



BRIGHTON HIGH

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 13, 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

<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> </u> Ernest Pulliam
<u>X</u> Michelle Schmidt (Vice-Chair)	<u> </u> Matt Payne	<u>X</u> Jackie Ricks
<u>X</u> Marissa Merket (Secretary)	<u>X</u> Melinda Rosevear	<u>X</u> Stefanie Ripplinger
<u>X</u> Marci Cardon (PTSA)	<u> </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>EX</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>X</u> Alia Gonzales	

Visitors: Matthew Shipp, Suzanne Hyland, Ben Nelson

Welcome: Pat Passey motioned to start. Tyson Grover seconded the motion to start.

Action Items:

April's minutes were approved via email by the committee.

SCC Business:

- Subcommittees
 - Above & Beyond Awards
- Traffic Concern Presentation and proposed plan
 - Cottonwood Heights city planner – Matt Shipp
 - Cottonwood Heights councilwoman – Suzanne Hyland
- Matt Shipp—Cottonwood Heights Public Works & City Engineer—provided information about improvements planned for Bengal Blvd. to address pedestrian safety, to slow driving speeds, and alleviate traffic congestion.
 - [Images of the plan can be found on this presentation.](#)
 - A \$1.1 million grant will be used to make these improvements:
 - Adding a multi-use pedestrian trail on the north side of Bengal Blvd.
 - Bringing out the curb and gutter and adding a safety island in a median in front of Brighton's Arts building and bus lane. This will shorten the length of the crosswalk by extending the south apron (drive approach).
 - Adding a second new crosswalk with an extended curb and gutter, safety island, and shortened crosswalk near the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) seminary building west of Brighton's Arts building.
- Questions posed by Brighton's SCC's members to Matt Shipp and Suzanne Hyland:
 - Spencer Hill: the grant provides \$1.1 million, but what portion does Cottonwood Heights supply for funding?
 - Suzanne Hyland: stated the city will match 6.77% of the grant which will provide the city decision-making roles
 - Kim Steenblik: the plan to add a safety island median at the crosswalks will take away a

driving lane. How will the traffic flow with a merging lane? This will not improve traffic safety.

- Matt Shipp: Since the roundabout has been in use, there has only been 1 fender bender traffic accident. By placing the crosswalks where they are planned and by adding safety islands, the city will accomplish the goal of improving pedestrian safety.
- Melinda Rosevear: parents who are picking up students often complete a u-turn west of the Arts building.
 - Matt Shipp: the addition of the median and safety island north of the LDS seminary building.
 - Suzanne Hyland: medians are a good focus to meet accomplish our safety goals.
- Melinda Rosevear: traffic flow will be slowed even more with these changes, not solving our traffic congestion concerns.
 - Matt Shipp: the safety island crosswalk signals will have a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) signal to time pedestrians. The model of the RRFB has a delayed flashing signal to have pedestrians pause before continuing to cross.
 - The city cannot use the pedestrian signal walk/don't walk system without a traffic light. A traffic light is not in the plan.
 - High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (referred to as a HAWK) or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHP) will not easily fit in the budget of this grant, but it is still under consideration. This type of signal is used near Bella Vista Elementary school.
- Cherie Sadowski: can we re-use Bella Vista Elementary's HAWK signal?
 - Matt Shipp, Marci Cardon, and Kim Steenblik stated that the signal is used by more than just the elementary pedestrian traffic. Even with that school being closed, the signal will still be in use by many other members of the community.
- Cherie Sadowski: When will construction occur for these improvements?
 - Matt Shipp: The City Council will vote on these plans on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Construction will be in the next year.
 - Ben Nelson: Most construction will happen during the summer months. The grant deadline is at the end of 2027/start of 2028.
- Aaron Hadfield: We came to the City Council with a focus on safety. We would also like to group crossing students in chunks.
 - Pat Passey provided the committee with data she observed and collected from Brighton's arrival and dismissal pedestrian traffic.
 - 7:15 AM – 7:35 AM: 60 pedestrians on average cross from the north side of Bengal Blvd. to Brighton's parking lot.
 - 2:20 PM – 2:35 PM: 109 pedestrians on average cross from Brighton's parking lot the north side of Bengal Blvd. The average was taken after observing 3 school days. 83 students on day 1 crossed. 140 students on day 2 crossed. 101 students on day 3 crossed.
 - Matt Shipp: The RRFB sign has a delay building into its software to pause the next group of pedestrians.
- Marianne Sheranian: if a student walks without the RRFB will Cottonwood Heights police charge the student with jaywalking?
 - Matt Shipp: no, we will have to focus on training pedestrians
- Pat Passey: will there be enough space to allow a car to park south of the bike lane when picking up a student?
 - Matt Shipp: if the plan continues with a dedicated bike lane, we cannot park there. A switch to a shoulder is being considered with the dedicated bike lane now on the north side of Bengal Blvd.
- Kimball High: Canyons District owns the land that could be used for a dedicated right turn lane into Brighton's parking lot. Can we get a dedicated right turn lane?
 - Matt Shipp: there is not enough distance (length of the road) for a dedicated right

