

	<b>Braden River Elementary School</b> <b>School Advisory Council (SAC)</b> <b>Thursday, September 19, 2024</b> <b>6:30pm in the Media Center</b>	<b>Conveners:</b> Heather Freed Mary Oliva <b>Facilitators:</b> Heather Freed Mary Oliva
<p><b>Our Vision:</b> Sparking Innovative Leaders &amp; Thinkers!</p> <p><b>Our Mission:</b> Our mission at Braden River Elementary School is to engage our school community with innovative ways of learning to best prepare for an everchanging world. By promoting leadership, collaboration, and inquiry, we will foster and strengthen Life Skills and Project Based Learning opportunities.</p>		

### Agenda/Information to Discuss:

- Welcome
- Approval of May 2024 minutes
  - Introduction of Officers
    - Chair: Heather Freed
    - Vice Chair: Ricky Jessop
    - Secretary: Nicole Potter
  - The meeting minutes were approved.
- What is SAC?
  - School improvement, discussion making. The focus is on student achievement.
  - Required to submit our School Improvement Plan to the district.
  - Budgeting and funds. Look at data and make decisions
  - At the end of the year evaluate the progress of the year.
- Voting Board
  - Voting members must be in line with our school demographics and have and equal representation based on our school demographics.
  - Nominees will be reviewed by the principal to ensure that we are meeting the requirements.
  - Nominees
    - Anya Hernandez
    - Amanda McClellan
    - Tunde Szekely
    - Nikki Fajardo
    - Dedrix Doka
    - Joe Warcewick
    - Debroah Hendon
    - Alexander Orduno
    - Kat Brown
    - Anna Warcewick

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- Tiffany Greer
  - Sophia Pereira
- Safety and Security
  - Each principal must submit a safety plan that is sent to the district for approval and that is then sent to the state.
  - Gates and doors always remain locked when students are in school. If they are not locked someone must be there monitoring the door.
    - Handicap buttons outside the doors were deactivated.
    - If students need to travel to different buildings, there is a new system in place. Teachers have a key that will unlock a specific door. If students are sent up together, they are then able to unlock the door.
    - Exterior gates locked.
    - Security cameras on campus are monitored.
    - BRE has a Gradian on campus. Mr. Bill has been with BRE for 7 years.
      - This person does a daily sweep of the school to ensure that all doors and gates are locked.
  - Teachers are required to wear badges that can call a lockdown and alert the authorities.
  - Annual district training.
  - The school is required to do a certain number of drills throughout the year.
    - Monthly fire drills.
      - Four active shooter tests that will actually use the devices to ensure they work,
      - bus drill,
      - shelter in place [tornado, (medical drill with nurses only)].
    - This is all documented and sent to the district.
  - This week there was a shelter in place that happened. This was due to a threat that happened to the middle school. Since BRE is close to the middle school, the school was advised to shelter in place. This means all students stay with their teachers and stay inside. No movement through the campus. Lunch was delayed due to this. An announcement was made by the principal to the teachers to check their emails for further information. The goal was to keep the students safe, and calm, and continue with their normal day-to-day the best possible while keeping the teachers updated. The district sent out a communication to the parents. Later that night an announcement came from the school directly. The shelter-in-place lasted about 1.5 hours. Parents did pick up their children and were escorted to the office when parents arrived. The following day those who kept their children home those absences were excused.
    - Students were told that they were trying to stay safe and continue working in our classrooms and staying inside at this time.
    - The principal talked about the event further on the news mentioning how well the students did and explaining what “shelter in place” meant. Shelter in place could be for weather or something happening in the neighborhood.
    - Indoor recess this day.
  - *Does the County have any plan to discuss this with the kids and the severity of this?*

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- BRE and SAC can ask the district about this to follow up.
- *Are you screening for reactions from the children (informal), do we have support from the district? Any support for the students?*
  - Full-time counselor here.
  - Psychologists through the district can come in.
    - BRE can follow up with the district to see what the plan is for additional support for the children.
    - Parents can also reach out to the district as a parent as well.
- A school threat management team is required at all schools.
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- Proposed Agenda Items for the next meeting, 10/17/24
  - Will go over the School Improvement Plan.
  - Mike Barber for the Millage
  - Ask for additional topics.

### **Action Steps:**

- Ask parents to email for topics for upcoming meetings.
- Nicole follows up with Kevin to see if he will attend our next meeting.

### **Notes:**

### **Topics for this year**

- Safety with the district and Mr. Bill
- Millage
- Testing
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