



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

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| <u>X</u> Marielle Rawle (Principal) | <u>X</u> Stephanie Lewis | <u>X</u> Aaron Hadfield |
| <u>X</u> Cherie Sadowski (Chair) | <u>X</u> Pat Passey | <u>X</u> Ernest Pulliam |
| <u>X</u> Michelle Schmidt (Vice-Chair) | <u>X</u> Matt Payne | <u>EX</u> Jackie Ricks |
| <u>X</u> Marissa Merket (Secretary) | <u>X</u> Melinda Rosevear | <u>X</u> Stefanie Ripplinger |
| <u>EX</u> Marci Cardon (PTSA) | <u>X</u> Brie Spencer | <u>X</u> Marianne Sheranian |
| <u> </u> Summer Gallegos | <u>X</u> Kim Steenblik | <u>X</u> Josh Wallace |
| <u>X</u> Tyson Grover | <u>X</u> Hailey Watanabe | <u>X</u> Megan Lyman (counseling) |
| <u>X</u> Kimball High | <u>X</u> Kellie Clark | |
| <u>X</u> Spencer Hill | <u>EX</u> Alia Gonzales | |

Visitors: Katie Dahle, Canyons District School Board Member

Welcome

Kimball High – motioned to open the meeting
 Ernest Pulliam – seconded the motion to open

Pat Passey – motioned to approve the agenda
 Aaron Hadfield – seconded the motion to approve

Hailey Watanabe – motioned to approve the February minutes
 Michelle Schmidt – seconded the motion to approve

Action Items: Vote on the 2026-2027 Land Trust and TSSP plans

SCC Business:

- Subcommittees
 - Above & Beyond Awards
 - We will be presenting our award on 3/12/26 for those who will receive this honor for the 2nd trimester.
 - Feeder Luncheon – April 14 in “The View”
 - School board members will be in attendance. We are unsure if the superintendent will be in attendance.
- Traffic Concerns – Melinda Rosevear and Kimball High
 - A budget for high school crossing guards is not subsidized by UDOT. We have requested a time crossing signal for the ANT crosswalk. This offers the strongest approach to keep students safest. This signal is a low-cost maintenance. The second request is a dedicated eastbound right turn lane into the school’s main entrance on Bengal Blvd.
 - Would the dedicated bike lane affect the dedicated bike lane? No, the bike lane would continue through the main road with a separate and dedicated right turn lane.

- We will continue to prioritize keeping all parking spots. The dedicated right turn lane would take away lawn, not parking spots.
- SCC verbally voted [on this letter being sent](#) – unanimous yes with no dissenting votes. We will be presenting this on April 21st to Cottonwood Heights City Council. If we can show up as an SCC, we will hold more power.

Principal Report:

- Data Review
 - Trimester 2 data on attendance, GPA, and testing data: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10upSgCDGUUQe3fM0dJb9-ws8BD-t9-Sm/view?usp=sharing>
 - Trimester 1 data is available here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w1S8U-NzmgBVf1mR22bJ3p32dGhJv60U/view?usp=sharing>
 - Comparing 1st trimester to 2nd trimester, our school saw more absences during the 2nd trimester, and our overall GPA dropped from 3.24 in 1st trimester to 3.19 in 2nd trimester.
 - We have an improvement on our trimester 2 tardies.
- Legislative Session – the state approved the new bell-to-bell cell phone policy. Districts still have the ability to determine how schools will enforce the new law. Now that middle school is now no phones at all, we will see continued improvement on cell phone use at the high school level. We need to continue building on the positive habits that middle school students are taught and practice each year.
 - If a teacher is not enforcing the cell phone policy, administration will come and speak with the classroom teacher. The expectation is that all teachers are enforcing the cell phone policy.
- Lands Trust and TSSP Plans
 - Our funds have not changed unlike schools in the district. The plan will be submitted once members vote and sign off on the plan.
- Arena Scheduling:
- Canyons District is transitioning to a new student record system, Qmlativ. This change will affect arena scheduling, which has its pros and cons across the subjects and grade levels.
 - Arena scheduling means Instead of counselors creating student schedules, Skyward create student schedules. Arena scheduling then opens the computer-created schedule for students to change.
 - The biggest negative to arena scheduling is tied to an imbalanced class total with larger class sizes holding groups of friends which affects the entire class's ability to pay attention. At times, arena scheduling allows students to drop half of the required class credit. A student might have section a, and then they drop section b and do not earn the full credit. When a student needs the second section of the class, at times the counselors have to increase the total number of students in a class to support the student who dropped the class in arena scheduling.
 - The biggest positive is the choice in teachers that arena scheduling offers students.
 - Another positive is that students feel empowered when they can schedule their classes without a counselor's help.
- A compromise that Brighton is considering is locking core classes (Math, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies). Then, the counseling center would provide days in the summer for 1st trimester, to meet with students to change core classes to encourage students picking a teacher that they work well with. Students will fill out a Google Form for 2nd and 3rd trimester schedule changes. This will prevent students from trying a class for the first day and dropping the class or changing teachers on the 2nd day of each trimester.
 - Will this change cause a scheduling issue for students who want to meet with and discuss needed changes each trimester?
 - This compromise would not add unintended work onto our Counseling Center's staff. This compromise should not affect accessibility of counselors for students. We will continue to prioritize meeting with students who have academic concerns,

