BRIGHTON HIGH

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

November 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

✓ Marielle Rawle (Principal)
EX Cherie Sadowski (Chair)
✓ Melinda Rosevear (Vice-Chair)
✓ Marissa Merket (Secretary)
✓ Marci Cardon (PTSA)
✓ Tyson Grover
✓ Kimball High
✓ Spencer Hill
✓ Stephanie Lewis
✓ Pat Passey
__ Michelle Schmidt
✓ Julia Sorenson
✓ Brie Spencer
__ Kim Steenblik
✓ Hailey Watanabe
✓ Kellie Clark
✓ Alia Gonzales
✓ Aaron Hadfield
✓ Ernest Pulliam
✓ Jackie Ricks
✓ Stefanie Ripplinger
✓ Marianne Sheranian
✓ Josh Wallace
✓ Megan Lyman (counseling)

Visitors: Mayor Gay Lynn Bennion, Councilwoman Suzanne Hyland, Public Works Director Matt Shipp, City Manager Jared Gerber, Katie Dahle, Amber Shill, Max Clark-Bradley

Welcome

Action Items:

- Ernest Pulliam motioned to amend the agenda
  - Hayley Watanabe seconded the motion
- Marianne Sheranian motioned to approve the October minutes
  - Brie Spencer seconded the motion
- Bylaws ratified to specify the number of parents. Voted on in the previous meeting and has been sent to the district for approval.

SCC Business:

- Above and Beyond report - Michelle Schmidt
  - Lois Fisher, a Front Office Administrative Assistant, received this reward as she supported the school staff with staff changes.
  - McKay Anderson, one of Brighton's World Languages teachers, received the award for his support in recognizing and supporting his students.
  - Sandy White, one of Brighton's Counselors, received the award for his quick transition into a new student body and a new student management system at the start of the busy school year.
- Cell tower update - Hailey Watanabe

PTSA Report:

- Our spirit wear sales have increased this year. We still have spirit wear available for purchase.
- This year we have seen great participation from our student board. The focus is to continue with this progress and reach consistent participation with our student board.
- Our next fundraiser event is this month. More information will be shared in the weekly

Bengal Bulletin.

Faculty Report:

- Attendance is important for students to focus on. Marielle is attempting to support attendance with different programs that are backed by the state legislature.
- With the new Skyward, it is more challenging for teachers to quickly assess that a student was absent on the day an assignment was due. Please encourage your students to speak with their teachers.
    - Most parents are not aware that they need to report an excused absence in 5 school days. The school will continue communicating with our weekly Bengal Bulletin.
    - Marielle will follow up with the attendance office.

Counseling Center Report

- Schedule changes have gone well with the switch from Arena scheduling to an individual request through an online form. The counseling center responded to students through their school-provided email.
    - The counselors report that this change has been great because students have not accidentally dropped required courses or credits.
    - Teachers are also appreciative of this change because they can start teaching at day one without seeing a lot of changes with student schedules.
    - Brighton is not considering switching away from the trimester schedule.

Principal Report:

- Current year's LAND Trust/TSSP review
    - Our meeting in December will include our school Safety Plan. Our assistant principal Christian Cowart and School Resource Officer, Officer Taylor, will be in attendance for this meeting.
- Celebrations
    - Girls Soccer earned 1st place at State. Unified Soccer also earned 1st place at State.
        - We have a victory bell that we ring when a team brings home a state trophy. We will have a police escort parade back to the school each time a team takes state.
    - The Marching Band went to state in St. George. We have a lot of students participating, so our Band size is larger than the 5A size for a majority of our programs.
    - Girls Cross Country took 2nd place at State. Bridget Smith earned 2nd place overall.

Presentation by Cottonwood Heights City representatives

- Welcome Mayor Bennion, Councilwoman Hyland and Public Works director Matt Shipp
- **Matt Shipp:** There are two projects that are receiving federal and county funding, plus city funds. The projects will include the following changes: a paved trail from City Hall to Highland Drive, pedestrian lanes for safer traffic, and two lanes that turn left onto Highland Drive from Bengal Blvd.
        - These projects have environmental clearances.
- Addressing the section of Bengal Blvd from the school to Highland drive and the intersection at Highland and Bengal Blvd.
    - The free right lane from Highland Drive to Bengal Blvd. is unsafe for pedestrians. The city plans to remove the free right lane. That will be converted to a multi-use trail and bicycle path. Matt Shipp says the free right will remain, but it will require

