

Braden River High School  
SAC Meeting Minutes- April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
BRHS Media Center – 6:00 P.M.

1) Welcome (Denise Kemker): 6:01 p.m.

\*Roll Call: 6:01 p.m.

Chair: Denise Kemker

Vice Chair: Caryn Patterson

Secretary: Kristen Toomey

Principal: Carl Auckerman

Assistant Principal: Matthew Whelden

Teacher Representative(s): M. Collis

Student Representative (s): H. Hang

Attendance: 14 people in attendance total

2) Approval of Minutes (Denise Kemker): 6:02 p.m.

- C. Geiger asked for her initial on previous minutes to be changed from “A” to “C.”
- Minutes were motioned to be approved by M. Whelden and seconded by C. Geiger. Motion was carried and minutes were approved.

3) Committee – “Challenged Books” (Jessica Reid): 6:03 p.m.

- 2 Handouts were given by J. Reid about new book policies.
- “The No Where Girl” (2017) is an example of a book which has to have parent approval before students can sign it out. With new policy, books have to be approved by each school.
- In need of a committee to review books to be voted on to keep or remove from library.
- Any notification of a challenged book must be reviewed by committee to determine to keep the book or not.
- How many students have checked out this book in this school year? Zero.
- Who tells you that the book is being challenged? The district informs media specialist when a book is challenged by anyone who submits the online form to the district.
- What is the time frame in which decisions need to be made by? 30 Days from the presentation of the issue.
- Denise Kemker, Debbie Tudor, and Charity Wharton volunteered to be part of the committee. Guidelines will be shared by Mrs. Reid for any volunteers.
- The school board had the power to review books but decided the schools need to decide based on a school’s review committee.
- Restricted books must be kept in a secure location. Students can find the books through the online catalog and must have a parent permission form to check it out.
- Any new books that are ordered for the library must be reviewed prior to ordering. Media Specialist usually does 2-3 book orders per year.

- Mrs. Reid provided a handout on new books that she is looking into ordering, including study books, such as SAT/ACT prep books.
  - Book purchase review committee: C. Gieger, D. Kemker, D. Tudor
- 4) Teacher Appreciation Week (Matthew Whelden): 6:20 p.m.
- NEW option for teacher appreciation week - Digitized donations: parents and community members can donate online to help fund teacher appreciation week...this is a supplement to everything else that is normally done.
  - Teacher Appreciation Week: May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
  - Compliments to Mrs. Austerman and Mrs. Gonzales for keeping up with the BRHS Facebook page
- 5) SAC Bylaw Review (SAC Approval) (Matthew Whelden): 6:24 p.m.
- Bylaws haven't changed that much – only bigger change was membership/attendees can both vote during SAC meetings
  - Members have asked for all in-person meetings
  - M. Whelden motion to approve the bylaws, seconded by K. Toomey, motion was carried.
- 6) SAC Officer Election (Matthew Whelden): 6:26 p.m.
- Chair: Charity Wharton  
Nominated by D. Kemker, seconded by M. Collis
  - Vice Chair: Caryn Patterson  
Nominated by D. Kemker, seconded by D. Tudor
  - Secretary: Kristen Toomey  
Nominated by M. Whelden, seconded by M. Collis
- Motion was carried for all 3 nominees to be elected.
- 7) Principal's Report (Carl Auckerman): 6:30 p.m.
- We only have one boiler at this school and it has caused HVAC problems all school year. We have one person that is dedicated to coming to BRHS every morning to make sure the boiler is up and operational. We are in the process of getting TWO new boilers – should be done by next school year.
  - Hiring season is underway for the next school year. BRHS is starting to attend job fairs to recruit for next year. BRHS currently has 7 open positions.
  - Superintendent search – the board's plan is to have a new superintendent by mid-May. They are posting the applicants to the district website with their bios. The window for superintendent closes on April 10<sup>th</sup>. There are 10 superintendent openings across the state of Florida.
  - Senior dates:
    - o Prom: Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>
    - o Senior exams May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
    - o Senior's last day – May 16<sup>th</sup>
    - o Mandatory graduation practice May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
    - o May 20<sup>th</sup> graduation at LECOM park @ 8 AM
      - The baseball net will remain up during graduation

- The students will be able to sit in chairs as opposed to standing in all previous years (between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base)
- Number of tickets per family has not been decided yet.
- Exam schedule will be released soon! There will be half days during the last 3 days of school.

8) Open Discussion: 6:43 p.m.

- Has prom every been on a school day before? Yes, last year.

Motion to adjourn was made by K. Toomey seconded, by C. Geiger. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023...see you next school year!

Minutes submitted by Kristen Toomey