

Braden River High School
SAC Meeting Minutes- October 23rd, 2023
BRHS Media Center – 6 P.M.

- 1) Welcome (Charity Wharton): 6:03 p.m.

*Roll Call: 6:04 p.m.
Chair: Charity Wharton
Vice Chair: Caryn Patterson
Secretary: Kristen Toomey
Principal: Carl Auckerman (not present)
Assistant Principal: Matthew Whelden
Student Representative: Louann
Attendance: 10 people in attendance total

- 2) Approval of Minutes (Charity Wharton): 6:05 p.m.
 - Minutes were motioned to be approved by K. Parker and seconded by C. Geiger. Motion was carried and minutes were approved.

- 3) District SAC Mtg. Review (Charity Wharton): 6:06 p.m.
 - Talked about construction projects around the district: Schools needing improvements have two budgets: one for new schools and one for up-keep
 - Schools to be renovated:
 - o Tara, Blackburn, Palma Sola, Nolan
 - o 6 new rooms at Freedom
 - o New science rooms at Southeast
 - o 16 rooms added at Parrish and 20 to be added to LRHS
 - There is potential for rezoning after construction on schools is completed, but there is no timeline for rezoning currently.
 - \$660 million for planning, design, and new construction
 - Up keep budget: \$200 million
 - New Schools:
 - o Artisan Lakes (between Palmetto and Parrish) \$56 million allocated, 964 students, projected completion around Aug 2026

- 4) Media Center Books/Challenged (Matthew Whelden): 6:10 p.m.
 - Approx. 25 books have been challenged to date.
 - Challenge comes from a parent, parent group, or anyone in the community who wants a book pulled from a school. A review committee reviews the challenged book to determine if the book should be removed or if the parent should have to sign off on if the student can check out a book.
 - District can ban books school-wide without review.
Q: Are the students aware of the book challenge?
A: Unless a teacher brings it up, students are more than likely not aware of the book challenge.

- 5) Qtr. 1 Benchmark Data (Matthew Whelden): 6:15 p.m.
- Benchmarks have been completed.
 - Teachers should get an idea of where their students are in the learning process and what may need to be recovered or how to progress moving forward.
 - At BRHS, US History is top in district, Geometry and Biology are second behind LRHS, and Algebra and ELA are in the middle.
- 6) Principal's Report (Matthew Whelden): 6:19 p.m.
- Two student center resources both are available to students on their My SDMC SSO:
 - o Xello
 - College and career readiness
 - Planning for the future
 - On the academy day coming up in November, all students will be accessing Xello and taking self-assessments to start making their portfolios.
 - o Paper
 - Web-based tutoring system
 - Similar to a Kahn Academy but will help walk students through problems and understand the curriculum in any content area
 - Teacher Representative for Excellence in Education Award: Stefanie Minihan (advertising teacher, SGA co-advisor, runs Captains Cargo)
 - Volleyball team won Districts and keeps advancing
 - Raiders did well at both competitions; Rifle team doing well at start of their season
 - MBOP came in 1st at both state competitions so far
 - Cross country and swimming are under way.
 - Q: What happened with the signs that were displayed at the volleyball game that were not nice to the competing team?
 - A: The signs were taken down as soon as admin was made aware and the students made a poor decision. Not tasteful at all. All signs must now be pre-approved.
 - Parent Comment: SGA is amazing and has done a wonderful job.
 - Q: When is prom?
 - A: It is a Friday, April 12th.
 - PSAT/ NCR-SAT is this Thursday, October 26th
 - o PSAT will be digital this year
 - o All 10th graders, ~100 juniors, ~ 90 seniors will be testing this day
 - November 1st – early release
 - November 10th – no school
 - Met with another round of engineers regarding the fencing for auditorium area and portables and is supposed to be installed before Thanksgiving.
 - Our football field is going to become a turf field in the spring

- Watch out for notices on making the academic calendar for the next school year to give parent feedback.
 - District school choice night is Nov. 14th at MTC
 - T. Nguyen score the lowest in the district golf competition today (Oct. 23rd)
- 7) Open Discussion: 6:41 p.m.
- Q: Will there be a SAT during the school day for juniors?
- A: Yes, it will be in April.
- Q: When is the home band competition?
- A: November 4th; State competition is Nov. 11th and 12th

Motion to adjourn was made by K. Toomey seconded by D. Tudor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 26th – potentially virtual...watch for emails!

Minutes submitted by Kristen Toomey