

BHS School Advisory Council
Minutes
September 26, 2017

Attending: Autumn Doughton, Heather Doughton, Karen Kearney, Kim Anderson, Nancy Nanke, Chris Doyle, Brandon Sedgley, Sam Cornell, Lynne Bramlett, Kristy Shuster, Brian Marchman, Mike DeLucas, Sarah Freedman, John Bailey, Kevin White, Roger Ogando, John Green, Dawn Moore..

Call to Order: 6:02pm by Principal Michael DeLucas

Due to the unexpected resignation of Chairman Tom Cowart the position of Chairman is open. Karen Kearney nominated John Bailey for 2017-2018 Chairman. Kevin White seconded the nomination. All in favor, motion carried.

Principal DeLucas welcomed Mr. Bailey as Chairman, and asked if Mr. Bailey would allow Principal DeLucas to chair tonight's meeting. Mr. Bailey approved this request.

Review of June 13, 2017 minutes:

Completion of missing name for second of a motion.

Sarah Freedman made a motion to accept the minutes. Roger Ogando seconded.

All in favor, motion carried. June minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

SAC treasury balance for Lottery Funds: \$ 56,224.88

SAC treasury balance for AP/ADS Funds: \$453,932.70

Started AP/ADS funds at \$303,811 and received \$196,051 for 2017-2018. This additional amount will be the total BHS SAC receives in AP funds for 2017-2018. Mr. DeLucas reported BHS will receive an additional \$25,000 in January per ACPS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. DeLucas presented requests for the following funding:

\$ 25,000 for AP textbooks

\$ 265,000 for Teacher Units

\$ 5,000 for Positive Behavior System for pizza for Student of the Week program

Textbook request \$ 25,000: ACPS provides textbooks for non-AP classes and AP class textbooks in adoption years for class. Today's request is for AP Psychology textbooks -- newest edition.

Discussion: AP Psychology is popular class, we do not have enough textbooks; the textbooks see heavy student usage, are falling apart despite repeated attempts to rebind them, and are past edition. It was recommended the school should purchase college binding (not high school binding), online version does not fulfill needs for all students, school needs hard back version. Clarification on amount requested versus amounts listed in request narrative and discussed in proposal. Textbooks request tonight is \$25,000.00

A motion was made by John Bailey to approve funding a request for Textbooks for \$25,000. Brandon Sedgley seconded the motion. A written vote was taken. John Bailey counted the ballots.

Results: \$25,000 was Approved 13 to 1

Teacher Units request for \$265,000: This request for SAC to fund teacher units is based on needs to cover teachers required for classes and also will subsequently free up school funds from school discretionary funds to be accessible and flexible to pay for other necessary expenses (ie: gate guard, ½ bus expense for middle schoolers attending high school classes on BHS campus, AP workshops for teachers, lawn maintenance, etc). The discretionary funds for the school under the principal's control are slightly less than the SAC AP funds.

Discussion: Success in AP classes provides these funds and it's historically been the "spirit of AP" to use these funds school wide to benefit all not just AP classes. Based on confusing wording in the proposal presented at this meeting, a request was made for clarification as to the amount requested tonight and the relationship between this and the funds already approved in June 2017 and the number of Teacher Units asked for in each requests and in total.

Clarification was also asked for the status of prior funds approval of \$120,00 for 2.2 units which included a Reading Coach position (0.2 units) who is no longer employed at BHS and this position has not been filled by another teacher however 2 faculty are doing part of the job but can not fill the position because they work 6/5ths and a Math Coach position (0.2 units) which has not been identified or filled. Of the June's allocation 1.4 units are being used as Teacher Units for English 1, Algebra 1, additional 9th and 10th classes serving lowest cortile. After review of today's request, the amount requested at this meeting was adjusted to \$120,000 for 2.6 more Teacher Units (and not \$240,000/\$265,000 as shown on request).

A discussion regarding Dean positions followed. BHS has 3.5 Dean positions: 3 full time Deans and 1 part time Dean, who is also the Graduation Coach and does morning/afternoon supervision, special events and back up for other Deans when absent.

A discussion followed regarding avenues for teachers and groups/club to request various funding for items/projects/etc from SAC and/or the principal via school funds. And how current SAC expenditures may impact SAC treasury.

