



BRIGHTON HIGH

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MAY 8, 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 Griffiee

✓ Mila Gleeson

✓ Liz Jenkins

✓ Mike Smith

___ Monica Meyer

✓ Jodi Saelund

✓ Kim Steenblik

✓ LeRoy Veal

✓ Ryan Davidson

✓ Mitch Evers

✓ Summer Gallegos

✓ Melinda Rosevear

✓ Kellie Clark

___ Tyson Grover

✓ Aaron Hadfield

✓ Alia Gonzales

✓ Michael Harris

✓ Marissa Merket

✓ Emily Nance

___ Ernest Pulliam

✓ Stefanie Ripplinger

✓ Josh Wallace

✓ Paul Winkelman

Visitors: Austin Gillespie

Welcome

Approve Minutes

Cherie Sadowski motioned to approve April's minutes.

Mitch Evers seconded the motion.

SCC Business:

- Subcommittees reports- Parent Teacher Conference
 - Tom Sherwood is considering options to change parent teacher conferences. Currently, a plan is being discussed to prioritize student-parent-teacher conversations surrounding students with an at-risk grade, attendance, etc.
 - Mila Gleason asked why high school parent-teacher conferences sign-ups are only open for a couple of days unlike the elementary sign-ups.
 - Perhaps we can communicate better about the sign-ups availability before it opens.
 - Above and Beyond Award - Cherie sent out the information for students and parents to vote for staff members.
 - Fall Election - information will be shared with our group in August 2024

Action Items:

- Cell phone policy - Austin Gillespie

- The current policy being considered has been lead by our Building Leadership Team. This policy partners with the district's expectations and mirrors neighboring high schools in our district.
- The school-wide policy focuses on cell phones being put away or stored (during the 2023-2024 school year the ELA department used an organizer that provides students with a specific spot to safely store their device) during instructional learning time.
 - Teachers will require students to put their personal device during assessments, presentations, direct instruction, or class discussions. With teacher permission, students can work during technology-base instructional activities (Kahoot, Gimkit, etc.), instructional brain breaks, informal practice time, and individual working time.
 - Informal practice time could include individual worktime during the class period.
 - Liz Jenkins brought up the parent concern surrounding a strict cell phone policy to allow students an opportunity to practice social skills when students are bored.
 - Currently, the policy allows for some teacher autonomy to make decisions for their classroom.
 - The policy also includes a focus on reinforcing a more strict cell phone policy if administration observes personal device violations in class.
 - Cherie Sadowski brought up the parent concern of not allowing cell phones in common areas, like hallways and the cafeteria. If there is a unsafe situation, recording could help provide information. The recordings that the policy focus on limiting could be tied to cyberbullying, pranks, etc. [See district policy 500.06](#).
 - This portion of the policy ties to the district's expectations on the creation of the cell phone policy.
 - Marissa Merket asked if the direction for teachers that states, "After evaluation, administrators may mandate a more structure cell phone policy..." will be specified after Brighton's administration team meets. The plan is the expectations and administrative intervention will be clarified and defined for the teaching staff.
 - Kim Steenblik asks about the information provided at the start of each school year during the student registration process. The district asks, "Do you have a device that can access the internet?" That sounds like

Principal Report:

- Review Safety Plan action items
 - Every administrator and school safety advocate have access to new walkie-talkies. The new equipment installed to make the signal span the entire building has been very effective.
 - With the addition of a male school safety advocate, vaping in the school bathrooms has declined significantly. All school safety advocates are planning on returning next school year.
 - The district is planning to replace smoke detectors that can detect vapor in the air. This detector will not initiate a fire alarm and evacuation.

- In the front parking lot, the raised crosswalks have not been effective in catching driver's attention when pedestrians are crossing.
- Review current year's LAND Trust/TSSP
 - We use a portion of the LAND Trust/TSSP funds to continue to pay for the school safety advocates.
- Celebrations
 - Puffs (Spring production) was a hit! We saw so many amazing student performers.
 - Tennis just took 2nd in regions.
 - There are senior nights and banquets going on for many spring sports.

Faculty Report

- There are two full weeks left this school year. We are focusing on keeping students learning and engaged for the rest of the school year.
 - Yearbooks will be distributed on May 24th. Graduation practice is May 28th with graduation taking place on May 29th.

Counseling Center Report

- We are in the middle of AP testing until May 17th.
- May 21st is Honors and Advanced Diploma Celebration (by invitation)
- May 22nd is Senior Award Night (by invitation)
- May 28th is Graduation Practice at 9 AM
- May 29th is Graduation at 2:00 PM at the Maverick Center
- May 30 Last Day of School

PTSA Report

- Brighton took 5th overall in theater for the state. Several smaller groups took 1st and 2nd place.
- Teacher Appreciation Week went very well this month.
- The PTSA is growing after coming back from Covid. Marci Cardon saw great numbers
- September 9th - community event for all Brighton community members and our feeder schools' communities.
- Bengal Bash is being hosted at Classic Fun Center. The entry ticket cost includes food.
- Girls Lacross received a wonderful compliment tied to how welcoming they have been at matches.

Michael Smith brought up a concern that someone reached out about the lack of transparency tied to required fees for programs. Right now each program has a budget manager – at Brighton coaches are the budget manager. There is discrepancies between each school in our district.

Aaron Hadfield motioned to adjourn.

Summer Gallegos seconded the motion.

Next Meeting: September

Guest remarks are limited to 3 minutes