

SCC Minutes

Brighton High School Community Council
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 Media Center

BHS Mission Statement

At Brighton High, we choose to be better today than we were yesterday.

In attendance:

Employee Members: Tom Sherwood, Marielle Rawle, Lisa Prudden, Catherine Bates, Mindy Curtis, Ethan Greene, Aaron Hadfield, Celeste King, Ernest Pulliam, Janice Spencer-Wise, Sierra West, Amber Terry

Parent Members: Lisa Devashrayee, Dave Castleton, Julie Clawson, Mila Gleason, Cheri Hawes, Rene Hunter, Kim Johnson, Michelle Kushlan, Brady Lee, Matt Misbach, Sheila Page, Will Powley, Lisa Rowley, Cheryl Simmons, Katie Tatton, Liz Thomas, Sarah Jane Weaver

SCC BUSINESS:

- Tom Sherwood wanted to make sure that the SCC understood that at the last meeting he was not trying to manipulate the numbers of the SCC when we discussed setting aside one of the bylaws for the meeting. He also explained that there were no good records kept documenting faculty member terms. Faculty should be up for reelection every two years.
- The only people that can vote tonight are the existing bylaw council members – 7 existing faculty and 16 elected members.
- Sheila Page attended today's meeting and would like to know if she is still considered an alternate or if she is a member. Lisa Devashrayee mentioned that if you are an alternate, you still need to run again for the following year, unless you were voted in as a member, replacing an outgoing member. Sheila Page was voted in as a member last spring, but her name was not handed down to either Tom or Lisa as to wanting to continue on. For now she will not be a voting member until the discussion of Bylaws concludes. She did not attend the last meeting and we only got a list of names of parents that were continuing on and how many open spots we had from the previous Chair. Tom Sherwood said that we can make changes to our membership when we have the discussion about bylaws later on in this meeting. A few other members mentioned that they did not receive consistent emails from the SCC last year and did not attend meetings because they were not aware of the times. At this time, we have all members' contact information and will make sure that everyone receives SCC communications.

Approve/Amend September 2018 SCC Meeting Minutes

- The September Minutes were amended by adding Aaron Hadfield's comments about the validity of a vote on the suspension of the bylaws without prior notice on the agenda.
- Lisa Devashrayee mentioned that if you would like something added to the minutes or see anything that should be changed, please contact her as soon as possible.

Motion that we adopt the minutes as amended per discussion: Aaron Hadfield

Second: Ernest Pulliam

Vote: All who voted were in agreement

Bylaws

There are mandatory changes to be made. We discussed the following items that needed a vote/discussion. A draft version was emailed to all members throughout the past month to review.

- **Elections:**

- At this time, we have 16 parent members and 8 faculty members
- Alternates – It was suggested that we have up to 2 people in the alternate position. As an alternate, they would be in line to become a member if there is an opening. It was clarified that any member of the community who wants to attend the SCC meetings may attend, but they cannot vote. You have to be an elected member of the SCC to vote. There was a question about how often we use an alternate to replace a member? It is not a usual occurrence.

Motion that we keep the alternate position for up to 2 alternates: Tom Sherwood

Second: Catherine Bates

Vote: All who voted were in agreement

- **Membership:**

- Currently we have 16 parent members and 8 faculty members required in the bylaws
- Since our last meeting change, we have 12 teachers and 16 parents
- Discussion about the number of members that we have at this time. Tom Sherwood is concerned about the disparity between the number of parents we have and the number of teachers. He would like to see the number of parents and teachers more equally weighted. He agrees that we should have more parents than faculty, but not twice as many.
- What is the teacher's opinion about this? Mindy Curtis mentioned that she wanted to have a voice in what is happening and thought it would be good to have new voices. Aaron Hadfield mentioned that we should have an election. Usually there are not a lot of teachers that want to participate. Celeste King likes the variety of teachers.
- Anyone can come to an SCC meeting. The bylaws affect the voting power.
- It was discussed that we have 16 parent members and 10 faculty members.
- State law says that we need a minimum of 6 parents and 4 employees.
- There was a concern that this is a "community council." If we want the quorum to apply.

Motion that the maximum number of 16 parents members with the number of employee members always being no greater than 4 fewer than the number of parents : Cheryl S.

Second: Will Powley

Vote: All who voted were in agreement

- It was mentioned that we can always do a ballot vote if members are concerned about voting publicly.

- **Attendance:**

- Discussion about meeting attendance
- We have 8 meetings per year and it is expected that SCC members attend a minimum of 6 meetings. Hard to miss the discussion and then sign that you participated.
- Contact Lisa Devashrayee prior to SCC meetings if you are going to be absent

Motion that we leave the current attendance policy in place: Brady Lee

Second: Will Powley

Vote: All who voted were in agreement

- Discussion about alternates to clarify meaning. They need to attend and be present so when they need to step in they are current with the discussions.

