



BRIGHTON HIGH

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

September 9, 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> Alia Gonzales
<u>X</u> Cherie Sadowski (Chair)	<u>X</u> Pat Passey	<u>X</u> Aaron Hadfield
<u>EX</u> Michelle Schmidt (Vice-Chair)	<u>X</u> Melinda Rosevear	<u>X</u> Ernest Pulliam
<u>X</u> Marissa Merket (Secretary)	<u>X</u> Julia Sorenson	<u> </u> Jackie Ricks
<u>X</u> Marci Cardon (PTSA)	<u>X</u> Brie Spencer	<u>X</u> Stefanie Ripplinger
<u>EX</u> Tyson Grover	<u>X</u> Kim Steenblik	<u>X</u> Marianne Sheranian
<u> </u> Kimball High	<u>X</u> Hailey Watanabe	<u>X</u> Josh Wallace
<u>X</u> Spencer Hill	<u>X</u> Kellie Clark	<u>X</u> Megan Lyman (counseling)

Welcome and Introductions

- New member - Julia Sorenson
- Visitor – Max Clark-Bradley

Motion to approve the agenda: Pat Passey and Hailey Watanabe (all in attendance voted yay)

Motion to approve the May 2025 minutes: Ernest Pulliam and Hailey Watanabe (all in attendance voted yay)

Action Items:

- Elect Chair/Vice Chair
 - Chair: Cherie Sadowski, nominated by Melinda Rosevear and Pat Passey (all in attendance voted yay)
 - Vice Chair: Melinda Rosevear, nominated by Cherie Sadowski and Pat Passey (all in attendance voted yay)
- Approve meeting dates—motion to approve these meeting dates: Marianne Sheranian and Kellie Clark (all in attendance voted yay)
 - September 9, 2026
 - October 7, 2026 (not the 14th due to Fall break)
 - November 11, 2026
 - December 9, 2026 (if needed)
 - January 20, 2027 (not the 13th due to PTC's on the 14th)
 - February 10, 2027
 - March 10, 2027
 - April 14, 2027
 - May 12, 2027 (if needed)
 - Please plan to attend each meeting and to stay for the entire meeting.
- SCC District Trainings: the next training will be on Oct. 7 at 10 AM and 6 PM. If you are unable to attend, the slideshow will be available for members after all trainings have concluded.
- Review and discuss any needed updates to our SCC bylaws
 - We reviewed the bylaws. No member had a question during the meeting.
- Cottonwood Heights has started construction on Bengal Blvd. The next City Council is on September

15, 2026. Voice any concerns that you have seen with the construction and loss of turning lanes with the school traffic congestion.

- Could we add an announcement to the Bengal Bulletin?
- Cottonwood High School has a HAWK light. There are two lanes and a turning lane.

SCC Business:

- District training dates
 - September 8 - 9:00 am or 6:00 pm
(New members must also attend SCC 101 @ 5:00 pm)
 - October 7 - 10:00 am or 6:00 pm
- Subcommittees Sign-up
 - Cell Tower Grants, Above & Beyond Awards, Feeder Lunch (completed in February/March)
 - Sign up today

PTSA Report:

- The school year has started well with PTSA members joining. We are up in membership for the first time since 2019.
- We are fundraising this month. New shirt designs this month.

Principal Report:

