

Braden River High School
SAC ZOOM Meeting Minutes- August 30th, 2021

- 1) Welcome (Krystal Sullivan): 6:15 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call & Use of Microsoft Teams (Matthew Whelden): 6:16 p.m.
President: Krystal Sullivan
Vice President: Denise Berger
Secretary: (vacant)
Principal: Carl Auckerman
Assistant Principal: Matthew Whelden
Student Representative: G. Ramirez
12 people in attendance total
- 3) Approval of Minutes (Krystal Sullivan): 6:16 p.m.
 - D. Berger made motion to approve April SAC minutes, seconded by C. Auckerman, motioned was carried.
- 4) SAC Secretary Nomination (Carl Auckerman/ Krystal Sullivan): 6:19 p.m.
 - K. Toomey was nominated by C. Auckerman and R. Lansky seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
- 5) SAC Bylaw Review (Matthew Whelden): 6:20 p.m.
 - Review of BRHS SAC bylaws – posted on school website and approved 4/5/21
- 6) School Improvement Plan (SIP) *SAC Approval (Matthew Whelden): 6:22 p.m.
 - SIP plan for 2021-2022 school year focuses on maximizing academic programs and resources such as Schoology and mentoring/tutoring sessions.
 - Q (K. Sullivan): Did the school find out if SAC will receive any SIP funding this year?
A: Not at this time.
 - SIP plan will be presented to the SAC committee in October; which will be followed by district approval.
 - Q (K. Sullivan): Is everyone a voting member or will there only be certain members who can vote?
A: For tonight, everyone will be a voting member. All demographics/populations will need to be represented at the meeting.
- 7) Code of Conduct Update (Carl Auckerman): 6:27 p.m.
 - Code of conduct is reviewed and revised every year by the district and approved by the school board.
 - Conflict with school policy at BRHS with the student handbook compared to district code of conduct: Hair color and piercings.
 - Hair color has been completely removed from district code of conduct.

- We cannot be in opposition of student of code of conduct from the district without losing district support.
- Piercings are still in the code of conduct, but wording has changed. The code of conduct states no piercings that can be a safety risk or class disruption can be visible during school.
- Most cases at BRHS have been counseled and warned by the deans and handled on a case by case bases.
- Braden River is still the same orderly, consistent, and caring atmosphere.
- Q (K. Sullivan): If we have a handbook that we have approved as parents, and the district's code of conduct doesn't support ours, then what's the point of having our own student's handbook?
A: The school will have to address it with the district if challenged and hopefully get clarification within the next few weeks regarding specific policy.

8) Covid Update (Carl Auckerman): 6:41 p.m.

- The positivity rate in Manatee County is currently at 18% and the threshold alarm is around 8%.
- The school has added extra seating outside for lunch to help spread out students, hand sanitizer is all over campus, cleaning classrooms daily is ongoing, district has imposed a mask mandate until October 29th with an opt-out process.
- Out of 1,800 students, 450 have formally opted out. More than 450 students are not wearing masks; therefore, forms were sent home with students in first period Monday, August 30th for anyone who wants to opt out, and there is option for parents to opt out on the FOCUS Parent Portal.
- Q (D. Jarquin): How are you distinguishing between who opted out and who didn't?
A: We have to carefully ask if students they opted out of wearing a mask. The governor's order does not allow students to be questioned or bullied about wearing a mask, therefore it is a work in progress to determine who is opted out and who is not.
Q (G. Ramirez): Will teachers be allowed to enforce it? Do you have to wear a mask at sporting events?
A: The teachers can look in FOCUS to see if the student is opted out and offer them a mask. Sporting events are mask-optional.
A (K. Sullivan): If a parent comes to campus to fill out a form will it be automatically put in FOCUS?
Q: Yes, as fast as someone can input them is when they will be in FOCUS.

9) Open Agenda: 6:48p.m.

- SAC Meetings: meetings are October 4th, November 1st, December 6th, February 7th, March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd
- We must have five mandatory meetings a year.
- Q: Are we moving SAC meeting to 6p.m.?
A: It was discussed but never approved.

*M. Whelden made motion to have meeting time moved to 6p.m., seconded by C. Auckerman. Motion was carried.

- At this time leave meetings planned as scheduled and cancel meetings if needed but must meet 5 times throughout the school year.
- If you have questions, please reach out.

10) Principal's Report (Carl Auckerman): 6:53 p.m.

- Made it to the 10-day count: we did not lose or gain any teaching units.
- Millage referendum is up for renewal in November, lots of information coming out from the district soon.
- Homecoming week has been postponed to October 18th - 22nd for the last home football game; dance is still under review district-wide pending COVID.
- Homecoming dance might turn into a winter dance in December once COVID regulations are determined.

Motion to adjourn was made by D. Berger, seconded by C. Auckerman. Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 4th, 2021

Reminder the October meeting will consist of voting on SAC bylaws and SIP

Minutes submitted by Kristen Toomey