

PAC MEETING MINUTES
Wed. Oct. 27th, 2010

Attendees: Kevin Braney, Jody McCarthy, Jo-Ann Beserra, Kris Green, Brian Long, Sage Hansen, Nancy Stevens, India Wood, Lisa Green, Silvia Mena, Tricia Fitzpatrick, Marcella Setter, Martha Larson, Leanne Lockhart and another Student Council student rep. who didn't sign in!

Introductions

Counseling Office: Claire Sandford

Lots of work being done with Seniors and Early Action deadline for college apps.
Freshmen being introduced to Naviance and learning how to explore career options.
Training Sophomores in Nov. on Naviance with personality tests.
Will Work with Juniors in Jan. with more Naviance account info.
Parents can call Jonetta Roy at counseling office to set up a Naviance account.

Student Council: Sage

Done with Homecoming- Good profit
Spirit Days successful.
Freshmen doing can food drive. Will announce in Enews.
Sophomores working on pancake breakfast.
Juniors: Prom
Seniors: Winter Ball
On waiting list to become a Green Star School.
Community Service working on food baskets for needy families.
Teacher Appreciation- ordering gifts.
"New Event" in the works. Perhaps a battle with the bands.
Nov. 12th: School dance.

Discussion was held that BHS tries to make sure all students feel welcome at the dances whether students attend with dates or just with groups of friends. This ensures the gay/lesbian community feels welcome as well as everyone else.

Principal's Report: Kevin Braney

School Safety and Threats: Creating a letter to parents about recent threats. Student response is odd because of past threats; some are ambivalent, some are scared and not sure how to talk about it. Feels that community engagement should come after the date- Concentrating on supporting faculty and parents first.

Threat was on Monday, Oct. 25th. Students from Unity Council and various admin. have drawn up a plan for Thursday and Friday. Unity Banner for students to sign in cafeteria. Friday is "Spirit Unity Day". Kevin has offered a \$1000 reward for information. Had 7

officers at school today and will be here Friday. Have had some names mentioned so there are some little leads. Students want to plan a Summit after this week. Want to make a Unity Wall with students' aspirations- a permanent fixture in our school about Unity. We need some consensus about how to police this. Bathroom sign in? Security cameras? Sending a letter home to tell parents what's happening Friday in the building. Will ask parents to come in. Not searching backpacks. Cannot disallow bags. All doors will be staffed. Most school shootings are not advertised- But this is being taken very seriously.

Investigation: One of the threats had a "tag" (signature). Made copies for teachers to look at so perhaps they recognize something. Kevin is trying to narrow this down and get clues. Suggestion was made for admin. to show tag to students for any leads. Encouraging students to report when something doesn't feel right.

Largest number of Latino parents at parent/teacher conferences. Yeah! Small outreach group is going on to make sure Latino parents feel welcome to come in to BHS and get questions answered. Lisa mentioned that this small group should meet with PAC to work on stronger unity.

Silvia Mena: invited by Kevin to share her involvement with a small group she is a part of to work on increasing Latino parental involvement and support at BHS. This group is currently separate from PAC and LPAC, but PAC is very interested in integrating these groups- feels very uncomfortable about the past division between the 2 groups. Will maintain effort with this throughout the year as well as addressing other equity issues.

Lisa: Budget Approval:

PAC ended up splitting the cost of the Freshmen t-shirts with Kevin. But PAC voted last year to not fund the shirts anymore, so Lisa wants to stick with that.

Balloons: Because of a student's allergy to latex, balloons have to be mylar. Will notify PAC balloon rep. (Barr Hogan)

Nancy Stevens (Highlights) requested \$700 for Highlights translation. Hopefully we'll find a volunteer and won't need this.

"Misc." went up to \$1000 for printing/ mailing informational flyer for new BHS parents along with flowers, misc. refreshments at future lecture series, academic night, etc.

Adding separate line item for Showcase: \$800.

Will ensure PAC maintains cushion while spending a significant amount this year and support future proposals.

To summarize budget, there is about \$15,000 for projected expenditures. Current revenue is \$22,300. After maintaining about \$4,000 to carry over to next year, there is \$3300 remaining for a “slush” fund.

APPROVED BUDGET!! Will post on website for parents.

Martha Larson: Proposes a reorganization of PAC to streamline it better. Address Equity. Support SAC. Have fundraising be a separate entity. Future meetings about this will happen!

Committee Reports:

Lisa:

OK'd with attendees to accept an offer by BOP (Boulder Organic Pizza) to have a week that when customers mention BHS, the owner will give BHS a 15% cutback. Planning on having a PAC Lecture Series in Jan. Already has 4 speakers in mind.

Staff Appreciation: Jody McCarthy

Provided meals for teachers at conferences. They were so appreciative!

Governance Team: India Wood.

GT meets every 2 weeks with heads of each faculty dept., Student Council and IT. Issues are discussed that are pertinent to school community. Advisory to Kevin to make large decisions. At the last meeting, bad grades were discussed: 15% of grades were D's and F's. Kevin: very concerned about it- why is it happening? Typically, the first 6 weeks are low. But still, we're getting poorer grades.

Brief discussion about changing p/t conferences to 2 nights/week. But there is a contractual issue about teachers having to be there because of comp. days at Thanksgiving week. Also, having them for 3 nights keeps the lines shorter- spreads out the crowd.

One of the teachers brought up how inconvenient it is when students are late. 44 kids are in serious truancy.

DPC: (District Parent Council) – Tricia Fitzpatrick

Fundraising at schools was the major topic. Also, school safety and drills. Reassuring how procedures are in place with coordination of police, fire, etc.

No other committee chair reports.

About 250 BHS students are ESL (English as a Second Language)

Brief discussion started about **graduation gown issue**; we should eliminate mandatory purchasing of gowns every year to reduce cost and environmental impact. More

discussion to follow about possibly PAC purchasing gowns and renting them for the cost of dry cleaning them. Also, allowing students to just borrow gowns from past graduates.