

Braden River High School  
SAC Meeting Minutes- August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
BRHS Media Center – 6:00 P.M.

- 1) Welcome (Denise Kemker): 6:04 p.m.  
  
\*Roll Call: 6:04 p.m.  
Chair: Denise Kemker  
Vice Chair: Caryn Patterson  
Secretary: Kristen Toomey  
Principal: Carl Auckerman  
Assistant Principal: Matthew Whelden  
Teacher Representative(s): Matthew Collis  
Student Representative (s): H. Hang  
Attendance: 15 people in attendance total
  
- 2) Approval of Minutes (Denise Kemker): 6:08 p.m.
  - Motion made by D. Berger and seconded by D. Tudor, motion was carried.
  
- 3) Microsoft Teams/Virtual Meetings (Matthew Whelden): 6:07 p.m.
  - Every other meeting will be virtual (2 times this school year – October and February)
  
- 4) SAC Bylaw Review (Matthew Whelden): 6:09 p.m.
  - Primary focus of SAC is to approve SIP and maintaining bylaws.
  - SAC nominates and elects' officers once a year.
  - Very minimal amount of money coming into SAC as compared to previous years.
  - SAC should be a good representative of the student body.
  - Bylaws were approved at the end of April last year, but need to be reviewed...go to the school's website.
  
- 5) New Assessments in Florida (Matthew Whelden): 6:13 p.m.
  - Florida Standard Assessment (FSA) is going away and Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is the replacement
  - There is more testing this year due to the changing of test
  - Upcoming dates:
    - o FAST Progress Monitoring (PM) 1: September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
    - o FSA/EOC Retakes: September 12 - 30
    - o PSAT/SAT (non-college reportable): October 12<sup>th</sup>
      - Juniors can take PSAT for National Merit for \$20
      - Saturdays are still college reportable for SAT with pre-registration
    - o ACT (non-college reportable): November
    - o District Benchmarks: December

- 6) Data Review for the '21-'22 School Year (Matthew Whelden): 6:15 p.m.
- School grade: “B”
  - ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Graduation & Acceleration determine school grade
  - With the new FAST testing going into effect, school grade will be measured differently for this school year with some learning gain points removed.
  - ELA slipped a bit compared to years prior.
  - Math went up from last year but still down from two years ago. Some students take high school math in middle schools does affect a high school’s performance in math proficiency.
  - Q: Do the other high schools in the area feel the same effect? How does this effect ELA?  
A: Yes, all other high schools went down in ELA and math as everyone is facing same difficulties, such as COVID.
  - Science has decreased in the past two years, but second in district.
  - Strong in social studies.
  - BRHS always done quite well in acceleration points and will continue to improve with addition of the Cambridge AICE general paper (only course from Cambridge at BRHS – gives juniors another option to write) class.
  - Graduation rate has decreased in past two years, still above 90%.
- 7) BRHS Accreditation (Matthew Whelden/Carl Auckerman): 6:34 p.m.
- It is an accreditation year!!!
  - Every five years has to get an accreditation – what is the school doing well, what needs improvement, how does the community/parents feel about the school?
  - The accreditation board usually takes place in the spring.
  - Q: Is it a tiered accreditation or go/no-go accreditation?  
A: Go-no-go but with modifications.
- 8) School Improvement Plan (SIP) SAC Approval (Matthew Whelden): 6:38 p.m.
- New assessment (FAST) and new standards (BEST standards)
  - All ELA and math got new textbooks
  - Lots of changes this year
  - SIP is allowing teachers to have time to re-work what they have done before to adapt to the new standards
  - New reading program
  - Q: Can you change the grade this year?  
A: The school grade changes every year, just have to put new programs in play.
- 9) Principal’s Report (Carl Auckerman): 6:40 p.m.
- Need volunteers for accreditation when time comes.
  - Enrollment prediction from February: 1734 students
    - o Allocated teachers and staff from this
  - 10-day count: 1782 students – gained one teaching unit

- Utilizing a seven out of seven model – teachers teach all seven periods to help fill in for open spots as there is a teaching shortage
- Enhance security measures as school sporting events
  - o Clear bags only
  - o Check the website for more information
  - o All football games have guardians randomly wandering individuals
  - o District has purchased 2 weapon detection systems for high profile games
- There are two district SAC meetings: fall and spring
  - o School admin along with SAC chair normally attend but others may go.

10) Open Discussion: 6:50 p.m.

- Q: What happened with the lockdown?  
A: All school employees have a badge that can notify for a staff alert or put the school on lockdown depending on how many times the button was pressed. One employee had the badge go off on accident from being hit in a bag. It was counted as a drill.
- Q: Rumor has it that the kids are out of control, what are your thoughts?  
A: The tenth-grade group was the worst after class level assemblies. The freshman have done well, the tenth grade group across the district all has the same demeanor when comparing to other schools as they were affected the most going from middle to high school at the end of COVID.
- Q: What makes a staff alert?  
A: It alerts admin on their phone and computers as well as someone calling on the walkie to alert admin that someone needs a response.
- Q: No more back to school night?  
A: No, no more at the high school level. The issue was that not many people attended anymore to the high school back to school nights.
- Q: Other high schools have two guardians, are we getting two?  
A: No, it goes off number of students.
- Q: How often do you do the lockdown drill?  
A: Once a month and same for fire drill, except within first month of school there should be two fire drills.
- Q: Will the PowerPoint be uploaded online?  
A: It will be emailed out.

Motion to adjourn was made by D. Kemker seconded by M. Collis. Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 3<sup>rd</sup> on Microsoft TEAMS

Minutes submitted by Kristen Toomey