- health concerns, and mental health concerns. This will encourage students to have conversations with counselors, teachers, administration.
- Will the Google Form be first come, first served?
 - We have meetings with the high school in district that are currently doing this system. We will have more answers for the April SCC meeting.
- Will this affect attendance for students? If a student cannot get into a class with friends, they might not feel welcome in all of their classes.
 - Students will still be able to switch into different electives. By locking core classes only, we still offer students the chance to own their schedule.
 - By having fewer friends in a class, we can focus on building community at Brighton through classroom interactions.
 - We practice soft skills through these classroom interactions. That is a skill set that needs safe spaces to practice.
- If a student wants to move an elective class where they have a core class scheduled, they will need to fill out the Google Form and potentially meet with their counselor to make sure they have all needed credits for graduation requirements.
- We will aim to communicate this change at the end of April/beginning of May to help answer concerns and questions before the coming school year.
- Katie Dahle stated that getting rid of the trimester is still only a rumor. There are no current plans in the district to change Brighton to a semester schedule.
 - The trimester offers a chance to switch teachers if a student is not finding success.
 - The trimester can also balance the amount of work per trimester.

Celebrations

- We have 40+ 4.0 students this graduation year. This number has doubled compared to students in the 24/25 school year with a 4.0 GPA.
- Prostart Culinary Team just took 4th place at State out of 27 teams.
- DECA State took 119 students to participate for Brighton. Results haven't been reported yet.
- FCCLA State competitions are happening this month.
- We have 230+ events scheduled for Spring sports.

PTSA Report

- Things are going well. In the next month, we will be presenting a metal Bengal wall hanging for the school. In the Teen Center, we did vinyl lettering. In the Cafeteria, we purchased a vertical and horizontal banner. We hope to have these items installed before graduation this school year.
- We have one more round of parent-teacher conferences and the teacher meal.

Faculty Report

Counseling Center Report

- ACT was today. It went well.
- We are meeting with our sophomores to go over credit totals.
- Merit Cord applications are open from March 1st – March 22nd. No late applications will be accepted. Students who qualify will be invited to our Senior Awards Night to receive their cord(s) for graduation.
 - Even though students can purchase merit cords online, students will not be recognized at Senior Awards Night. Students will not be recognized in the graduation program.

School Board Updates:

- Dr. Robbins is out for a medical situation. He has put in his plans to retire. The school board has started the search for his replacement.
- Last year, we saw 750 fewer students who enrolled. This change is tied to the increase in rent in the larger apartment complexes in district boundaries. We are predicting 500 fewer kindergarten students enrolling each year in Canyons District.
- The funding for education has also changed in the state of Utah. We are seeing a change of funding by millions across the district.

- We will be closing Bella Vista Elementary school this coming year. Further schools will be under consideration for future years.

Guest Remarks – *Limited to 3 minutes*

Next Meeting – April 15 @ 3:30 PM

Adjournment

Josh Wallace motioned to adjourn.

Marianne Sheranian seconded the motion.