



BRIGHTON HIGH

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MARCH 20, 2024 at 3:30 PM WBL ROOM

BHS Mission Statement - Brighton High School's mission is to foster success for all students by providing opportunities to learn at high levels through an inclusive and supportive educational environment.

SCC MEMBERS

Marielle Rawle
(Principal)

Katie Dahle (Chair)

Cherie Sadowski (Vice
Chair/PTSA)

Marci Cardon

Kari Griffie

Mila Gleeson

Liz Jenkins

Monica Meyer

Jodi Saelund

Kim Steenblik

LeRoy Ve

Ryan Davidson

Mitch Evers

Summer Gallegos

Melinda Rosevear

Kellie Clark

Aaron Hadfield

Alia Gonzales

Michael Harris

Marissa Merket

Emily Nance

Ernest Pulliam

Stefanie Ripplinger

Josh Wallace

Paul Winkelman

New to SCC - 1st time, welcome!

Mike Smith

Tyson Grover

Visitors:

Amber Shill (Board Member)

Welcome

Approve Minutes & Agenda - Ernest Pulliam - motion to approve minutes

Paul Winkelman - 2nd motion to approve

SCC Business:

- Julie Clawson & Doug Draughan have asked to step down -
 - Replacements: Mike Smith & Tyson Grover
- Subcommittees reports-
 - Above and Beyond - another successful round of recognizing teachers!
 - Karen Larson, English
 - Danielle Weigandt, Jewelry
 - Jackie Ricks, Instructional Coach
 - John Lundstrom, English
 - Cell Tower

- Awarded the swim team \$1,590 - asked for 20 devices, we have funded 10 for them to try out their technology
 - Orchestra will receive just over \$4,000 to continue to help fund the harp.
 - Notes of gratitude shared from the teachers - thank you for funding! It is much appreciated
- Feeder Lunch
 - Twin Peaks room - Superintendent and Board members attended. There was a Q&A and there were lots of questions and everyone was very nice to answer them. Decent turn out. Reason for the feeder lunch is it helps those coming into Brighton to help them be up on the current things in Brighton as their students move up from the Elementary and Middle Schools. Great to have that open communication every year. Several parents who only have elementary students - great to familiarize them with the trimester system.

Action Items:

- Cell phone policy
 - **Recognize & Welcome Amber Skill** - she is on the board and is over Brighton High School
 - New Cell phone policy has been created
 - We have to decide what the consequences will be
 - Some teachers want autonomy to manage cell phones the way they want to, other teachers feel like there should be a school wide policy across the board
 - Marielle presented a proposed cell phone policy that gives both school wide and teacher discretion options
 - Kellie Clark - most of the English teachers are using cell phone pockets - one of the teachers says it's a game changer
 - Students have commented it's nice that it's not a distraction
 - Flexibility in the proposed policy to allow teachers
 - Cherie Sadowski -
 - Concern about "enforcing" school rules - a lot that falls on the admin
 - Marielle - we as admin want to support you and have your back - the students are coming in used to a cell phone policy - and
 - "Informal Practice" - maybe not?
 - General discussion about what is included in the policy - can we include earbuds as a part of that?
 - Concluding - will discuss at BLT
- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - We do have some teachers that would like to get input on the effectiveness of PT Conferences. What is the purpose? Are we doing it in the most effective way?
 - One of our teachers created a survey and sent it out to teachers. Feedback was:
 - Teachers would like to know the purpose of PT Conferences
 - Meet with all parents?
 - Meet more with at-risk students?
 - To celebrate student successes?
 - To allow parents time to connect with the teachers?
 - **Jodi Saeland** - likes the opportunity to meet the teachers. If my kid is doing well, I don't see the purpose, but there was a teacher she met with that she needed to talk to so she needed to have an understanding of

how the class was run. In that case 6 minutes does not feel like enough time.

- **Liz Jenkins** - important to go if students need the support
- **Marci Cardon** - agreed that 6 minutes is too short if you need to discuss something with a teacher
- Is this coming from Teacher's frustration?
 - Albion has something in place where parents are asked not to come if their students are doing fine (A's and B's, for example)
- **Michael Harris** - students who are succeeding, most of their parents are coming to conferences, it's the culture of the household
 - Suggestion: Back to School Night - Open House style where students go around to each class and meet the teachers, hear a brief overview of the class to make sure
- **Tyson Grover**: teachers have been really great about reaching out when we need to meet with them and figure out how to best help our child.
- **Marielle Rawle**: this has been a discussion at the district level. Important to address this to make it the most beneficial for parents, students and teachers. Possibility we are thinking about, an open house style, meet-the-teacher option, then something virtual, a split evening
- **Cherie Sadowski** - great opportunity to meet your child's teachers
- **Emily Nance** - help develop a system that speaks to all of the needs of the community and the stakeholders
- **Katie Dahle** - how do we meet the teachers and build those relationships? Conferences are meant to help meet our goals.
- **Melinda Rosevear** - what is in place already to help struggling students?
- How is parent square working as communication?
- **Ryan Davidson** - could we open PT Conferences in a sign-up window? Open sign ups to struggling students first
- **Mila Gleason** - if one of the goals is intervention, how do we get those parents who are not coming to take it seriously?
- **Jodie Saeland** - at some point students need to step up and show up, we can't force anyone to come
- **Aaron Hadfield** - motion for a committee to talk about this more
 - **Liz Jenkins** - seconded the motion to form a committee to talk about this more in another space
 - Sign - Up passed around to join a PT Conference Subcommittee
- **Marci Cardon** - it makes a difference to connect to your teachers and be able to recognize them
- **Kim Steenblick** - having that personal relationship makes all the difference
- **Kellie Clark** - is it possible to frontload the trimester to have a meet and greet night?
- Finalize next year's LAND Trust/TSSP
 - Changes needed to make - how are we going to fund people next year?
 - We will fund our part time ALS (Alternative Language Support - Lee) and TSSP will fund the other half
 - Lee's idea to help with WIDA testing

