

Berkeley High School Site Council (SSC)
Minutes
April 21, 2015
4:00-6:00 PM
Community Theater Lobby

SSC Committee Members Present:

Parents:

Elena Condes, *Parent of 9th grader in CAS, Co-Chair*
Marcus Jamal Fields, *Parent of 9th grader, BIHS*
Rani Marx, *Parent of 10th grader, AC*

Students:

Sophie Andrews: *Senior, AC*
Nava Bearson, *Junior, BIHS*
Ally Cao, *Junior, BIHS*

Staff:

Dwayne Byndloss, *Counseling*
Russell Campisi, *BIHS, Co-Chair*
Beatriz Ferrer-Castro, *World Languages*
Kristin Glenchur, *Principal*
David Kirwin, *Classified, Facilities Manager*
Wyn Skeels, *AMPS and Intervention*

Guests:

Natasha Beery, *Director of BSEP and Community Relations*
Adriana Betti, *Executive Director, R.I.S.E.*
Enid Camps, *Safety Committee Co-Chair*
Sandi Hunt, *Chair of BSEP*
Margit Roos-Collins, *former SSC Chair*
Toni Stein, *BSEP Committee Member and Safety Committee Member*

SSC Committee Members Absent:

Parents:

Lady Dandie, *Parent of 12th grader, AHA*
Peace Esonwune, *Parent of 12th grader, BIHS*
Isaac Richard, *Alternate, Parent, 9th grader, AC*

Students:

Kevin Flood- Bryzman, *Senior, CAS*
Cleo Osheroff, *Junior, CAS*

Staff:

Carol Dorf, *Mathematics*
Minutes Submitted by Mary Jacobs, *BHS Clerical Assistant*

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Beginning Business Items:

1. Meeting called to order at 4:10 PM.
2. Quorum established.
3. Motion made and carried to revise agenda- place Safety Plan after Public Comments.
4. Minutes of meeting on 4-7-15 unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

1. Margit Roos-Collins thanked the SSC for the support of the Safety Plan. The committee also expressed gratitude for Margit's time to revise the document.

Safety Plan:

1. Glenchur reported that the documents were revised and ready, particularly the Incident Command Structure section.
2. Glenchur made a motion to approve the 2015 Safety Plan. Condes seconded the motion.
3. **Motion carried to approve the 2015 BHS Safety Plan: 9 "Yes"; 1 Abstain**

SSC Members' Opening Comments:

1. Andrews reported that the Senior Class of 2015 is happily receiving acceptances to 4 year colleges and making schedules for 2 year community colleges. Sophie is enrolling at UC Berkeley.
2. Bearson shared the top issues from the Student Summit which Jana Jandra sent to each committee electronically.
3. Cao asked about the rumors about a dress code for 2015-2016 and off campus lunch restrictions. **Glenchur clarified that there are no proposals to change the dress code or off- campus lunch policy.**
4. Marx requests that the committee revisit the top 2 priorities from last year's SSC recommendations: 1.) stereotyped threat; 2.) class flexibility. Marx also asked when to expect the final report from the WASC Committee. Glenchur confirmed that the WASC final report is due in July 2015. Marx also suggested that BHS needs its own parent survey since the BUSD survey (including LCAP) may not address enough pertinent issues for the site.
5. Ferrer-Castro is excited about the many opportunities for professional development (PD), especially for World Languages. Ferrer-Castro shared that the BHSDG approved a grant written by Glenn Wolkenfeld for PD. She also related that the noise outside the M Building is still a disruption, especially during 6th period. Glenchur will communicate to AD that transportation for sports must meet in a different meeting place on Milvia.
6. Condes requested that information be shared with parents on the procedures for modifications/special needs for students for tests (i.e. how does one receive extra time for tests?)

BSEP Liaison Report: Reported by Elena Condes

1. Condes was impressed by the work of the BSEP committee. She reported that discussions of the proposals included other sources of funding. In addition, programs could be supplemented at another time when funding is developed at a later date (i.e. carry-over funds).

Public Comments were reopened in agreement with SSC:

1. Adriana Betti, Executive Director of R.I.S.E. (Rising Immigrant Scholars Through Education), asked to speak about the BSEP recommendation to fund the RISE program for \$10,000. This amount is \$3,820 less than last year's allocation. Ms. Betti gave the history and mission of RISE

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for the past 37 years. She also shared supporting documents with GPA of students, college plans, and a testimonial letter from a former student in RISE. Betti urged the SSC to fund RISE at the same level.

