

Brighton High SCC Meeting Notes
May 9, 2012
3:15 pm The View

Council Members in Attendance: Nancy Tingey, Charisse Hilton, Amber Shill, Larry O'Neil, Katie Densley, Crystal Merrill, Bill Stoven, Aaron Hadfield, Deanna Runyan-Wall, Tom Cushing; Mindy Stowers, Sue Saunders; Shelly Shoell, John Sperry, Paul Jensen, Jodi Ide, Erin Davis

Absent: Christine Willmore, Jordana Flavin, Marlene Griffiths, Maralee Sleight, Cindy Baker

School representatives: Alan Parrish, Chad Flook

PTSA representatives: Diane McQuay, Lisa Devashyre

April 2012 Minutes were approved.

Revisions to SCC Bylaws to conform with recent legislation: vote to revise bylaws unanimously passed.

SCC Elections for 2012-2014 Reviewed which parents are finishing their second year and who will be up for election next year. Please let Nancy know what your intentions are for next year so we can put the correct number of spots that will be available in the SCC information to go out.

Counselor's Report: Report on current year AP tests; 533 Students taking AP tests, 731 total AP tests will be given. On May 17, the Enhanced Diplomas and Academic Letter Awards Ceremony will be held. On May 23, an evening program will be held for Activities Awards.

Faculty Report: no report

Principal's Report:

Ms. Hilton reported that discussions are ongoing between the district and school administration regarding the locations of Brighton's new soccer field and tennis courts.

Thank you to the PTSA for Teacher Appreciation Week.

PTSA Input: The PTSA wants to put a plug in for online registration—everyone be sure to submit membership information.

Parent's Choice Recognition Award: Parent SCC members please review nominations and submit your selections by May 15th (now extended to May 23rd).

Attendance Policy review committee: The SCC was given a summary of the decisions made up to this point by the attendance committee and input from the SCC was requested on two questions:

- It was agreed that attendance should be accounted for separately from the grade earned in a class
- Motivators for clean attendance records (no "U"s) will include:
 - parking passes
 - participation in any sport, team, or extracurricular clubs and activity groups
 - academic letters and enhanced diplomas
 - "walking" for graduation
 - 9th grade Lagoon day
- Input was requested from the SCC with regards to the extent of modifications to the procedures of the attendance policy. SCC parent representatives voted by secret written ballot on 3 options

- keep attendance policy the same as the current one with points and methods to clear “U”s the same
- revise the attendance policy to be more lenient in remediation for poor attendance
- look for a hybrid of the two options
- The SCC parent members (including the PTSA representatives) were asked if simplifying the attendance policy should also include removing the distinction between Excused and Unexcused absences. This would eliminate the need for parents to call in to excuse a student, but doctor’s notes would be required for medical excuses. A majority of parents voted in favor of keeping a distinction between parent-excused and unexcused absences.
- The administration will take this feedback to the attendance committee as they move forward in the discussion

Report from District Cell Tower committee:

The SCC voted to approve the District Cell Tower Committee’s Recommendations for sharing cell tower funds with schools in the district without that revenue source: 14 in favor and 1 dissented.

Communication:

School Website update: Mr. Hansen is continuing to add information to Brighton’s website. If you have suggestions for the website, please email the SCC at brightonscc@gmail.com

Mr. Sperry reported that the Brookwood Elementary PTA was wondering if there was a better way to coordinate calendaring activities of the various schools. Ms. Hilton responded that Brighton would place major events of our feeder schools on our calendar they would contact Brighton with the information. This may help eliminate double booking for some families.

Celebrations: Cobair Collinsworth was the Region Girls Golf Champion and the golf team took 3rd in Region. Brighton had 5 Spring Academic All-State athletes, which makes a total of 12 for the year. Brighton Boys Soccer took 1st place in Region. Brighton softball took 2nd in Region. Tim McNeill was awarded Brighton’s Teacher of the Year. Retirement party will be held on May 30 for teachers retiring and leaving.