BOURNE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL CULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: MAY 20, 2013

TIME: 6:00PM

PLACE: BPS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

AGENDA

1. Review & Accept Minutes
2. Discuss results of Out of District Transition Survey Results
3. Review 2013 School Culture Survey status
4. Discuss Best Practices for managing change
5. Discuss Teacher Leadership Articles
6. Future Agenda Items

"The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law."

Members:

Heather DiPaolo
Anne-Marie Siroonian, Secretary
Matthew Stuck, Chairperson

(MS) Accepted 6/17/2013

Bourne School Committee
Culture Sub Committee
May, 20, 2013

Members Present: Matthew Stuck, Heather DiPaolo and Anne-Marie Siroonian
Others Present: Susan Quick, Ann Marie Strode, Erica Amaral

Minutes accepted as presented

Results of out of District Transition Survey: 72 students accepted at Upper Cape. They did not call 17 going to Sturgis because already had information on those students. Survey results are Upper Cape only. Sturgis feedback included siblings already attending, students shadowed for a day and teachers were absent, math program was a disappointment because they could not take a math class at the high school while in 8th grade. Survey is result of 70 contacts and 46 responses. That reflects about 65% of respondents. Also need returning students statistics from 2011 and 2012. Susan will ask administrators to compile that data. See attached survey results. Take aways. Imbed into the curriculum an experience in the community, additional programming in engineering, health sciences, environmental sciences. Making more clear what the high school does really well with SPED services. Consolidation alignment of BMS and BHS (experience at BMS will be the same experience at BHS). Capturing positive experiences at the High School and making it known to elementary, utilize media (cable especially). District is looked at as 4 separate schools and not a continuum. What is Bourne all about? Need a Bourne identity. Need to honor the voices of our children more than we have been, stronger student voice. Students have leadership opportunities in the district but not a strong voice within those opportunities.

Future Agenda Items:
What is Bs Identity?
How do we honor student voices
Culture Survey Results
Sharing of SC/Teacher Communication Forums
Discuss best practices for managing change

Next meeting date: June 17th at 6pm in Central Office

BPS Parent Survey of Incoming Freshmen Applying Elsewhere

SurveyMonkey

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Specific programming reasons	85.7%	30
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Reputation of BHS	5.7%	2
Other (please specify)		29
answered question		35
skipped question		11

2. On a scale of 1-3 with 1 being most likely, how likely is it that your child will attend the school applied to?

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4. What would make BHS a better fit for your child?

	Response Count
	20
answered question	20
skipped question	26

Q1. What factored into you or your child's decision to apply elsewhere?		
1	want to learn trade just in case college does not seem to be an option	May 17, 2013 8:24 AM
2	Interested in Computers, Info Tech	May 17, 2013 4:29 AM
3	issues at the middle school and reputation of SPED at high school	May 16, 2013 11:01 AM
4	brother and sister also go to UCT	May 16, 2013 10:43 AM
5	Wanted Tech Engineering Program	May 16, 2013 10:39 AM
6	looking for engineering program; student stuggles in classroom - parents pushed him to UCT	May 16, 2013 10:35 AM
7	looking for training to be an automotive technician	May 16, 2013 10:27 AM
8	looking to become a carpenter and needed training	May 16, 2013 10:26 AM
9	better SPED programs	May 13, 2013 6:59 AM
10	looking to get a trade degree in health field	May 9, 2013 10:53 AM
11	looking for trade education - health field	May 9, 2013 8:45 AM
12	cost of college and will have chance of knowing a trade if student does not go to college	May 9, 2013 5:44 AM
13	cost of college and son needs more hands on activity to be successful. he will struggle in traditional setting - sitting still etc.	May 9, 2013 5:42 AM
14	interested in becoming a marine mechanic	May 9, 2013 5:39 AM
15	moving	May 9, 2013 5:20 AM
16	Struggles academically, needs vocation program	May 8, 2013 11:51 AM
17	resources for children with learning disabilities because BHS has none - i corrected this belief but student is still going to UCT	May 8, 2013 11:47 AM
18	Struggles with school, wants environmental science	May 8, 2013 11:44 AM
19	ability to gain trade background, attendance policy, discipline policy	May 8, 2013 11:44 AM
20	Family connection with UCT	May 8, 2013 11:41 AM
21	all of her friends are going there	May 8, 2013 11:39 AM
22	looking to learn a trade - carpentry	May 8, 2013 11:29 AM
23	Older brother went to UCT, looking into auto or plumbing	May 8, 2013 11:28 AM
24	student has serious learning disabilities and would like to learn a trade	May 8, 2013 11:26 AM
25	Struggles academically, UCT feels like a good fit	May 8, 2013 11:25 AM

