



BRIGHTON HIGH

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

September 10, 2025 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:

X Marielle Rawle (Principal)
X Cherie Sadowski (Chair)
EX Michelle Schmidt (Vice-Chair)
X Marissa Merket (Secretary)
X Marci Cardon (PTSA)
X Summer Gallegos
X Tyson Grover
X Kimball High
X Spencer Hill
 Liz Jenkins

X Pat Passey
X Matt Payne
X Melinda Rosevear
X Kim Steenblik
X Hailey Watanabe
X Kellie Clark
X Alia Gonzales
X Aaron Hadfield
X Ernest Pulliam
X Jackie Ricks
X Stefanie Ripplinger

EX Marianne Sheranian
 Janice Spence-Wise
X Josh Wallace
X Megan Lyman (Counseling)
EX Stephanie Lewis (1st Alternate)
X Brie Spencer (2nd Alternate)

Visitors: Jessica Pohlman (parent), Celeste King (assistant principal)

Welcome

Election Results - welcome new members Kimball High, Pat Passey and Hailey Watanabe

- Our current totals equal 9 staff voting members and 13 voting community members

May Minutes – Summer Gallegos motioned to approve May's minutes

Kim Steenblik seconded the motion to approve the minutes

Action Items:

Elect Chair/Vice Chair

- Kim Steenblik motioned to open votes to approve Cherie Sadowski as Chair. Pat Passey seconded the motion to approve.
- Summer Gallegos motioned to open votes to approve Michelle Schmidt as Vice Chair. Marci Cardon seconded the motion to approve.

Approve meeting dates

- September 10, 2025
- October 8, 2025
- November 19, 2025 – Marielle Rawle cannot attend. Cherie Sadowski motioned to approve the change to November 5, 2025. Matt Payne seconded the motion to approve.
- December 10, 2025
- January 21, 2026
- February 11, 2026
- March 11, 2026
- April 15, 2026
- May 13, 2026
- Cherie Sadowski motioned to approve these dates. Ernest Pulliam seconded the motion to approve.

Review and discuss any needed updates to our SCC bylaws

- We will stand at 9 voting staff members with 13 voting community members in our community.
- If you are going to miss an SCC meeting, please provide Cherie with a heads up about the absence. Each member is allowed to miss 1 meeting according to our by laws.
- SCC meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month unless the meeting date is voted by the group for a different date.
- Speaker must be recognized by the chair before speaking to the group.
- Keep phone calls out in the hallway.

SCC Business:

- District training dates
 - September 9 - 9:00 am or 6:00 pm
 - October 1 - 9:00 am or 6:00 pm
 - October 2 - 10:00 am or 6:00 pm
 - New members must watch SCC 101 training online before district training
www.canyonsdistrict.org/scc/training
- Subcommittees Sign-up
- Cell Tower Grants, Above & Beyond Awards, Feeder Lunch
 - Cell Tow Grants – determines where and how money is spent at Brighton High School
 - Above & Beyond Awards – recognizes staff and student success at Brighton
 - Feeder Lunch – meets annually with all schools' SCC and school representatives that feed into Brighton
- Leadership Position:
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - PTSA Representative
 - Counselor representative

Principal Report:

- enrollment is down across the entire district. Brighton was told that we needed to re-allocate some of our TSSP funds to pay for a portion of our full-time employees.
- we are discussing what elementary schools will be taken by what feeder system. Park Lane Elementary and Granite Elementary feed into two separate schools (Brighton and Jordan). Land deeds are also determining which schools are kept open or closed. The boundary changes will determine where those students will go.

Review current year's LAND Trust/TSSP goals:

- Academic Goal – increase graduation rate by 1%. Our graduation rate at Brighton was being affected by a records issue without our school record system, Skyward. This school year we will have a more accurate record of the total number of students who will graduate from Brighton High School.
- Another academic goal was to make sure 80% of students tested in the Math department will meet their individualized growth goal. The data is coming from a new testing software called MAP. This year will be getting a baseline level of data to then create a more effective academic goal that can utilize the MAP data.
- Another goal that we are focusing on is to increase how safe students feel and how connected students feel at Brighton by 3%. These data comes from our annual survey given to students and community members. We are paying for half of a social worker's salary at Brighton from our TSSP funds.
- We are using some of our Land Trust funds to pay for our at-risk PAWS (Positive Alternative Within School) teacher, Melody Andrus.
- We are using some of our funds for after-school Math tutoring. Some of the salary for two of our Math teachers come from Trust Land funds. These funds are also paying for micro

credentials for teachers who are individually pursuing professional development—this year's professional development focus is to support individual students through targeted academic interventions.

