

# SCC Agenda

Brighton High School Community Council February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3:30pm, Legacy Room

## BHS Code

*Bengals Build Respect, Honor Excellence, and Seek Knowledge*

### In attendance:

Tom Sherwood, Cindy Baker, Marielle Rawle, Janice Spencer-Wise, Cheri Haws, Brandon Callor, Aaron Hadfield, Sarah Weaver, Debra Kyriopolos, Dave Castleton, Rene Hunter, Lisa Prudden, Catherine Bates, Gavin Seal, Lisa Flick, Mila Gleason, Natalie Day, Ernest Pulliam, Mr. and Mrs. Rupper

### Welcome:

### SCC Business:

Approve January Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Janice Spencer-Wise
- Second: Ernest Pulliam

Honoring CH Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore

- We will do this at the March meeting
- Tom will work on the plaque
- Honoring people at homecoming – we should gather names now and set up a sub-committee for this
  - 10 years or more with the school
  - alumni should be focus

Town Hall Meeting:

Topics:

- Aaron Hadfield will run this meeting
- Building the new school – contractors will be here
- March 14<sup>th</sup> (next SCC) City Engineer and Architects will be here to discuss the roundabout
  - Students will not cross the street at the roundabout and they have considered pedestrian safety in the design

Date and Time:

- Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 7:00pm
- Library

Ways to Announce the Meeting:

Social Media  
Cottonwood Heights/Sandy Journal  
Skyward and more . . .

- Motion to approve: Heidi Templeton
- Second: Dave Castleton

## **Sub-Committees** – Sign up to participate

Trust Lands/CSIP

**Facility** Upgrades

Attendance Policy

Community Forum

Above and Beyond

## **Principal's Report:**

### CSIP and Land Trust

- BLT will meet tomorrow for initial conversations
- Wednesday, February 21, 3:30pm Legacy Room
- CSIP due to District on 4/9/18
- Tom passed out the current land trust – SCC votes and decides how that money is spent

### Update on Attendance Policy

- Data from Data Dashboard – District reports
  - Every school in the district has a falling off in attendance from the first part of the year to the second part of the year
  - We have increased by almost 80 additional students on track to graduate (90% attendance) from last trimester
  - Tom will bring ADA (average daily attendance) data to next meeting
  - 1500 less overall absences
  - tardies reduced almost 1000 from 1<sup>st</sup> trimester
  - policy aligns with state statutes
  - Tom has received positive feedback from teachers – seeing students to get help that don't **normally** come in
  - School Board recently passed an attendance policy that high schools may need to align with – our expectation is 90% of the time and this will be vetted out with the principals
  - Will the school attendance policy help with the 104 students that aren't on track to graduate?
    - We are working with these kids, but the state has taken away consequences (they feel that it is the parents' responsibility to get their kids to school)
    - We need to provide more supports to 9<sup>th</sup> graders as they enter high school and address their needs
      - AVID – advancement via individual determination (AVID.org)
      - Targets the middle group – kids who have the **aptitude** to succeed but choose not to
      - Teaches kids how to be a student
      - The trimester makes this program a little harder to manage, but we can figure out a way to make it work
      - Land Trust could be used to pay for this
      - Costs – 10 teachers to training, Tom will find out how much that would cost

### Cell Tower Fund Updates

- Tom passed out account activity report
- There is a chance that we may **loose** 2 cell towers when they start the rebuild
- Tom is discussing the options with the cell companies
- The District has to pay for the solution

- We could use this money to fund AVID training

#### Miscellaneous

- Graduation requirements have not changed for English
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, AP Language – Students can take 1 semester of English senior year and receive all of their credits (state statute – concurrent enrollment class counts as a full year of English)
- AP Capstone Diploma School
  - AP program that is comparable to the IB program
  - Special Designation on Diploma
  - 4 AP classes and pass the tests
  - 2 additional AP courses – 4 trimesters total
    - AP Seminar – AP European History (curriculum embedded in courses)
    - AP Research – AP Literature Course
  - Will apply to freshmen now and sophomores now
    - For sophomores this year – next year they can take AP Comparative Gov't as a Junior with seminar and they will still be able to earn the diploma
  - Will have an impact on electives
  - We will be looking at options for STEM to work with AP Capstone
  - Parent Information night next week
- Dual Immersion – teach that class for 2 trimesters
  - 1<sup>st</sup> trimester is optional
  - DLI class will be offered 2 & 3 trimester
  - After passing the AP test end of Freshmen year, they will have the option of taking 3000 level classes through the U of U
  - Issues with Regents Scholarship