Q1. What factored into you or your child's decision to apply elsewhere?		
26	Older sibling attends UCT, looking for Cosmetology	May 8, 2013 11:21 AM
27	two siblings here	May 6, 2013 11:07 AM
28	Older siblings attend UCT	May 6, 2013 7:08 AM
29	totally different program, looking to learn a trade	May 6, 2013 7:07 AM

Q2. On a scale of 1-3 with 1 being most likely, how likely is it that your child will attend the school applied to?		
1	looking to go for technology program	May 20, 2013 7:34 AM
2	on waiting list but will definitely go if he gets in	May 17, 2013 6:50 AM
3	Currently on the waitlist	May 16, 2013 8:56 AM
4	very likely even though he is great athlete/hockey player and parents willing to give that up for tech even though it is a very hard decision for them.	May 9, 2013 5:42 AM

Q3. Are there any specific concerns you would have should your child decide to attend BHS? If so, would you mind sharing those?

1	Son has been pushed through the middle school. He has been catered to so much and the work has been dulled down so much that he is not going to be able to handle BHS academically. Mom convinced that he will fail at a tradtional high school as he has never had to work and has just been pushed through the system for years	May 17, 2013 6:50 AM
2	Older sister went to BHS, didn't like it	May 16, 2013 10:46 AM
3	none but student does not thrive in classroom setting	May 16, 2013 10:35 AM
4	none at all	May 16, 2013 10:27 AM
5	none at all	May 16, 2013 10:26 AM
6	Mother is very disappointed with Bourne Public schools. If he did not get into UCT she was not going to send him to BHS no matter what. Very disappointed all around but not very specific. Also, wants her son to learn a trade to be able to make money.	May 13, 2013 7:12 AM
7	concerned with reputation of SPED support at the high school	May 13, 2013 6:59 AM
8	Brother attended UCT and wants to learn a trade	May 13, 2013 6:55 AM
9	loves school but has a serious issue with one teacher	May 9, 2013 10:53 AM
10	none; loves the high school!	May 9, 2013 8:45 AM
11	two older siblings struggled at BHS in traditional academic setting	May 9, 2013 5:42 AM
12	belief that BHS has no special education program	May 8, 2013 11:47 AM
13	none	May 8, 2013 11:44 AM
14	wants to get away from BMS students with behavior issues, HS too dark and unwelcoming; very poor middle school experience	May 8, 2013 11:39 AM
15	none	May 8, 2013 11:29 AM
16	none	May 8, 2013 11:26 AM
17	no sports fees or bus fees, concerns about math dept. (another student took Honors Calc. here and needed remedial math in college)	May 6, 2013 11:07 AM
18	none	May 6, 2013 7:07 AM

Q4. What would make BHS a better fit for your child?

1	More support for kids that have never had to do any real school work in the past.	May 17, 2013 6:50 AM
2	offer technical programs	May 16, 2013 10:35 AM
3	offer technical programs	May 16, 2013 10:27 AM
4	offer technical programs	May 16, 2013 10:26 AM
5	To be completely honest with you I'm a bit nervous about it; I've heard some less than flattering stories about a few teachers at BHS, but I'm trying to take it with a grain of salt as I heard the same thing about a few teachers at BMS and not only has (student) completely excelled under their tutelage, but we've found them to be great teachers.	May 10, 2013 10:34 AM
6	n/a, two students here and very pleased overall	May 9, 2013 10:53 AM
7	n/a, may possibly come back to BHS if not happy there	May 9, 2013 8:45 AM
8	preparing kids for more options other than just going to college	May 9, 2013 5:44 AM
9	more hands-on programs.	May 9, 2013 5:42 AM
10	student attending UCT strictly because of the more hands-on engineering technology program.	May 9, 2013 5:28 AM
11	Student is simply very interested in a culinary arts program.	May 9, 2013 5:23 AM
12	n/a	May 8, 2013 11:47 AM
13	more of her friends attending there	May 8, 2013 11:44 AM
14	get behavioral issues out of mainstream classes, improve middle school experience	May 8, 2013 11:39 AM
15	trade programs for a student looking to become a carpenter like his father	May 8, 2013 11:29 AM
16	trade programs for a student who is definitely not college bound	May 8, 2013 11:26 AM
17	Needs to learn a trade as college is not likely in her future	May 8, 2013 11:25 AM
18	not really	May 6, 2013 11:07 AM
19	BHS was great for her older daughter but younger daughter wants health careers.	May 6, 2013 7:42 AM
20	adding of trade programs	May 6, 2013 7:07 AM