drivers to stop and turn right at the intersection. Merging onto Bengal Blvd will be further west than it currently is to slow traffic.
    - The intersection heading north on Highland Drive will have two lanes going straight (continuing north), a left turn lane (heading west), and a right turn lane (heading east).
    - The current project will provide a level C-D of service, determined through a traffic study. Drivers may have to go through one light cycle to turn right from Highland Drive to Bengal Blvd.
        - Cottonwood Heights will look at light timing for the intersection of Highland Drive and Bengal Blvd.
- North of the LDS Seminary building: the wide shoulder on the north side of Bengal Blvd. will be used for the paved multi use trail. The bike lane will continue which prevents student drop offs and student pick ups. This is not a protected bike lane, but a dedicated bike lane.
- Brighton's bus lane will receive an extended curb to narrow Bengal Blvd. and slow the traffic. Pedestrians crossing Bengal Blvd. will only have to look at one direction of traffic.
- New cross walks on Bengal Blvd. will mirror the existing cross walks at the roundabout, and the cross walks will have a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) that is not timed to pause pedestrians.
    - Cottonwood Heights believes there is a chance that the county-funded portion will allow for a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) or HAWK (High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk) Light. This is for the portion north of the LDS Seminary and bus lane exit.
        - Bella Vista's PHB/HAWK light: We are unsure if we can repurpose the light for Brighton. It is an established crossing for the community.
        - Crosswalks will still have an island with or without a PHB/HAWK light.

Open for comments and questions - limit of 2 min per person

Tyson Grover: The city has listened to our SCC–thank you.

Pat Passey: Is this a UDOT or City road?

- **Matt Shipp** It is a city road.

Pat Passey: In front of Brighton, parents use the parking spaces to pull over. Can we keep adding more parking?

- **Matt Shipp:** No, that is owned by the school district and not a part of this project. The dedicated bike lane cannot be used as a parking space.

Pat Passey: Parents will continue to pull into City Hall and on Butler Hills Rd with these changes.

Julia Sorenson: What is the proposed time schedule for the project?

- **Matt Shipp:** We are waiting on the final design. Next we are sending it out to bid. No construction will start this winter. The ideal start is Spring 2027.

Kimball High: Thank you to the City for listening to our concerns. The free right lane should stay. We are prioritizing the wrong thing. We will see traffic backed up on Highland Drive from the lack of the free right.

Councilwoman Hyland: Not only do these plans remove the free right, but there will also be no right on red from at the intersection of Highland Drive and Bengal Blvd. This will cause a lot of back up. The recent auto-pedestrian accident was not from the free right. It occurred on the north side of Bengal Blvd.

Marci Cardon: There have been too many near-misses at the free right between cars and pedestrians. Drivers speed up to climb the hill heading east on Bengal Blvd.

Kimball High: Can the free right be traffic calmed in any way?

Hailey Watanabe: Can we address safety and keep the free right lane? Elementary school traffic and high school traffic are not the same thing.

Brie Spencer: Can we sync timing to provide a flashing light at the existing pedestrian crosswalk in the free right lane from Highland Drive to Bengal Blvd?

- **Matt Shipp**: there is a constant flashing light on the pedestrian sign.
    - This is not accurate. As of November 12, 2026, there is only a crosswalk pedestrian sign with no flashing lights.

Principal Rawle: asked Cottonwood Heights Public Works Director Matt Shipp, Mayor Gay Lynn Bennion, and Councilwoman Hyland to come watch the traffic as students arrive and leave Brighton High School.

Aaron Hadfield: Before this project was started, we had a traffic congestion problem. We need a PHB/Hawk light. We cannot get rid of congestion, but we can make it worse.

Stephanie Lewis: The Community will find another way to get to Brighton. Neighborhood traffic will get worse and speeding will increase.

Stefanie Ripplinger: The Canyons school District's change of school times has added a lot of traffic congestion.

Mayor Bennion: Could we increase carpooling to reduce the number of cars?

- **Principal Rawle:** Brighton has already limited parking to allow only Juniors and Seniors to purchase parking permits. There are too many loopholes exploited by students when Brighton has tried to give parking permits to carpool groups in the past.

Guest remarks - *limited to 2 minutes*

Max Clark-Bradley: The roundabout is not a problem. A PHB/HAWK light is the most important focus to improve congestion. The free right lane should stay. Pedestrians will get hit if we have a right lane that is constantly turning on a green light. Students should be using public transportation.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn from Brie Spencer. Kimball High seconded that motion.

Next SCC Meeting: Wednesday December 9th at 3:30 p.m. - We will be reviewing and approving the School Safety Plan that needs to be submitted to the District before Winter Break.