#### Counselor's Report:

- AP Capstone – please come to the parent night for more information
  - College Board website has more information
- Arena Scheduling – only open in August
  - Opening in May caused issues because of teacher schedule changes, etc. which affected student schedules and the need to redo them
  - Students will be able to see schedules in June
  - In August the board is permanent and choosing your schedule is less problematic
- Does taking LDS seminary affect the ability of students to take electives? No. They earn 6.5 credits each year. They need to pass every class because they don't have as much leeway as a student that doesn't take seminary who gets 7.5 credits per year.
- Students can take 6 periods per day at no cost to students, so students at Brighton on the trimester can take 5 periods during the day and then a 6<sup>th</sup> period for free. (If they are in seminary, it does not count as a course).
- Digital Literacy requirement for high school? They can take one of the 3 classes that we offer at Brighton. Middle school is a different class.

#### Faculty Report:

- Check Skyward for grades and NG's
- Please encourage your students to be kind to the incoming freshmen

## School Climate:

PTSA Input

## Communication:

- Above and Beyond – thank you to Tom for the new table cloths
  - We did not receive enough nominations – this worked better when we had parent teacher in the gym
  - We discussed different ways to make this work – survey through Skyward

## Other:

- One lunch
  - Biggest issue was where do all of the students eat lunch?
  - Students liked eating with their friends
  - No parking issues
  - In the new building we will probably move to one lunch
- Teacher of the Year
  - Nominations from SCC
  - Gillespe, Yee, Larson, Natalie Meyer
  - Motion to nominate Natalie Meyer: Dave Castleton
  - Second: Kim Steinblick
  - Vote: passed unanimously
- Laura Rupper - guest
  - Trimester discussion
  - AP classes are hard to take with the trimester
  - People's comments to her are – go to Hillcrest, majority of SCC, students, teachers want trimester
  - This should not be a majority rules decision. We need to consider:
    1. How many students move in and out of BHS each year
    2. Trimester does not work for music programs – ask teachers how they are affected
    3. How many students are involved in CTEC and how many would like to?
    4. Upcoming changes will affect credits and fitting classes into their schedules
    5. Summer gap- 3 month gap/you have that gap twice during the year – possible 9 month gap with core classes
    6. The number of AP classes students take is more important than the pass rateRuppers are asking for SCC to reevaluate for 2019 school year

Response from Tom:

- We would like to create a sub-committee that looks at different schedules
- We are happy to do a systemic survey – reaching all households **with students currently attending Brighton**
- School Board came out with parameters that we need to investigate in order to change a school schedule

Response from Aaron Hadfield

- There have been numerous studies about the trimester including data investigation into time of instruction, impact on struggling students, test scores, etc.
- **Decision** was made based on trade-off's

- The comment was made that we need to communicate the data and research to our community.
- Tom did suggest we address schedules in 2021 when the new school opens.

Motion to form a **subcommittee** to look at trimester and other schedules that will be focused on solving scheduling problems: Dave Castleton

Second: Janice Spencer-Wise

Approved

**Note:** *This vote had to be voided.* We could not VOTE to form a **subcommittee** because we DID NOT have a quorum **at this point in the meeting, several had left.** We will address this at the March meeting as well as have Pro trimester people discuss their views. We will also have a presentation by Aaron Hadfield discussing the 2-year look into the trimester and that last January we voted unanimously for the trimester and sent off a letter FOR the trimester.

**Celebrations:**

Motion to adjourn: Janice Spencer-Wise

Second: Katie Tatton

**Next Meeting:**

March 14, 2018 @ 3:30pm