A motion was made by John Bailey to approve funding for 2.6 Teacher Unit at \$120,000. Kim Anderson seconded the motion. A written vote was taken. John Bailey counted the ballots. Results: \$120,000 was Approved 12 to 2

Positive Behavior System – request for \$5,000 for Student of the Week pizza program from Lottery funds. A motion was made by Brandon Sedgley to approve funding for \$5,000 for PBS Student of the Week pizza. Kim Anderson seconded the motion. A written vote was taken. John Bailey counted the ballots. Results: \$5,000 was Approved: 14 to 1

Membership: It was discovered over the summer, that several of the members are ineligible to be in the categories they are in due to employment with ACPS. There were 3 ineligible in the Parent category, 1 in the Other Citizens category (which also had 2 resignations over the summer) and 1 in the Career Service category. Upon review of the membership criteria, there are no alternate categories the ineligible members can be transferred to.

The members in this situation, were thanked for their generous service and involvement with BHS SAC. Mr. DeLucas introduced 3 guests who fit the eligibility requirements and appointed them to fill the vacancies in the "Other Citizen" category: Autumn Doughton, Heather Doughton and Brian Marchman. Ms Doughton represents Bosshardt Realty. Student category will remain with 4, 3 are class reps and 1 independent.

Due to the ineligible members, the Parent category has 3 vacancies, and another 1 vacancy due to inactivity by another member. A Call for Nominations must to go out to all parents and a vote will be taken to fill the vacancies to fulfill statutory requirements. Parents and Students are expected to be voted on at next meeting.

Mr. DeLucas determined the council was able to vote on the requests presented tonight as a majority of eligible members were present.

Re-cap of Funds Requested decisions:

\$ 25,000 for Textbooks	Approved: 13 to 1
\$ 120,000 for 2.4 Teacher Units	Approved: 12 to 2
\$ 5,000 for PBS	Approved: 14 to 0

School Improvement Plan: Mr DeLucas reviewed the results of School Improvement Plan. Mr. DeLucas reported that BHS is an "A" school and the School Board is more focused on lower ranking schools. 2 changes from last year's plan: BHS is participating in Algebra Nation and have teachers going through this program to help students with Algebra and continuing and increasing our Positive Behavior program. New Tardy system is in place and involves Dean's involvements. Karen Kearny made a motion to accept the School Improvement Plan "as is". Brandon Sedgely seconded the motion. Written vote was taken. John Bailey counted the ballots. Results: Approved 14 to 1.

School Grade Update: BHS received a "A". Mr. DeLucas reported BHS received 618 points of the 620 minimum – so BHS made the "A" by rounding up. BHS received 12 points less than last year.

BHS AP success rate – in numerous courses BHS students scored above the national average. A large number of the students who scored above the national average were in non-math AP classes. Of the 1392 BHS students taking AP exams, 366 scored 5 on them. Enrollment in AP courses at BHS continues to rise.

School Exam Schedule: Mr. DeLucas sought input from SAC members concerning the semester exam schedule and the impact of the missed days from Hurricane Irma. There was consideration to move the exams to the December "storm days", however the consensus was to leave the exams at BHS on the original schedule – December 13 - 15, 2017.

SAC meeting schedule: Mr. DeLucas proposed cancelling the October meeting and have SAC members attend the Facilities Meeting planned by ACPS on October 17 at BHS at 6pm. This Facilities meeting is also regarding a \$.05 sales tax. Some members felt SAC should have meetings as often as possible. Chairman Bailey suggested members meet briefly before the Facilities Meeting to help comply with meeting requirements per the Bylaws. John Bailey made a motion that SAC meet at 5:45pm on October 17, 2017. Brandon seconded the motion. A written vote was taken. John Bailey counted the ballots. Results: Approved 14 to 0

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a procedural question regarding the Bylaws amendment regarding written voting. It was explained that this council opted to allow members to vote without pressure. We distributed the old Bylaws as we have not received the updated Bylaws. Prior Chairman Tom Cowart was in the process of requesting the Staff Attorney give recommend wording for Bylaws for the amendment our members had agreed on to implement voting via written ballot. We have not received the recommended wording back. Secretary Chris Doyle will follow up with Mr. Cowart and Staff Attorney if needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meeting calendar was set for the remainder of 2017-2018:

October 17, 2017,
December 12, 2017,

January 23, 2018,
February 27, 2018,
No meeting in March 2018,
April 24, 2018,
No meeting in Mya 2018,
June 2018 date TBA

All members will be send an email with a link to register as a volunteer.

With no further business, John Bailey made a motion to adjourn by John Bailey, Kim Anderson seconded. All in favor.

7:40pm - Meeting adjourned by Mike DeLucas.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Doyle
SAC Secretary