- One of our teachers gave the test to students in her class but he gave the test to other students whom he mentors. Lee decided to throw a pizza party for the students who completed WIDA testing. He has built a great relationship with these students!
 - We lost funding for McKinney-Vento person (Maria Bytendorp)
 - Take other half of ALS
 - Half of a social worker funded for our behavior unit, we want to fund a full social worker
 - Fund a full time counselor - Shelby currently working as an intern her salary is being funded through TSSP, we are waiting to hear if we can fund her full time
 - Marielle will update our plan for next year through the TSSP website which is due some time in April via the TSSP website
 - \$342,000 Landtrust , \$461,000 TSSP (refer to
 - Question: Do we need to spend money on the new Teen Center that is going in?
 - Marielle: yes, we will distribute money towards that as well
 - Question: The change to the 1% on the Graduation Goal
 - Including those words on the goal

Principal Report:

- Review Positive Behavior Plan
 - Emily Nance: Update on ROAR cards
 - Had PBIS meeting a couple of weeks ago
 - Feb. initiative was to improve accurate attendance data by teachers every day - Initiative was "Fall in Love With Waking Accurate Attendance"
 - Result - really high results! Having teachers be aware of it gave us high results
 - Collected silent discussion in the faculty room - qualitative data showed teachers want accountability for attendance - what do we do when students have too many absences?
 - Ideas like tardy sign-ins
 - 24,000 ROAR cards redeemed in store
 - Emphasize token economy - it's been cool to see teachers adopt practices that help this
 - Teachers have been able to voice their concerns and that has been helpful
 - Thank you for funding this committee! We are excited to continue to help with positive behaviors
 - Legislature will revisit the attendance policy in 2027
- Review current year's LAND Trust/TSSP
 - See above
- Teen Center/Wellness Room looking at final plans for that.
 - The district is going to fund a full time person to be the staff to work possibly a swing shift depending on the need
 - Location: Down in the POD where the special ED units are. Space will be reconfigured
 - SPED transition space will be reconfigured
 - Wellness room during the day
 - WHAT IS THE WELLNESS ROOM?

- Paul Winkelman explains - timed place for students to debrief and calm down if their emotions are high
- Celebrations
 - FBBLA STATE
 - Theatre Production of MacBeth - full every night in the little theatre!
 - Jackie Ricks - Instructional Coach - presented at a tech conference yesterday about TeachFX - shared data, she received a grant for teachers to participate
 - Janice Spencer-Wise - presented at a conference as well
 - MUN (Model United Nations) - went to a conference in NY with Jim Hodges (his 26th year going!) - amazing opportunity for these students working in committees and presenting their research on different topics
 - 12 students from Brighton attended
 - Best research and preparation Award
 - Best speaking and Diplomacy Award
 - 2 students got to present in the closing ceremonies to over 3,000 people

Faculty Report

- Kellie Clark - thank you to those who went and showed support for the trimester
- Aaron Hadfield - "Just remember, attendance is directly tied to your student's success!"
- Emily Nance - Jackie Ricks has some preliminary data on how important it is for your student to attend school

Counseling Center Report

- Paul Winkelman - Continuing with the happiness campaign with the students. This last week was HOPE week. Therapy dogs were brought in, students loved it!
- Sophomore students are meeting with counselors to go over their College & Career plans to make sure they are CCR Ready :)
- ACT Today - how was communication to parents?
 - Location (testing rooms) wasn't clear
 - Were all students aware of what to bring to the test?

PTSA Report - Cherie Sadowski

- ACT - student liaison and others came with treats and lucky pennies to wish the Juniors luck
- Legislatively - Cherie attended a meeting yesterday regarding everything happening on the Hill. There are a ton of things currently in consideration. Typically 85-90 bills having to do with education are on the docket. Yesterday there were over 120.
 - There is one bill that will put ear-marked bills for education in a spot and will hold them and say, "trust us to do what is needed with them," basically
 - The funds are related to income tax but Cox wants to get rid of income tax
- Marci Cardon - sharing a takeaway from the feeder lunch: if the elementary school knows what the policies are at the highschool they just prepare for it and are ready and know the expectation

Motion to adjourn the meeting - Cherie Sadowski - first motion to approve
Kim Steenblich - second

Next Meeting: April 10th, 3:30pm

Guest remarks are limited to 3 minutes