

Braden River High School
SAC Meeting Minutes- August 26th, 2024
BRHS Media Center – 6 P.M.

- 1) Welcome (Charity Wharton): 6:02 p.m.

*Roll Call: 6:03 p.m.
Chair: Charity Wharton
Vice Chair: Kirsten Parker
Secretary: Kristen Toomey
Principal: Wendell Butler
Assistant Principal: Matthew Whelden
Teacher Representative: R. Robinson-Shinall and J. Finklea
Student Representative: L. McCord, J. Zinkhan and S. Brooks
Attendance: 19 people in attendance total

- 2) Approval of Minutes (Charity Wharton): 6:09 p.m.
 - Minutes were motioned to be approved by K. Parker and seconded by C. Wharton. Motion was carried and minutes were approved.

- 3) Review SAC Bylaws (Matthew Whelden): 6:15 p.m.
 - Bylaws can be found verbatim on BRHS website
 - Highlights:
 - o Advance quality of education
 - o Represent the school community
 - o Parent and community support
 - o Obtaining community resources to aid the school’s educational goals
 - Jacob has volunteered FFA to provide a demonstration of Robert’s Rules of Order ... C. Geiger motioned that TSA would love the opportunity to present as well

- 4) School Improvement Plan (SIP) – SAC Approval; BRHS SAC Agenda Items; Community & Parent Support (Matthew Whelden): 6:17 p.m.
 - School Grade: “B”
 - o Learning gains came back into play into calculating school grade
 - o Instructional priority this year: Math... specifically the lowest quartile
 - o Science achievement is close to 80%
 - o Graduation rate is 91%
 - o Science and US History are towards the top in district
 - o “Acceleration Rate” means a student earns a college or post-secondary credit or industry certification... example: Passes an AP test or earns the Adobe Suite certification
 - Juniors and Seniors who haven’t got an acceleration point are being looked at to see where they might be able to achieve one before graduation

- Core academics over the past three years is fairly consistent but ELA had a big gain.
- SIP is very fluid and is always being tweaked to make sure that students are succeeding
- Full plan will be posted on the BRHS website
 - Goals are established based on what will make BRHS an “A” school
- Math needs to increase learning gains by 8% in order to help meet the SIP plan...lot of conversation and lot of thought being put into this area
- Goal for graduation rate is to be at 96% by 2026
- Q: Have all of the math units been filled?
A: Yes.
- Q: Are we still looking to hire any teachers?
A: Yes, but not in the math field.
- Q: Has the tutoring started after school and is their busing?
A: No.
- Q: If they do not pass a certification or a test for an acceleration point, does that hurt them for ever getting one?
A: No, they can try as many different ways to get an acceleration point as they want, but once they have one, they do not get another one. A student’s acceleration point counts once they have graduated and it is one year later (it lags a year).
- Q: From a student perspective, how can students help other students who might be considered under achieving or wanting/needing an acceleration?
A: Awareness, promotion (from teacher and peers), and peer support to boost and not brag about getting scores.
- Comment: Not all students have to go to college to be successful so making sure that students are open to all opportunities...including industry certification.
- Students can go to MTC and get an acceleration credit by taking a course through OJT.
- Mr. Butler spoke on previous experience where AVID students would work with other students through peer tutoring/mentoring to help other students be successful.
Challenge: Is there an opportunity for us to find upper-class/high-end students to become a teacher assistant (TA) in the classes where students may learn better from additional or peer assistance.
- New Positions/Changing Positions
 - New Literacy Coach Position: Jenerra Finklea
 - ESE Unit = Grad Coach
- Brainstorm/Homework:
 - If the goal is to get more families informed, what are effective ways to engage parents? Send your ideas to Whelden!
- SIP has been sent to district for review then will be sent back for modification.
 - Motion was made to approve current SIP by C. Geiger and seconded by K. Parker. Motion was carried.

- 5) Principal's Report (Wendell Butler) 6:59 p.m.
- 22 new staff members. One position still open – paraprofessional.
 - o Q: What is the percent of teacher retention?
A: Retention is hard to define as so many new teachers were just taking very long to find.
 - Q: Is there a report that is turned in to district or state that shows teacher retention rate?
A: Not at this time. Lots of teachers have left the school for other opportunities that work well for their families or location/travel time.
 - Building consistency is a harder task after COVID as the teacher shortage is a problem nationwide.
 - Q: What is the number of counselors retained?
A: 4 counselors total, 2 new.
- 6) Open Discussion: 7:05 p.m.
Comment(s): Having students get schedules ahead of school starting was great!

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Whelden seconded by C. Geiger. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 21st in the BRHS Media Center

Minutes submitted by Kristen Toomey