- **Leadership:**

- Suggestion that the SCC chair must have a student attending the school. This means that if the chair does not have a student currently attending the school, they can be on the SCC, but a new chair should be elected.
- State requires that if you are on the SCC, your student must attend the school one year of the two year term.

Motion that the SCC Chair may only be elected if they have a student currently enrolled at Brighton High School: Cathryn Bates

Second: Janice Spencer-Wise

- Discussion about being on the council is okay, just not Chair.
Vote: All who voted were in agreement

- Vice-Chair can either be a parent or a faculty member based on state code.

Motion that we ratify the bylaws according to the amendments we have made in this meeting and we adopt them as of 10/10/18: Lisa Devashrayee

Second: Dave Castleton

Vote: All who voted were in agreement

- Discussion about membership
 - We need to amend minutes to add Sheila Page and Sara Jane Weaver on their 2nd year as SCC as voting members

Motion to suspend Article 3 Section 2 under membership to read a maximum of 18 parent members with the contingency that if any parents drop off, we will not replace them until we have fewer than 16 parent members for the 2018-19 school year only: Lisa Devashrayee

Second: Dave Castleton

Vote: All who voted were in agreement

Digital Citizenship Plan

- Catherine Bates passed out the district Digital Citizenship safeguards.
- Tom Sherwood mentioned that we are required by state law to provide digital citizenship training. We are holding a NetSmartz assembly on Tuesday, Oct. 16th which is provided by the Attorney General's Office.
- Rene Hunter would like to hold a discussion in SCC about the needs of the community concerning social media, digital citizenship, student emotional well-being, etc.
 - Asked that it comes up at our January meeting. She liked the guest that came last year.

Proposal

- Robotics Team Proposal – Janice Spencer-Wise - Action Needed
 - Students presented a proposal that we fund a robotics competition called First Robotics. The theme is “All Systems Go.” This is an international competition.
 - The business plan was presented to SCC
 - Asking for \$5000 for the competition and an additional \$1000 for needed equipment.
 - Discussion about funding for Robotics Team.
 - Concern about the fact that Robotics is a club and how will we fund other club proposals. Is this something that we want to make a habit of?

- Tom Sherwood will fund the balance of the proposal that is not approved by SCC because he feels that this is a worthy cause, and has some extra funds in his Physics program.
- Reminder that cell tower funds are meant to be used on current year students.
- Students mentioned that they are currently working to establish corporate sponsors that will fund their efforts in the future.

Motion to give the Robotics Club \$6000: Catherine Bates

Second: Lisa Rowley and Dave Castleton

Vote: All who voted were in agreement

- Discussion about where the school Physics funds/budget will be spent if not for Robotics Team. Tom Sherwood will use the money that he has in a physics fund to buy chrome books for the science department.
- Reminder that issues/items need to be on the agenda at least one week prior to the SCC meeting to be able to be voted on.

Sub-Committees – Sign up to participate

CSIP/Land Trust

- Discussion if we just keep this on a whole committee level at the end of a meeting or have a sub-committee meeting only – Action Needed
 - This was passed. All agreed that it would be at the end of the February meeting.
- The point was made about the importance of this committee and parent involvement

Attendance Policy, Community Forum/Feeder School all on the sign-ups. Will go around. Lisa will send an email to all who Sign up so they can be in contact with each other.

Above and Beyond

- Did it work digitally? We got almost 70 responses
- Question about whether or not we need to continue this award
- Tom clarified that the district requires a teacher of the year award and the SCC should have input, but the Above and Beyond Award is not required of the SCC, however it is a nice gesture to teachers.

Schedule Options Committee

- All high schools in our district will supply an SCC sub-committee for this. If you want to serve on this committee, you will need to commit two years. The decision will not be made by the sub-committee, but you will be doing the leg work and research then report to the group. The earliest that a schedule change could be approved by the Board would be 2021-22.
- Tom Sherwood commented that our district would like all 5 high schools to be on a common schedule that works best for students.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

CSIP and Land Trust

- Attachments were sent to all members. Please read through them and start to become familiar with the data. Due to time we will discuss this next month.

Construction Update

- We received our bids this week and they are higher than anticipated. There will be a meeting tomorrow to discuss building costs and places to cut costs. Due to construction issues in Utah, costs have been driven higher.

School Report of Safety Drills

- We hold a fire drill, shelter in place drill, lock down drill, and earthquake drill. Our first drill for the year went well.

