

Braden River High School  
SAC Meeting Minutes- April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
BRHS Media Center or Virtual Teams – 2:45 P.M.

- 1) Welcome (Charity Wharton): 2:45p.m.  
  
\*Roll Call: 2:45p.m.  
Chair: Charity Wharton  
Vice Chair: Kirsten Parker (not present)  
Secretary: Kristen Toomey  
Principal: Wendell Butler  
Assistant Principal: Matthew Whelden  
Attendance: 12 people in attendance total
  - Denise B., L. McCord and Allison G. attended via zoom (accounted for in total attendance count)
  
- 2) Approval of Minutes (Matthew Whelden): 2:46 p.m.
  - Minutes were motioned to be approved by J. Toomey and seconded by C. Geiger. Motion was carried and minutes were approved.
  
- 3) Nomination and Approval of SAC Board (Matthew Whelden): 2:47 p.m.
  - Current chair and co-chair volunteered to continue their rolls next school year
    - o Chair: Charity Wharton was moved by D. Berger, and seconded J. Toomey...motion was carried
    - o Co-Chair: Kirsten Parker was moved by Charity and seconded by J. Zinkhan ... motion was carried
  - Secretary position open for nomination: Pending by-law review, Mr. Whelden made a motion for Jacob Zinkhan to take over the secretary position, seconded by K. Toomey and motion was carried.
  
- 4) Principal's Report (Wendell Butler) 2:51 p.m.
  - Five additional rezoning meetings...BRHS will host a meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> in the BRHS Auditorium
    - o Discussing new buildings or schools for high schools
    - o New K-8 school opening in August
  - Job fair this Saturday (April 26<sup>th</sup>)
    - o BRHS technically has 6 open positions – 4 teacher units, 2 paraprofessional positions
  - Providing teachers with additional tools for their tool-belt in instructional strategies - AVID summer institute in Tampa; local conference over the summer; etc.
  - Graduation is 3 weeks away!!!!
  - Prom went well and BRHS won baseball district championship on the same night (April 17<sup>th</sup>)
  - Softball district competition starts next week
  - Track just had district competition with 13 students moving onto regionals

- School play starts this week – “Hadestown”
- Testing is starting – AP, AICE, EOCs, FAST, and more!
- Staff allocation is the same for next year – not looking at losing or gaining any units

Q: Teacher Appreciation – what is the plan? Is there SAC involvement?

A: If SAC would like to do something, the more the merrier. Admin currently has multiple activities planned such as FFA hosting a breakfast. Looking for a business or restaurant who will give a deal or work with the school when planning a meal. Headcount is 80-100 people.

- An email will be sent out to SAC with an update of what is planned for teacher appreciation week.
- Teacher Appreciation week is May 12<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>

Q: Are there any end of year events?

A: Senior awards are May 6<sup>th</sup>; seniors will have their “Anchors Away” party when they pick up cap and gown; looking into doing something to recognize academic work but it may not happen until next year. Morning pep rallies boost student morale... looking at them for next year.

Q: With the new schools, is BRHS still a storm shelter?

A: Yes, still considered a shelter but secondary on the activation schedule to other schools.

Q: Braden River Middle School would be interested in partnering with some students who could come to the middle school to share stories about opportunities and courses that are offered at high school.

A: This year we did student-led choice tours and gave several families the opportunity to come to BRHS and tour the school, some classes, and ask questions.

Q: Do we still have academies?

A: Not currently, but looking at bringing it back.

Q: Any dates for next year’s SAC?

A: Not yet.

Motion to adjourn was made by D. Berger seconded by C. Geiger. Meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: See you next year!

Minutes submitted by Kristen Toomey