- Review current year's LAND Trust/TSSP goals
 - Refer to the 2025 minutes for the goals. These will be gone through during the October 2026 meeting.
 - The district is removing funding for MAP (Reading and Math) testing for Juniors and our special education classes. At Brighton, multiple departments use MAP data to determine placement in support classes. The district pushed for the schools to pay for this test.
 - Thank you, Hal Sanderson and Leon Wilcox for approving this purchase.
 - Most English Language Arts use the data for their professional teaching goals.
- Cell phone policy recap - <https://bhs.canyonsdistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/392/2026/08/BHS-Personal-Technology-Cell-Phone-Policy-Posted.pdf>
 - The state law and district policy allows each school to determine how this law will be enforced. We already had a comprehensive policy from the 2025-2026 school year. We are using the same policy, but we have extended this same policy to the Academic Advisory.
 - Teachers can still ask students to use their personal devices to support student completion of assignments.
 - This policy does extend to other personal devices, like earbuds and airpods.
 - Parents in our community are happy that the cell phone policy starts in elementary and continues to middle schools. At the high school level, students do have some access to their personal devices.
 - We are focusing on teaching and mentoring students' judicious use of the cell phone.
 - If a student is using cell phones in bathrooms or locker rooms, any student can report this issue to a classroom teacher, school safety advocate, administration, etc.
- Attendance policy recap - <https://bhs.canyonsdistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/392/2026/08/Attendance-Policy-Brighton-High-26-27.pdf>
 - Our policy states that 20% of the letter grade can be deducted when a student reaches the attendance alert or degree mark.
 - The administration has encouraged our staff to limit that deduction to 10%.
 - The state is working on a policy for attendance. We are hopeful that the legislature will make a statewide policy that will support student success.
 - Jackie Ricks will provide 3rd Trimester
 - How is the shorter lunch affecting attendance/tardies for 4th period? The new Skyward has reporting available, but attendance alerts and reports are not all live.
 - The teachers have not noticed a significant change in tardies or absences during 4th.
 - Construction will most likely cause more issues with students leaving and arriving

back to campus.

- Dress code recap – <https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/policies/student/expectations-protections/500-2/>
 - The administrative team address dress code issues daily. When a student is in the front office for a dress code violation, the administrator calls home with the student.
 - When a teacher reports a violation, an administrator will pull the student when the class dismisses.
 - Does a dress code violation effect extracurricular participation for students?
 - No, the policy does not currently affect student's participation in extracurriculars.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences:
 - We have aligned with the rest of the district for the week of parent-teacher conferences. We will have our first conference on September 24, 2026. We are scheduling conferences on Parent Square this school year to align with the rest of the district.
 - Brighton will seek feedback from our community after our first conferences. For our October SCC meeting, we will ask if the community wants drop-in availability, length of individual conferences, virtual and in-person conferences, etc.
- Celebrations:
 - The new Skyward platform has been a challenge. Teachers have been supporting each other with the new platform.
 - There are four district employees who are supporting all district employees in this transition.
 - Jackie Ricks and Josh Wallace have been supporting Brighton's teachers during this transition.
 - Newsies: Casting for Newsies is done. We are excited to see this year's production. This is the largest production with student involvement, including cast, crew, and pit. Currently, we are expecting 130-150 students to participate.
 - Boys Golf is doing well this year. Brighton has won two tournaments already.
 - We have had a great start to the school year. The 9th grade students are transitioning to Brighton well. Teachers are saying positive things about our students.
 - Ivory Homes purchased the land near Brighton that housed an LDS chapel will be developed into 10 homes.
 - Brighton is at full capacity for student enrollment. We have had to turn away students who have submitted a permit.
 - We are currently at 2434
- Football Games Updates:
 - Any middle school student will need to attend the football game with an adult. The ticketing school employees at the gates will turn students away if they do not have an adult.
 - All middle school students will be required to show a student ID.
 - If a middle school student is attending with their family to support a sibling playing, they will not be asked to show a student ID.

Counseling Center Report - <https://bhs.canyonsdistrict.org/counseling/>

- We have a new counselor, so we have shifted our alphabet alignment for counselor/students.
 - Each counselor has around 380 students that they support.
 - James (Sandy) White (Po-S last names) has moved from Alta to Brighton. He has done well supporting his students.
- We had a successful graduation/CCR meeting with 12th grade students and parents. The CCR information is available as a recording on the Counseling Center's website.
- Arena Help and Schedule changes:
 - How has the transition to the new policy gone this year?
 - It has been a challenge with the new Skyward platform. With the records being moved over, not all credits were posting correctly. Brighton's trimester schedule has also caused a few issues when students are trying to change classes.
 - Arena Scheduling will not open up, but a Google Doc will be available for students to fill out to prepare to meet with their counselor when they need

- to change their schedule.
- College Application Week is October 5th – 8th
- FAFSA Help will be available on October 7th in the evening.

Guest Remarks – limited to 3 minutes

- Max Clark-Bradley – traffic concerns are important, but the issues tie directly the crosswalk in front of the Arts building. Our current cell phone policy works well. It is a balanced approach to a cell phone policy that allows students to interact with a personal device within reasonable supports.

Adjournment

Hailey Watanabe and Aaron Hadfield (all in attendance voted yay)