2. Discussion followed about the factors in the BSEP decision re: RISE:
Other funding from the City of Berkeley; in-kind donations or support from BHS for facility use, support from case managers for students with IEP's; other tutorial programs; no increase in number of students served.

BSEP Budget Review: Natasha Beery and Sandi Hunt

1. Natasha Beery provided background of BSEP. 10% of the school budget is BSEP funding. The allocation is decided on per student basis. The tax measure specifies how the money is to be allocated- 2/3 goes to class reduction. Other uses include music, library, professional development, technology, public information, translation, enrichment, and more. Since BHS has the largest student population, there is a separate BSEP Committee with the task to evaluate programs and recommend funding. Unanimous decision must be reached to approve the recommendations by the site committee. In addition, there is a district level BSEP Planning and Oversight Committee. The measure will be on the 2016 ballot for community support.
2. The SSC must review the budget created by the BHS BSEP Committee and accept or reject the budget.
3. Sandi Hunt, Chair of the BHS BSEP Committee, described the procedure. Twenty proposals were received in March after the applications were posted for the public in January 2015. Those 20 proposals totaled over \$1 million in request. This year, the total amount to allocate was \$732,550 which was an increase from the amount of \$678,952 from 2014-15. Programs from last year were reviewed and evaluated including reports and data, interviews, observations. Each new applicant had the opportunity to present the new proposal at a BSEP meeting.
4. Each member of the BSEP Committee scored the proposals. Factors included: WASC goals, # of students served, Measure A enrichment, other funding sources, serve equity, fiscally responsible, etc.
5. Many programs who asked to continue funding asked for increased amounts. Some increases in amounts are due to natural inflation or increase in % FTE, or increase for COLA, or increase in services (more tutors or more tutoring hours).
6. Hunt reviewed the Recommendations for BSEP Funding for 2015-2016. See separate list.
7. There was a discussion of the R.I.S.E. program to increase financial support. Glenchur said she would look for more funding (at least \$3000 more) to bring total back to its present level (2014-2015).
8. Rani made motion to approve BSEP Budget; Sophie Andrews seconded the motion.
9. **Motion carried to approve the 2015-2016 BSEP Budget. Yes: 8 votes; No: 0 votes; Abstain: 3.**

Principal Report: Kristin Glenchur

1. Glenchur announced that the new principal will be Sam Pasarow who is currently the Principal at Edna Brewer Middle School, Oakland. Glenchur was happy to be in the top 2 applicants. She will invite Mr. Pasarow to the June SSC meeting.
2. Glenchur explained that Mr. Pasarow will receive the School Site Plan for 2015-2016 which serves as a very important guide. It incorporates the WASC recommendations, the SSC's caveats (i.e. restorative justice, a-g, surveys, etc.), and the BSEP funding like a "road map".
3. The School Site Plan will be reviewed at the next SSC meeting on 5/5/15.

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4. Hiring plans are in progress. These are the staff openings: 3 for social science, 2 for math, 1 for counseling, and at least 1 for English. VPs and community of teachers are recruiting staff, not just the designated Small Learning community.
5. There are discussions for a new class for 9th grade: Ethnic Studies. Ethnic Studies will be part of African American Studies Dept.
6. Discussion of improvements in Social Living/learning. Need better objectives and assessment. To include race issues and sexual harassment.
7. Glenchur provided an update on the fights from recent weeks on Shattuck. There will be a greater police presence to work with BHS Safety and Campus Monitors.
8. Restorative Justice funding is at about \$25,000. Glenchur is considering .4 Release teacher for this special assignment.
9. BFT supports the use of the teacher survey designed by AC for distribution in mid- May.
10. Data from Ardarius McDonald, dean of Students:
11. 8/27/14 to 4/16/15: 147 Suspensions (115 students); 1 expulsion, 2 recommendation for expulsion are pending. Request made to add to the data for specific demographic info: gender of student, race, ASI.
12. Discussion about in school suspension versus suspension to home.

Good of the Order:

1. Enid Camps of the BHS Safety Committee spoke about the Safety Plan Goal #6: the Harold Way Project. Camps request that the school write a statement for the EIR meeting. At the present time, the developers do not include any impact of construction on BHS in the EIR. Camps argued that the school is a “sensitive noise receptor area” among other issues of traffic, air quality, and more. The Harold Way Project is about 400 ft. from BHS. Members of the BHS Safety Committee plan to attend the EIR meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10.

Next meeting is May 5, 2015 at 4-6 PM in the Community Theater Lobby.