



# BRIGHTON HIGH

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 11, 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)

✓ Marci Cardon (PTSA)

\_\_\_ Lawrence Cowan

✓ Ryan Davidson

✓ Mitch Evers

✓ Tyson Grover

✓ Liz Jenkins

✓ Summer Gallegos

✓ Matt Payne

✓ Melinda Rosevear

✓ Jodi Saelund

✓ Michelle Schmidt

✓ Kim Steenblik

✓ Kellie Clark

✓ Aaron Hadfield

\_\_\_ Alia Gonzales

✓ Marissa Merket  
(secretary)

✓ Emily Nance

✓ Ernest Pulliam

✓ Jackie Ricks

✓ Stefanie Ripplinger

✓ Janice Spencer-Wise

✓ Josh Wallace

✓ Paul Winkelman

✓ Marianne Sheranian

Visitors: Shaylee Wagner

Welcome

Approve Minutes

- Ernest Pulliam 1st motion to approve
- Tyson Grover 2nd motion to approve

SCC Business:

- SCC Election
  - Hosting the election online was a big success this school year.
- District SCC training dates
  - September 18th
  - October 3
  - October 8
- Subcommittees Sign-up- Cell Tower Grants, Above & Beyond Awards, Parent-Teacher Conference
- Cell Phone Policy Implementation
  - In class, Janice Spencer-Wise reports that things are going very well with students adhering to the cell phone policy. Students are willing to participate and keep their phones in the correct spot during instructional time.
  - According to Jackie Ricks, teachers who are using the school-provided pouch are seeing a lot of success with the policy. For teachers who are not using the pouch,

there is more classroom management struggles. Students are also staying out of the halls during instructional time. Tardies might be slightly increased because students are waiting to enter class because they are communicating with friends until they enter.

- In the Counseling Center, the counselors are noticing an improvement with their conversations with students—students are able to fully participate with their counselor.
- Aaron Hadfield reports that the leadership team who implemented the plan was very beneficial for the school and the policy itself.
- Marianne Sheranian reports that the policy has been very beneficial because the classtime is less about managing student's devices and more about teaching.
- Josh Wallace reports that students are not taking photos of each others' work to copy off of one another.
- Liz Jenkins mentioned a difference between her older student and younger student. The longer we keep this policy in place, the stronger the policy will be.
- Academic Preparation Period has been a challenge because of the student movement on Tuesdays - Thursdays.
- The Attendance Office is still relying on older habits of asking guardians to text their student when they are getting checked out. Marielle will follow up with the Attendance Office staff and she will add to the Bengal Bulletin to encourage guardians to call in and check out their students 10-15 minutes before they arrive.
- Marielle Rawle reports that the School Safety Advocates have witnessed fewer students out in the hall during class with their cell phones. Students wrote to the editor of the Bengal Beat and reported a positive response with the policy.
- Melinda Rosevear reports that her student has less homework now that she uses her classtime to work on her assignments.
- Parent Teacher Conferences
  - We are considering adding an open-house event as a separate date from conferences. This would be in place for Fall 2025.
  - We are waiting for approval for priority registration for Fall 2024 conferences. Teachers will identify students that they have a priority to meet with to improve that students performance in class. This priority would provide teacher-identified students 12 minutes to meet with teachers.
    - We would communicate with the community the focus of both nights. The open house would be to meet the faculty. The conferences would be to help students improve their academic performance.

#### Action Items:

- Elect Chair/Vice Chair
  - Cherie Sadowski - nominated for Chair
  - Michelle Schmidt - nominated for Vice Chair
    - Kim Steenblik motioned to approve
    - Janice Spencer-Wise seconded the motion to approve
- Approve meeting dates
  - Marci Cardon 1st motion to approve
  - Janie Spencer-Wise 2nd motion to approve
- Review and update SCC bylaws
  - To keep our group size manageable, we are suggesting to move our total number by 2 members. Currently, we have 14 parent members and 10 staff members. Next year, we would move to 12 parent members and 8 staff members.

- Concern was brought up regarding the high interest to participate. Would shrinking the size affect our participation and representation for parents in the community.
    - Could we make districts in our community to make sure all areas are represented?
  - Do we have to approve this update for the bylaws before we see how our current size functions?
    - Liz Jenkins motioned to approve to move this to a later date
    - Kim Steenblik seconded the motion
  - Can we fill all of our subcommittee roles with a fewer number of members? We can see if we can have non-SCC members on subcommittees.