- We take members of our teaching staff to a PLC conference once a year to continue reinforcing the positive impact a professional learning committee has on a teaching staff. Some cost goes toward substitutes.
- Our PBIS committee fuels our token economy that helps students feel seen and validated through the use of our ROAR cards. We saw a successful year for Business Club who earned \$30,000 through the ROAR store. We would like to keep this program each year because of the positive impact the ROAR cards have at Brighton, including how successful the hall monitors, teachers, and staff members are at supporting students by giving out many ROAR cards.
- We have hired an additional counselor. The salary comes from TSSP funds.
- We have hired two safety school advocates to create a team of four hall monitors at Brighton in total. The newest hired has been on staff for two weeks now. Students have good relationships with the hall monitors which supports our students immensely.
- We used part of our TSSP funds to pay for training for Link Crew. We have trained teachers and will keep the program in mind to see if we can sustain that program in the future.

Cell phone policy update:

- We are continuing with the same cell phone policy. The Art department was hesitant to get on board with the cell phone policy. Those specific teachers have tried the policy this year, and they have seen good things from Brighton students. Overall, the policy is going well at our school. Teachers are reporting that students are more focused on class.
- Teachers get to decide if they would like a cell phone pouch in their classroom or in students' backpacks.
 - 1st consequence – teacher redirects
 - 2nd time – teacher hold onto the phone
 - 3rd time – phone is taken to office, student get phone at the end of the day
 - 4th time – phone is taken to office, and a parent must pick it up

Attendance policy implementation update:

- Marielle Rawle would like to move Brighton to an attendance policy that includes a required citizenship mark – our school records system, Skyward, is currently unable to support this focus. Our district is moving to another school records system in the future, and we will be able to work towards this goal again.
- We currently have the ability to pursue make up absences through APP with our Skyward system. The new attendance policy has a tiered consequence system for the number of unexcused absences. We have been given feedback that the new policy is motivating students to attend their classes.
- Our community has given feedback for the partial day excusal on our new policy. We assume if a student is missing a partial day for a doctor's appointment, then parents would be aware of the absence. The deadline to call and excuse this absence is tight for working parents who need. We are looking for a way to be flexible with parents who might not be able to call and excuse right away. The policy states that the attendance office needs to provide documentation of a doctor's appointment.
 - We need to make the attendance policy clearer for our community to help reinforce the expectations with the new policy. We will also focus on how to communicate excusals for absences with the attendance office.
 - APP is a class that is based on attendance. If your student misses many APP classes, they will fail that class.
- We have a goal of increasing out attendance by 2% from the 2024-2025 school year. During the October SCC meeting, we will be reviewing detailed attendance data. In general, tardies have increased after lunch with 4th period having the highest number of tardies.
 - 9th graders have improved from an average of .72 absences per student to .69 absences per student

- 10th graders have improved from 1 absence per student to .89 absences per student
- 11th have seen a 12% increase in absences per student
- 12th graders have improved from 1.22 absences per student to .88 absences per student
- Kimball High would like to have a better understanding of how teachers across grade are encouraged to take advantage of the micro credentials that are available to then gain skills in targeting students' academic success – the micro credential is available to all teachers. Teachers are taught skills to identify and target low-performing students in their classroom instead of moving students to referring them to our SST (Student Support Team). Kimball High is interested in a report to understand how many teachers are taking advantage of the opportunity to earn future micro credentials. He is interested in seeing the cost breakdown of the effectiveness of paying for micro credentials instead of referring through the SST.

Celebrations:

- Our Math department is already seeing success by focusing on longer-periods of student work instead of short, fragmented work for students. This decision was made by the Math PLC when they received more time to work together outside of the standard meeting hours on Fridays. Students will be showing their portfolios the first week of October. The investment in our Trust Lands funds is to see the impact our PLC are making at Brighton.
- We have had a really great start to the school year so far. Girls Cross Country team was the 5A academic all-state champions from the 2024-2025 school year. AP scores will be shared by Marielle in the October meeting.
- Marielle has been told that the School Board likes to continue offering options and choice in our district. As of September 2025, we will not be required to change to the block schedule to continue offering options in our district.

PTSA Report:

- We had a success student board meeting with 36 students attending. Seniors are filling in the student presidency positions on PTSA for scholarship opportunities. The PTSA has a community night on September 15th, watching Hotel Transylvania on the football field. If there is feedback from the faculty after dinners, please provide that to the PTSA.
- There are low funds for the PTSA—all funds are directed first to students. Last school year, the school helped pay for one of the three faculty meals. We will continue to focus first on spending funds for students. September is Founder's Month for the PTSA.

Faculty Report:

- students who are in CTEC and coming back from CTEC are seeing locked doors on assembly days because of the change in the schedule. Our hall monitors constantly look at all exterior doors for doors that are propped open.
- Cheating – the amount of cheating has increased in past years at Brighton. The cell phone policy can support the restriction of cheating by keeping phones in pouches. Now, we are seeing more instances of cheating on phones and chromebooks.

Counseling Report:

- Our intern counselor, Kylie Steele, is doing well.
- This year, we decided to try a group PCCR meeting with students and parents in the auditorium. Seniors are still being pulled down individually to look at credit before graduation.
- College Application week is October 13-16. All seniors are invited to work on college applications during APP periods.

Adjournment:

- Tyson Grover motioned to adjourn
- Aaron Hadfield seconded the motion to adjourn