

School Advisory Council (SAC)
Burlingame High School
October 10, 2018
3:30 - 5:00 pm

Minutes/Notes (10.10.18)

Members present:

Paul Belzer (Principal)
Amelia Harris (student) - ABSENT
Clara Kennedy (student)
Christopher Yu (student)
Nirmala Bandrapalli (President) (parent/community member)
Noah Cohen (parent/community member)
Joelle Kaufman (parent/community member)
Bego Lozano (parent/community member)
Jonathan Dhyne (classified)
Karen Latham (certificated)
Allison Liberatore (certificated)
Marloes Sijstermans (certificated)
Sue Marcan (certificated)
Kent Robie (certificated)
Michele Fichera (Assistant Principal)
Markus Autrey (Assistant Principal)
Kendell Wang (student substitute)

Meeting begins at 3:32pm

Committee approves minutes.

Amended minutes to include Marloes Sijstermans name; teacher was present

Data Activity

- Ms. Latham presents data on Healthy Kids Survey from 2017-2018
- Healthy Kids Survey will be given to both students and parents this year on October 26, 2018 as part of our School Culture Day/Assemblies
- Examining student data results in part of our WASC action plan and goals around “connecting all students to culture and community, and wellness and engagement”
- Ms. Latham explains the data in the packet and answers clarifying questions from members

Data Discussion

Questions about the data

- Gender/LGBTQ - data is from two grade levels only because only 9th and 11th graders were tested last year took those question modules

Guiding Questions

- What you see in the data?

- What are the implications of the data?
- What would make a difference?

Members break up into small groups, review the data and answer the guiding questions.

Notes from Discussions

- Academic stress due to high expectations
- Educate students and parents about academic options
- Teachers making personal connections with students in class
- Missing school for schoolwork
 - Assessments are high stakes; APs drive the curriculum pacing
 - Few departments have redeem and revise policies
 - Policies could support mastery of content and skills
- Seniors behaviors with drinking, vaping, drugs -- high
 - Community messages about drinking and driving now have turned to finding “alternatives”
- Buddies Program is great, but needs to be reworked so there is better freshmen integration and connection with the campus; shared goal or service project
- Racial slurs data - how could we address this?
- 40% of Latino students feeling sad is not ok; also mixed race students - addressing data and connections by:
 - Including culturally responsive teaching and curriculum into all subject areas
 - Exploring student-centered pedagogy
 - Project-based learning
 - Looping with students (for connections)
 - AVID

Next steps: we will continue to build on this activity and figure out what our next steps will be

Professional Development Requests

- Support Group Facilitation training
 - Mr. Mashek requests to attend a support group facilitation training in order to assist with supporting the Boys Council. Located in San Pablo, CA.
 - \$470 (registration fees, meals and transportation)
 - November 9-10, 2018
 - Discussion: n/a
 - Karen - motions
 - Nirmala - seconds motion
 - All approved
- Journalism Education Conference
 - Ms. Murphy requests to attend a journalism conference with her editorial staff (students) about website design, newspaper writing, etc.
 - in Anaheim in April 2019
 - \$1700 (registration, transportation, meals, hotel)
 - Discussion: general support for it; the price of it is high; substitute coverage costs can be taken care of elsewhere; recommend to find a cheaper hotel
 - Recommendation is to support \$1300
 - Nirmala - motions

- Bego - second motions
- All approve

Reports

Parents

- Musical begins next weekend! Legally Blonde
- Too many sophomore students studying for the PSAT
- Parents confused and angry about last week's events (causes anxiety)
- Administration did a good job communicating, assuring safety of students and campus

Students

- High stress amongst seniors with students applying for college and taking SAT tests
- Getting homework done and preparing applications
- Feeling excited about spirit days and what's going on inside of classes

Administrators

- Student Council had a conversation with students about the dress code; District is looking at the language of the dress code this year for all students
- Sexual Consent assemblies occurring later this month
- PSAT went well today!
- Counseling department: 12-14 first generation college students working with Ms. Esrailian this afternoon!

Teachers

Future Agenda Items

- Members read the WASC report
- Begin to pick an objective/theme for our work this year