turn lane.

- Melinda Rosevear: if Cottonwood Height changes the dedicated right turn lane (the right slip lane) from Highland Drive to Bengal Blvd., how will that help with the slowed traffic congestion during arrival time at Brighton?
 - Suzanne Hyland: We have a focus on pedestrian safety. Removing the slip lane will increase driver impatience. Suzanne does not support switching the right slip lane. We could turn to fundraising efforts focused on student safety. Suzanne has spoken with Canyons District's Canyons Foundation.
 - Although the design of the slip lane was improved, in 2024 the city council wanted to remove the slip lane.
 - No city funds a high school crossing guard in Utah. Crossing guard funds are paid for by the city with supplemental funds from the school district.
 - Suzanne Hyland: the city council is discussing budgets. The goal is to make Bengal Blvd. the safest, most walkable road in Cottonwood Heights. This will require considering a large property tax increase.
- Marianne Sheranian: Butler Elementary emails their community asking for crosswalk volunteers. Can Brighton do that?
 - Those volunteers are for the school's parking lot, not for roadway crossing guard volunteers.

Principal Report:

- For 2026-2027, the school day will start at 7:45 AM.
 - Pat Passey—will we start next year at 7:45 AM. Will that have any issues with Butler?
 - No, the district has configured all school's start/end times to confirm busing availability.
- Celebrations:
 - Band and Orchestra Performance at state.
 - Orchestra got superiors at state. Band did not make state—new rubric prevented many bands from qualifying state. Our Band and Choirs got superior rankings.
 - Peter and the Starcatcher – great performance
 - Senior Awards Night went well this year with the changes that the school supported. We are short on the graduation party awards—PTSA is asking for donations for prize funds. There is a group fund. Universities have been donating.
 - AP Testing is finishing this week. We have dealt with flickering lights in the auxiliary gym.
- We are finishing up the school year and end-of-year information will be emailed out.
 - Monday – Memorial Day
 - Tuesday – graduation practice and yearbooks
 - Different grade levels will pick up yearbooks at different locations in the building.
 - Senior dinner dance
 - Wednesday – graduation at 9:30 (seniors arrive at 8:30)
 - Alternate activity for students who arrive for school
 - Thursday – adjusted bell schedule with alternate activity for students
 - Friday – school ends at 11 AM
 - Busses will run like normal throughout the rest of the final week of the school year.

PTSA Report

Faculty Report

Counseling Center Report:

- Arena Scheduling updates have been finalized, posted on the school's website, and communicated with parents and students. We need more parents (shared on Parent Square) and teachers (emailed) to complete the Counseling Center's survey.

Guest Remarks – *Limited to 3 minutes*

Thank you for your service and have a wonderful summer!

Adjournment