan common assessments and curriculum
- AVID training– We are working towards this for fall of 2022. We will introduce it to the faculty next year
 - Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)
 - Purpose – Address the middle student and get them on a more rigorous path preparing them for college (study habits, notetaking, study groups, etc.)
 - The school adopts programs and strategies that support AVID (teachers are consistent in using some AVID strategies)
- Technology - Specialized computer labs (Mac Lab), Chrome books?
- Special Ed – Classroom set of iPads
- Summer school – Classes taught by Brighton teachers (possible Canvas courses)
- PBIS – Way 2 B cards (positive reinforcement) – Use funds to increase rewards and create a more robust program
- Intramural sports – ping pong, corn hole, spike ball, pickle ball, etc.
 - Could also be used for FLEX down the road.
- Informational TV's – Social emotional messages, highlights, announcements, etc.
- Class size reduction – Enrollment is the same next year so we would like to hire more teachers and/or sell prep periods to offer more classes

- Extended year math – (may be funded with state money) This has been a very successful program and more students have requested this for next year. It is available for all 3 levels of Core Math.
- Update on Construction
 - Auditorium is close to being complete. We have access to the space, but some details are not done.
 - Sub Contractor issues
 - Timeline for the entire project – we are on schedule to open all buildings for Fall 2021 classes.
 - SCC can do another tour in May
 - Front Parking lot will be finished at the end of December 2021 with 950 parking spots for Seniors – Sophomores(? Pit only?) on campus – Front and Back
 - Roundabout will be completed in September
 - Front entrance will be in the Arts building until January with a temporary Attendance Office located there
 - Community Open House – once the building is completely finished we will hold an open house for the public
 - Ribbon cutting is scheduled for mid August at the moment.
- Cell Tower Fund Update
 - Addition - \$1500 for robotics approved last meeting
 - Above and Beyond ordered more tumblers and supplemental gifts
- COVID Update
 - Governor removed the 25% restriction at venues if everyone is masked up
 - No food can be served at events
 - The positive Covid numbers at Brighton continue to stay low
 - helped to allow students to stay home if not feeling well due to online options for classes.
- Miscellaneous: Graduation & Senior Class plans, PROM Plans, Friday plans, Online instruction @ BHS
 - Friday plans (should we continue with virtual Fridays discussion)
 - Next week at the Board Mtg. Fridays will be discussed.
 - Amber Shill asked SCC members for their input on the current Friday plans – good and bad. She reminded all that as of right now, there is no discussion about continuing this Online Friday next school year.
 - Parent input –
 - Students have been through so much change, they don't need another change
 - Students want and need that Friday – catch up on homework, talk to teachers
 - Would it be beneficial for teachers to have one more day with the students in class?
 - Students would like to keep Fridays for next year
 - Students are only getting 80% of their education this year and time would be better spent in classes than at home on Friday
 - ACT scores? How will they be impacted?

- A parent disagrees with what her children want because it may not be what is best for them. Her students want Fridays off. She has observed parents planning trips because we don't have school on Fridays. They call it "do nothing Fridays."
- Students have more flexibility on when assignments get done
- The Board needs to look at how many Fridays we actually have left in the year and then consider whether or not going back on Fridays worth it?
- Most of the discussion at the Board meeting last week was focused on the elementary level, but that doesn't mean they won't address Fridays at the secondary level
- School/staff input
 - Tom stated that if teachers lose Fridays, we will not offer the virtual and in-person instruction for students. This will be too taxing on our teachers.
 - Concurrent enrollment – Fridays has given the students the opportunity to take their exams on Fridays. This way they don't need to be excused from other classes to take the tests. Helped a lot.
 - All of our AP teachers are planning to hold practice AP tests and review sessions on Fridays instead of Saturdays. Should be beneficial.
 - Students may be required to come in and take missed tests, small groups come in as needed
 - We see a lot of students in the wood shop, sewing, art classes on Fridays where they can work for hours at a time
 - Teachers are worried about doing in-person and virtual without Fridays
- Graduation Plans/Senior Class
 - With the adjusted % capacity at events, we can now hold a traditional graduation at the Maverick Center
 - Football stadium is not an option this year. Not enough parking available for an event of this size

Options: **We will not do both**

- 1) Traditional graduation held at the Maverick Center – unsure of # of tickets per student. Also need to have other High Schools on board to do it same day.
- 2) Graduation drive-thru parade – last year's model
 - Seniors could sign up for time slot this year (one car per family) – can sign up in the same time slot as their friends
 - Staged in groups of 15 and drive through route
 - Cross the stage, receive diploma, pictures
 - Turn in cap and gown at the church or school
 - possibility of meeting after in the field house, football field, park, etc.
 - Difference from last year is that students will have Senior Dance and Senior Awards night to see each other.
- The Board will want feedback from the community. If we do a survey, we will have to comply with the results.
- Seniors that have been asked have said that they want to do what we did last year, but want to be able to come with their friends

- Prom
 - Thanksgiving Point
 - April 17th
 - Test to attend on Friday, April 16th – MANDATORY to attend the dance.
 - For BHS Students only at first. If tickets are left after a certain date then one could be purchased for a date that doesn't attend BHS. The non BHS student will need to do their covid test at Brighton at the same time.
 - Only selling tickets individually. But someone can purchase two – one for them and one for their BHS date.
 - Since this is the only school wide dance this year some have asked to be able to attend individually.

SCHOOL CLIMATE:

- Attendance update for 3rd Tri: Our daily absentee number is right around 500 per day. Prior to third trimester it was close to 750-800 per day. We had about 250-300 kids come back for third trimester.
 - Our “usual” absentee number is between 200-220 in a normal “non covid” year.
 - Some of those 500 are students doing online only. Some of the others are doing half days online and attending school in person for other classes. Many are just not attending anything.
 - Seniors seem to be the class with the most absentees that aren't doing online only.
- We are thrilled to have these kids back in school. Masks are still required, and now with more kids in the hallway they need to wear them and keep them up over their noses.

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.

CELEBRATIONS:

Motion to adjourn: Lois Kristensen

Second: Lisa Hill

Approved by vote

NEXT MEETING:

April 14th

May 12th