



BRIGHTON HIGH

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

November 5, 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)
X Michelle Schmidt (Vice-Chair)
X Marissa Merket (Secretary)
X Marci Cardon (PTSA)
X Summer Gallegos
X Tyson Grover
X Kimball High
EX Spencer Hill

X Stephanie Lewis
EX Pat Passey
EX Matt Payne
EX Melinda Rosevear
X Brie Spencer
X Kim Steenblik
X Hailey Watanabe
X Kellie Clark
X Alia Gonzales

X Aaron Hadfield
X Ernest Pulliam
X Jackie Ricks
X Stefanie Ripplinger
X Marianne Sheranian
X Josh Wallace
X Megan Lyman (counseling)

Visitors:

Welcome

Brie Spencer - motioned to approve October's minutes
Ernest Pulliam - seconded the motion to approve

Marci Cardon - motioned to approve November's agenda
Ernest Pulliam - seconded the motion to approve

Action Items:

- Christian Cowart - Safety plan review
 - Our safety plan is an annual plan that we update based on the state's requirements for educational agencies.
 - We will continue to have 4 school safety advocates at Brighton based on the size of the building and student population.
 - This year, we have a guardian on campus who carries a concealed carry arm. No one on staff is aware of this designation except for the administration. The guardian receives training and this person works in tandem with the police department.
 - The guardian position is a state-mandated requirement for educational agencies to meet. Their role is to be the person to take action before the police arrive. The state has not allotted enough funds to cover this requirement.
 - Cottonwood Heights police is trying to work with Canyons District to work on an alternative plan to support the changing budgets in the district. We will hear back from the district soon.
 - Tyson Grover asked about Canyons District's policy regarding ICE. ICE is not allowed to walk through school—if ICE is on campus, the district policy requires

- administration to call legal services.
- SCC has brought up the roundabout and crosswalk issues that we have seen in the past. Our school safety advocates (hall monitors) will go out and try to stop students to allow car traffic to pass.
 - Cottonwood Heights is the agency that supplies the crossing guard. Please contact the city if you have any concerns.
- The east side of campus has a driving space that bottlenecks the traffic by the athletics building and the dumpsters, but drivers are not slowing down. Could the school look into a traffic mirror for drivers?

SCC Business:

- Subcommittees
 - Cell Tower Grants: We have \$18,000 to go towards teacher grants this year. Teachers have until December 13th to submit their grant application. Teachers will hear back before Winter break if they did or did not receive the grant. This committee will award partial grants to teachers if the staff has already gotten grants in the past.
 - Above & Beyond Awards: The awards form was sent out to our community this week. Check Parent Square to nominate staff members. We are trying to present these awards next week before the end of the trimester.
 - Teachers are appreciative of this award.

Principal Report:

- Current Land Trust and TSSP plan review
 - Most of the money is going toward employee pay. At the next Building Leadership Team meeting, the BLT committee will be looking at the budget to determine if we can continue paying for employee salary/pay through these budgets.
 - The BLT will consider how much funding will continue towards the ROAR store and the PBIS committee. Is the ROAR store or the PBIS committee funding itself at this point?
 - The Teen Center has a full time employee that is not currently paid for through Land Trust and TSSP funds. In the future, the Teen Center might need to be funded through these budgets.
 - The pantry is filled mostly with donated goods from our community.
 - Summer Gallegos asked if the Teen Center or if the pantry's resources are communicated through Parent Square. Students can go to the Teen Center any day to ask for information. Families can stop by the front office to get more information if they need it.
 - The state mandated a change in school registration fees which has removed \$100,000+ from our budgets.
 - Hailey Watanabe asked if Brighton's PTSA sends representatives to Capitol Hill during the legislative session to lobby for changes that are being considered by the state?
 - Our district has lobbyists who go each year to communicate with our elected officials.
 - Has there been an increase of enrollment in public school since this change was put into place?
 - The state hasn't provided any data on the impact of these changes.
 - Parents will most likely see a change in the cost of participating in activities and programs throughout the school year, including a need to charge students who are attending sporting events. Currently, Brighton does not charge students to attend sporting events hosted at Brighton.

