



BRIGHTON HIGH

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 11, 2026 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)

__ Summer Gallegos

__ Tyson Grover

X Kimball High

X Spencer Hill

EX Stephanie Lewis

X Pat Passey

X Matt Payne

X Melinda Rosevear

X Brie Spencer

EX Kim Steenblik

X Hailey Watanabe

X Kellie Clark

X Alia Gonzales

X Aaron Hadfield

X Ernest Pulliam

X Jackie Ricks

X Stefanie Ripplinger

__ Marianne Sheranian

X Josh Wallace

X Megan Lyman (counseling)

Visitors:

Welcome

Action Items:

Ernest Pulliam – motioned to start the meeting

Michelle Schmidt – seconded the motion

Pat Passey found an error with our March 11, 2026, minutes—SCC pursued a timed crosswalk signal for the crosswalk, not the roundabout. Those minutes have now been corrected.

Hailey Watanabe – motioned to approve the corrected minutes

Pat Passey – seconded the motion

SCC Business:

- Subcommittees
 - Above & Beyond Awards
 - Jordan Smith, Rachel Jacobs, Kane Stokes, and Jennifer Spencer were awarded the Above and Beyond awards for 2nd trimester.
 - Feeder Luncheon report, thank you card
 - The feeder luncheon went well for Brighton's community. Community members were impressed with the student-made meal, and those same community members were complimentary toward Brighton. Fewer school feeder systems are including a luncheon.
- Traffic Concern Update – Melinda Rosevear and Kimball High
 - April 21st – our concerns will be addressed in person or you can stream on Cottonwood Heights City Council
 - 4:00 PM Our traffic safety concern will be brought up during the first portion of the council meeting. No public comments will be a part of this portion of the meeting.
 - 7:00P PM the City Council meeting will be open for public comment. Please visit [Cottonwood Heights' City website](#) (this will open to a webpage) to understand how

- to sign up to make a public comment at this portion of the meeting.
- Our strength will be in numbers for this meeting. If we can get more comments from SCC members, faculty/staff members, student, or community members, we will have a better chance at making a change with the city.

Principal Report:

- Data Review
 - Jackie Ricks has MAP testing data website to review with the group. This information will also be sent out in a Bengal Bulletin. Students and parents can log on to the platform with the provided link in the Bengal Bulletin. The login information will be explained in the same bulletin shared with the community.
 - The individual student data will show Reading Achievement and Math Achievement over at least 2 years. This testing data will show a bell curve graph for all tested students in the nation with a marker for the individual student's score. The testing data breaks down skills that the student is weak in for reading and math.
 - Melinda Rosevear asked how many students opt out of state-required testing? The last number that our testing coordinator had for ASPIRE testing at the end of March was 155 students. Our testing coordinator, Erin Kaufman, will pull students who were absent to take the test. Students who rush through the ASPIRE test will also be flagged by the system. For class-specific tests, not state-required tests, Erin Kaufman will also communicate to the teacher if the student is rushing through the test while testing in the Testing Center.
 - Hailey Watanabe asked how the option to opt-out is communicated at Brighton. We do not advertise this option to our community, but parents who call in with questions will get information from the Front Office. Students who ask their counselor, assistant principal, or someone in the front office will receive information as well.
- 2026-2027 Bell Schedule
 - The district has asked all high schools to have the same start time for the transportation department.
 - We will be starting 1st period at 7:45 AM. We will dismiss at 2:25 PM still. The time will come from shaving 1 minute off of each class period and taking a short amount of time from the lunch period.
 - Michelle Schmidt stated that Brighton High School has a long lunch period, but we have fewer food options off of campus.
 - Brighton has 300-400 students each day who utilize the cafeteria services. The rest of the students eat a home lunch, purchase from the ROAR store, or they leave campus.
 - Pat Passey asked if the bus route pick up times will change for students who bus to and from Brighton. The district has not yet communicated if bus routes will be shifted on times.
 - Matt Payne asked if the district would be switching the elementary bus routes and start/end school times. Marielle will report back to the committee when she hears.
- Celebrations
 - Jackie Ricks, Brighton's Instruction Coach, earned the district's "Instructional Coach of the Year" award. Each year, she gets nominations from the school community or the district. She has always made a positive impact for students and the faculty at Brighton. This award is well earned.
 - Shan Apolonio was honored as Brighton's Teacher of the Year. Shan was nominated consistently for her ability to connect well with students and to continually support all students in her classroom to the best of her abilities. Her advocacy work for students leads the way to helping them find progress towards academic success.
 - Esport took 2nd place at State overall.

- Model United Nations (MUN) took multiple awards, including Best in Research.
- Jim Hodges earned the Lifetime Achievement Award from MUN.
- Brighton has been awarded the Utah State Board of Education's Certificate of Excellence of MLs completing readiness coursework in their Advanced Placement, Concurrent Enrollment, and Honors courses.
- Graduation: We have the 9:30 AM graduation time slot at the Maverick Center on Wednesday, May 27th. Next year, we will be at the Maverick Center again.
- Senior Awards will be held on May 11th. Invitations have not been sent out for this awards night. They will be sent out by the end of April.

PTSA Report

- We have great momentum for the end of the year. The Parent-Teacher conferences meal for April has been planned. We have a great teacher appreciation week planned. April Sagala will communicate the appreciation week to the faculty.
- We are rebranding the graduation party. The Bengal Bash title is a term that has been switched out. The early-bird special pricing for tickets will end May 1st. We hope to continue building the engagement with this graduation party. The party ends at 3 AM.

Faculty Report

- Everything is going well as we approach AP testing season. Encourage your students to come to school—attendance always supports better academic performance.

Counseling Center Report

- We are finishing our Sophomore check in meetings this month.
- Cap and Gown distribution will begin April 30th.
- Schedules will be available to view starting August 3rd for the 2026-2027 school year. Arena Scheduling will be open for the whole year from August 5th to August 9th. Students will be able to come into the school for help on August 9th.
 - After 1st trimester, students will have to meet with their counselor to change their schedule during 2nd and 3rd trimester. Students will not be able to move their core class – Math, Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts—after the first Arena Scheduling in August.

Guest Remarks – *Limited to 3 minutes*

Next Meeting – May 13 @ 3:30 PM (*if needed*)

Adjournment:

Ernest Pulliam—motioned to adjourn the meeting

Aaron Hadfield—second the motion to adjourn