School's Living Leader – who and what they do

- Promoting health and wellness for faculty members
- This year it is Pace Gardner.

Update on Attendance Policy

- Nothing new at this time, asked to bring data on attendance so far.

Cell Tower Fund Update & Action Possible

- Tom has sent out the budget for this year. Mentioned that once funds have been approved by the SCC, it can continue to be funded by SCC until discussed again.
- Question about Bengal Vision - who is this money going to and why
 - Tom explained that this is the fee paid to an employee to attend events and do our media coverage. He is not technically an employee, but paid on contract. There was a concern about the expense. Tom mentioned that we can address the expense and reevaluate how much we are paying for this service.
 - There was a concern about how to manage all of responsibilities of Bengal Vision if there isn't one person in charge. We could ask students to take over these jobs, but we would still need someone to manage it. This is a lot to ask of a teacher.
 - Discussion about how Bengal Vision benefits students. Many students that don't get attention, get pictures posted on the school monitors. Adds to the positive culture of the school.
 - Is there a possibility that he could use student interns? And "teach" them on the side.
 - Sarah Jane Weaver mentioned that what we are paying seems very fair. She works with photographers in her business.
- Question about breakdown of funds
 - Where does the football supervision money go?
 - This money is paid to our football coach to equal out his pay and put him in the building.

Miscellaneous

2018 Summary of: AP tests, Sage test scores, SOAR & Senior Survey

- We will discuss the SOAR report at our next meeting
- Senior Survey
 - Seniors had to complete this survey last Spring and got we a 90% response rate. We will discuss the results in further detail at the next meeting.

School Fees – conversations now taking place at the state legislature

- 2 types – Class Fees and Sports and Overnight Travel Fees
- Class fees can only be charged for elective courses. State law is that we cannot charge a fee for a required class.
- Tom has asked departments to determine specific fees so parents will have a breakdown of fees charged for required classes.
- Overnight travel should be waived and paid for by the district if a student is on a fee waiver according to state statute.

- Overnight travel (athletics, state comps, etc.) will be significantly reduced and affected because of this statute. This will have an impact on many programs in the school.
- Participation Fees for other programs
 - The board approves the fee based on expenses of running the program
 - Fundraising – for extra expenses. When coaches apply money raised from fundraising to other expenses, it goes against state statute. All expenses should be applied as the fee according to state statute.
- Discussion about off-season expectations and coaches
 - When Brighton coaches participate in off-season coaching, they are not affiliated with the school. They do this of their own accord and with their own resources.

COUNSELOR’S REPORT:

Amber Terry discussed the upcoming events from the Counseling Center. These are all listed on the Counseling Center website.

Items of note:

- Tom Williams is filling in for Jenna Miller while she is out on maternity leave.
- College and Career Fair with breakout sessions - 10/24/18
 - Regents deadlines and important dates
 - FAFSA
- CCR meetings
 - Counselors are meeting with seniors and in Nov will hold college application day.
 - Freshmen meetings will start in November
 - Juniors and Sophomores come later in the year
- Scholarships – seniors need to apply for more scholarships. Educating our seniors and their parents will be a focus of the Counseling Center this year

FACULTY REPORT:

Catherine Bates thanked the SCC for supporting the teachers. We need students to arrive at school on time and be in school each day. Please check skyward!

SCHOOL CLIMATE:

PTSA Input – No one present.

COMMUNICATION:

<http://www.canyonsdistrict.org/scc>

- District has asked for an online feedback request about Math books being offered digitally only for secondary schools.
 - Please respond to this. Go to the district website, take the survey and make comments.
- Single Lunch Period discussion
 - Feedback about taking the time slot of B lunch. There has been some concern from parents that 4th period is hard because their students are hungry and classroom behavior is disruptive because of this change.
 - Tom explained that the B lunch time was selected because there are many students that check out of 5th period for activities. The later lunch period helps them so that they do not miss as many periods during the day.
 - We can look at attendance data and see how one lunch has affected it.

- We have received negative feedback from the cafeteria and the library. The cafeteria is not serving as many lunches and the library is more crowded during the lunch hour.
- There was a suggestion to survey teachers, parents, students, etc. for more feedback. Tom will follow up with this.

OTHER:

CELEBRATIONS:

- US World and News Reports – Brighton was number 5, but 3rd among all public high schools. Davis #1, Corner Canyon #2. The other 2 were charter schools.
- We had 3 National Merit semi-finalists this year
- We had the highest AP participation in 5 years and highest scores in 5 years.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, November 14th, 2018

3:30pm

Media Center

Dates of remaining Meetings: Jan. 9th, Feb. 13th, Mar. 13th, April 10th, May 8th

