

Braden River High School
SAC Meeting Minutes- September 11th, 2023
BRHS Media Center – 5:45 P.M.

- 1) Welcome (Charity Wharton): 5:45 p.m.

*Roll Call: 6:01 p.m.
Chair: Charity Wharton
Vice Chair: Caryn Patterson
Secretary: Kristen Toomey
Principal: Carl Auckerman
Assistant Principal: Matthew Whelden
Teacher Representative(s): R. Robinson-Shinall and M. Collis
2 Student Representatives: Karissa and Louann
Attendance: 20 people in attendance total

- 2) Approval of Minutes (Charity Wharton): 5:50 p.m.
 - Minutes were motioned to be approved by M. Collis and seconded by J. Toomey. Motion was carried and minutes were approved.

- 3) SAC Bylaw Review/Mission (Matthew Whelden): 5:51 p.m.
 - Will be posted on the website for members to review
 - Functions:
 - o Communication, advise school staff, define problems, decision-making process
 - If you have questions, comments or concerns, please let Mr. Whelden know

- 4) School Improvement Plan (SIP) & School Data (Matthew Whelden): 5:53 p.m.
 - Want more data? Ask Whelden.
 - Pending how they handle school grades this year, we are projected to be an “A”
 - No such thing as learning gains, there are areas in math and ELA where we could not see learning gains due to change in testing, this year was based on proficiency.
 - Biology and social studies are above average in the state
 - Graduation rate went down over the past 3-4 years...it is trending across the state due to multitude of factors.
 - Graduation and acceleration rate are lagging data (one year behind actual grade)
 - Acceleration rate is what state pays for various funding, example: CAPE funds from industry certifications
 - If the state issues “A” there is a plan that must be developed on how the school will spend the money...usually it goes towards teacher bonuses. If we do get the “A,” SAC will need to approve the plan around January as plans are submitted in February and used by April.
 - '22-'23 Minority Rate: 49%

- '22-'23 Economically Disadvantaged (Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL)): 48%
- ELA and Math proficiency are stagnated and still below state average
- ESOL and ESE status is ATSI – every school in district is ATSI school...this means this is a concern to make sure that these students meet grade level requirements
- '22-'23 school year: had a number of teachers teaching 7 out of 7 periods
- 2023: Have 27 New staff members, 17 are teachers
- Just got 2 new teacher allocations as current student count exceeded 1,800.

Q: Can you elaborate on how many teachers are “out of field”?

A: Everyone who is hired must have a statement of eligibility to be hired. As for the exact number of teachers “out of field,” that number will be given at a later date once the dust settles a little more.

- SIP main goals:
 - o Intensive reading courses and utilizing ALEKS for math
 - o Developing the ESOL program: new teacher and working on getting a new ESOL paraprofessional
 - o Maximize teamwork, collaboration, and collegiality
 - o Expanding AICE – new AICE psychology

Q: How are you identifying the students in danger of dropout or not graduating?

A: Using the district system that looks at attendance, GPA, discipline, proficiency, etc.

Q: What can be done to encourage students to attend tutoring or getting help through other resources?

A: That is the question. Teachers, counselors, and peers will invite students or talk to students about getting the help needed to be successful. Transportation is a problem with this. District is kicking off an online support program to assist students with tutoring.

- 73% passed the AICE General Paper test this past year.
- M. Collis makes a motion to approve the SIP plan, D. Kemker seconded. Motion was carried and SIP was approved.

5) SAC Extras (Matthew Whelden): 6:20 p.m.

- TEAM ENERGY: developed by BRHS teachers in 2022 to help encourage and support teachers of all experiences. Work on team building, classroom management, lesson plan ideas, etc.
 - o Small ask: Would anyone be willing to sponsor a teacher related event, such as coffee Fridays or a food truck?
 - o K. Tovar is asking SGA about hosting a fundraiser of some sort to raise money for teacher morale.

6) Principal’s Report (Carl Auckerman): 6:27 p.m.

- Hiring and keeping teachers is a challenge across the country especially in Florida when the cost of living is going up.
- We were allocated for 1700 students, we had just over 1800 students after the 10-day count. We just gained four new teaching units. We will be having teachers teaching 7 out of 7 periods if they want to.

- Safety and security:
 - o Evolve system was here last week and Sept. 11th was the final day to check students when entering campus. We will have it a second time this year...don't know when round two is.
 - o If schools are over 2,000 students, they will get a second guardian on campus. We only have 1,800 students, but we do get a floater addition from time to time.
 - o We are still waiting to get the fencing projects around the portables and the auditorium done...maybe this fall???
- BRHS is no longer a tier one shelter. We are now a tier 3 shelter and we are farther down the list for schools that open when a shelter is needed.
- HVAC: got new boilers but still have some issues that we are working on.
- Homecoming is in the middle of October
- Progress reports are September 13th
- End of quarter, record day is October 13th

7) Open Discussion: 6:38 p.m.

- N/A

Motion to adjourn was made by K. Patterson seconded, by D. Tudor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 23rd – potentially virtual...watch for emails!

Minutes submitted by Kristen Toomey