#### Principal Report:

- Review current year's LAND Trust/TSSP goals
  - \$352,000 LAND Trust funds from 2023-2024
  - \$365,000 LAND Trust funds for 2024-2025
  - \$480,000 TSSP funds for 2023-2024
  - \$482,000 TSSP funds for 2024-2025
    - Canyons has moved away from the RI and MI for reading and math testing. Now, our district uses the MAP test. There will be an addendum to indicate this change.
  - Current student enrollment numbers are:
    - 9th - 630 We are able to work through our lunch line with 15 minutes without a line.
    - 10th - 638
    - 11th - 608
    - 12th - 560
    - Total - 2,436 with our building at 120% capacity
    - Once you are accepted as a student at Brighton, you will always be accepted. You do not need to resubmit a permit request each year.
- Athletic team finances
  - During the 2023-2024 school year, Mike Smith brought up a concern regarding athletic team finances. Marielle has directed the Athletic Director administrative assistant to work closely with the coaches to encourage communication and transparency with team budgets. Then, parents will understand how money will be spent, including fee schedules funds and fundraising funds. Team meals has been a topic of discussion and concern. Some coaches are requiring students to pay for team meals, but students are not always receiving a meal. Not all coaches are communicating with their players and their guardians during the each team's opening meeting. The administration and athletic director will be meeting with coaches throughout the school year or season.

#### Celebrations

- Communication through Parent Square has been very beneficial for our community.
- Colby Ferrin - Science teacher – he is Utah's Science Teachers Rookie of the Year.
- Mary Ann Jensen – featured in the Cottonwood Heights newspaper – is the Mayor of the Cottonwood Heights Youth Council
- Our sports teams are doing really well this school year this school year.

- Homecoming Week was a fun celebration with multiple groups performing in front of the peers together. The Homecoming dance was a great experience with an awesome DJ.

#### Faculty Report

- Jackie Ricks reported data from trimester 2 and compared it to the same data for trimester 3 from the 2023-2024 school year:
  - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rl-TQf5317gBNjgeRPGddIP8fZXaBo7Q/view?usp=sharing>
- 9th grade has a severe drop in GPA—is that a common experience for 9th graders. There was a big bump in growth from 2nd trimester (2.96) to 3rd trimester (3.17). We are hopeful the CREW mentorship that will be in place for the 2025-2026 school year will help support incoming freshmen.

#### Attendance Policy

- Although our district has an expectation of a district-wide attendance policy, each high school has a site-specific attendance policy. During October, Brighton's Building Leadership Team will meet to discuss neighboring policies to determine what could work at our school. After BLT, we will advance to discuss at a SCC subcommittee. Brighton is going to focus on a uniform policy that will be applied to all students. These policies are tied to state law which may limit what we can and cannot do. 10% of your grade can be tied to participation. Excused absences allow students to make up missing work.
  - Alta High and Corner Canyon have an attendance policy that focuses heavily on students who participate in different athletic teams.
  - Granite School District has an attendance policy that is tied to citizenship. There is also a requirement for graduation that is tied to citizenship.
- Although behavior is going well, the traditional dip in behavior is approaching. Thank you for supporting our faculty in meeting our behavior needs.

#### Counseling Center Report

- This month is suicide prevention month. Our marquee shows reminders of resources available to our students and community members.
- Schedule changes have gone well this school year. Paul Winkelman has seen less students who are requesting to drop their classes this year compared to other years.
- Senior CCR meetings are being held to help support graduating students.
  - 90% of Winkelman's senior students do not have a full schedule
- Utah College Application week is October 21-24th.

#### PTSA Report

- The PTSA community event was a success! The turnout from the community was great with the weather working with the event. The fundraiser did not raise as many funds as was expected, but the PTSA is considering hosting another event.
  - Thank you Marci Cardon for your time planning and manning this event.
- Teachers will be provided a meal during conferences.

Janice Spencer-wise motioned to close.

Next Meeting: October 9th 3:30pm

*Guest remarks are limited to 3 minutes*