- School Climate Survey: Our overall climate was 4.27 points above the district. Out of the 5 high schools, we ranked 2nd in the school climate survey.
 - Strengths: safety and adult support and belonging and peer relations are the two areas that Brighton scored highest on in the survey.
 - Focus Areas: health behaviors, focusing on vaping and substance use, and bullying and cyberbullying scored lowest in the survey.
 - If a student is receiving a targeted message being sent directly to them, the student and family needs to report directly to their city's policy department. If the account is a communal group, the posts cannot be acted on by the school's administration and the city's policy department. If a single student receives a message or is posted about directly by a single person, the city's police department can support the student and family.
 - Recommendations:
 - target vaping hotspots through increased supervision and creating student health ambassadors
 - use micro-lessons on digital citizenship and upstander skills and simplify the student reporting QR links
 - sustain belonging through mentorship programs for new/transfer students and include peer-led welcome crews at events
 - We would like to compare our school's survey data from year to year. In the past, the district has not compiled the survey data. They have started the practice and will continue compiling the data each year. We will ask the district how many students completed the survey each year as well.
- Attendance/dress code/cell phone policy implementation updates:
 - Jackie Ricks will pull attendance data for the 1st trimester to provide SCC at our next meeting.
 - Dress Code: we have the same communication that the rest of the district uses throughout the year. If a student is reported for dress code violations, the student will be pulled at the end of the class period. A female assistant principal speaks with female students and male assistant principals speak with male students. If students are unwilling to meet the dress code expectation, the administration offers the student a baggy shirt to put over the original outfit. If the student is still unwilling, they are sent home for the day.
 - Cell Phone Policy: a majority of Brighton teachers are still using the cell phone policy and students are responding appropriately. We will have a refresher of the policy at the start of the 2nd trimester.
 - Other schools that are implementing a bell-to-bell policy where students are expected to keep phones in the Yonder pouches from the start of the school day to the last class period's dismissal bell. Most schools who use the Yonder pouches received funding by applying for grants.
- Celebrations:
 - Abby Clayton, Social Studies and Psychology teacher, earned a grant from the Canyons Education Foundation. She received \$1,400 awarded to her.
 - Volleyball made it to the state playoffs. Our players also played in a consolation game and they won!
 - Football is headed to Fremont as they continue on in state.
 - Marching Band is heading down to St. George for their state competition.
 - Our new Boy's Soccer coach was introduced to the community at a meet-the-coach night
 - We have had a change in coaching for Girl's Wrestling and Softball.

PTSA Report: We have had some money set aside for a gift to the school. There are three picked, including vinyl for the Teen Center. We have plans to attend Cinderella to try to sell merchandise.

Faculty Report: the end of the trimester is November 14th. Encourage your students to make up their attendance marks before the last week of the school year. Students should continue using Canvas to communicate with teachers—often teachers will use a feature that allow the teacher to

email all students who have not turned in that assignment. Skyward is the authority on the grade. Canvas is the platform to submit and get feedback from the teacher.

Counseling Center Report:

- We are still meeting 11th grade students for their College and Career Readiness Meetings. The Counseling Center is mailing home meeting dates for parents and comparing attendance rates when parents are communicated differently.
- Arena Scheduling opens November 7th at 3 PM and closes November 10th at 10 PM. If a student has a missing class, they can come to the Counseling Center on November 17th for help. Any students who would like to change their schedule after arena scheduling closes can come to the Counseling Center on November 18th, 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM and again from 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM. The Counseling Center does not charge to change schedules anymore.

Kimball High asked if the ROAR stores could extend the hours past 12 PM for students who are getting stuck in the cafeteria lines.

Guest remarks - *limited to 3 minutes*

Next Meeting - December 10 @ 3:30 pm (if needed)

Adjournment

Hailey Watanabe motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Stephanie Ripplinger seconded the motion to adjourn.