



School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2016
Alumni Room - 3:30pm

Members in Attendance

Paul Belzer (Principal), Michael Zozos (Teacher), Carla Renzi (Certificated - Counselor), Sandra Feder (Parent), Jen Beswick (Parent), Edie Arteaga (Student), Claire Beswick (Student), Ellie Feder (Student), Jim Burke (Teacher), Karla Cahue-Lunaparra (Parent), Valerie Arbizu (Assistant Principal)

Members Absent

Jenna Joseph (Teacher), Liza Wardell (Certificated - Librarian), Gianna Garcia (Student), Terence Lien (Assistant Principal)

Members of the Public

None

3:37pm

Call to Order (J. Beswick)

3:37 - 4:12pm

Public Comment - Open Forum

Commentary on 2016 presidential election and questions related to student anxiety levels.

- M. Zozos: described how the Social Science Dep't approached the results in classes
- C. Beswick: identified concerns from students and leadership's role
- J. Burke: outlined this as an opportunity for tolerance, understanding, inclusion, understanding from different perspectives

- E. Arteaga: outlined murmurs of protests around the student body and that many students are scared of the potential future
- S. Feder: thought a message from school officials would be important, such as a simple message appreciating diversity and the safety and well being of all students
- K. Cahue-Lunaparra: actions may trigger anger, frustration
- P. Belzer - this election is an opportunity for understanding varying perspectives

** P. Belzer follow-up: a statement to the student body is not necessary at this time.

4:12 - 4:53pm

School Reports (P. Belzer, V. Arbizu)

P. Belzer: Review of Peer Observation Weeks (POW)

P. Belzer: PSAT administered to all 10th and 11th graders - Equitable practice for all students

V. Arbizu: Overview of "BHS School Climate Survey"

Administered to 9th and 12th grade students (October 19, 2016)

Perception data to improve school plans (SPSA/WASC)

Discussion and Review: Sections 1-4 (via group jigsaw)

Section 1 Summary: Student Safety

Positive results, students sometimes do not acknowledge their own problems, low issues of cyberbullying, #18 - student teacher relationships tend to be polarizing, "remarkable" that 95% of our students are tend not to be victims of cyberbullying

Section 2 Summary: Faculty and Staff Support for and Engagement of Students

Faculty and staff giving students a voice, could be improved with outreach on how students can have a voice #26 - 35% not sure to disagree, concerning #29 - overall numbers are high, there are still numbers that could be improved

Section 3 Summary: Culture of Health & Life Balance

Good numbers, #32 self harm from a student's' point of view, #35 sleep (how might 10th/11th graders answer differently?), #34 45% say they can get help for a friend - great!

Section 4 Summary: Culture of Excellence

9th vs 12th views - might not accurately reflect student body

High standards might be related to anything, not just school work

34% do just enough to get by (agreement from students)

4:53 - 5:00pm

SPSA Document and Goals (P. Belzer, V. Arbizu)

Little changes have been made to the document from last year, but culture and climate goal has been added. Overview of funding and estimates and budgets for the school year.

J. Beswick - Ask for motion to approve 2016-2017 BHS SPSA

J. Burke: Motion to approve

C. Renzi: Second

** SAC: Unanimous Approval, no abstentions

** SAC to review document independently but conditionally approve the 2016-2017 BHS SPSA.

5:00 - 5:05pm

Professional Development Request (P. Belzer)

Ms. Shannon Couch - Culinary Arts

San Francisco State Pizza Making Course

J. Beswick - Ask for motion to approve Ms. Couch's PD request

S. Feder: Motion to approve

P. Belzer: Second

** SAC: Unanimous Approval, no abstentions

5:05 - 5:07pm

Closing Comments and School Business (P. Belzer)

Review of fall final exam schedule and updated BHS finals policies and practices.

District Late-Start Initiative

SMUHSD Board of Trustees will discuss (with principal feedback) - November 17, 2016

Initiative has received predominantly positive support, mostly staff concerns

5:07pm

SAC Meeting Adjourned (J. Beswick)