

Minutes for James Bowie High School (JBHS)
December 13, 2007
Campus Advisory Council

Call to order: 7:37 Dean Goodnight

Previous Minutes were approved as written

Announcements:

Next Meeting January 10th

Memo from Diane Clayton indicating she is moving to Austin High

Mr. Bazan is present for DAC report

Introductions

Martha Blackburn is visiting to potentially discuss Evening with the Arts.

Project Advance

Ms. Michener spoke about need to provide for 50% of College Counselor (Advance) position since current Dell funding for it runs out today. Roy Larson rlarson@austinisd.org is key person in charge of this. It was suggested that parents communicate with Bob Schneider and request 100% funding. Ms. Duffy has met with all seniors to work on their applications etc. Ms. Duffy indicated that she splits her time between working with students and working with colleges. She has held Brown bag lunches and evening programs. Pam and PTSA will also distribute this information through yahoo group. Complete program for district is \$1.2 million. Austin High School has 2 positions but they funded second one by giving up a faculty position. Sharon Duffy has interns that are seniors at St. Edwards.

Principal's Report: Mr. Kane

- Mr.. Kane wished everyone a Happy Holiday.
- New feature on jbhs.org is general study tips. Right now the first item is a study guide and information about organizational issues. Tiffany Kapture produced a pamphlet last year for the Freshman. This is forming the basis for this web link. Mr. Kane is an advocate of teaching kids how to learn. He knows that he learned how to learn on his own.
- New UIL Exemption Policy was recently passed by the Board. Current and Previous Rule: If a child gets between a 60 and 69 in an advanced course, they can consider that as being a 70 to 79 for a non-Advanced class for exemption purposes. Wording used to allow schools the freedom to define what is an Advanced course. Now it may only be core English, Social Studies, Math, and Languages. For instance, Academic Pre-Calculus cannot be used. (This does not affect AP or Pre-AP, they are covered.) This will affect Art History etc. Concerned that this will affect enrollment in affected classes.
- Today is mandatory "learn how to evacuate yourself from a bus" day. This is federally mandated. 15 minute video tape has already been viewed by students. Second and Third Period: Have 19 buses and about 1000 bus riders. Facility will be *wrapped* but it is just for this purpose – there is not a problem.
- Considering adding *Summer School Now* course starting in February time frame so kids can have an earlier opportunity to recapture what they don't know and perhaps do a better job with actually learning the core objectives in the class. Ms. Bauerle (Assistant Principal for Instructional Development) is the author of the plan and is working with a team of faculty and counselors to see if they can come up with a stronger, more engaging lesson that can reach these students, who are typically struggling.
- Mr. Kane introduced Wendy Campell, the administrative supervisor for High Schools.
- This Spring there will be an SAT prep offered outside of the regular school day by Bowie faculty. This will help kids with full schedules. It may be offered before or after school. Believe we have the experts. There will be no fee for this. This will not be a scheduled

course so that help the students who would not take it because it was only weighted as 4. You will be able to take Math or English separately. Mr. Kane is trying to come up with ways that tightly scheduled students, such as ones in athletic programs or band, can experience electives. This would be an attempt to also address that issue. This will be funded by high school redesign funds as a stipend. The district does have people who help with grant writing but any help would be appreciated.

High School Redesign

- Late Start Days are really allowing faculty and staff to work together for planning activities.
- Advisory Committee: Came up with Honor Words - they will be combined with Beautification.; Faculty consulted on painting poles and not sure if they will be in front of library etc.
- Carolyn and Ms. Bauerle discussed "Great schools that work" and Carolyn's requested that the results be communicated – especially to those who participated in the focus groups.

Counselor's Report: Ms. Graham

- Ms. Michener had previously discussed choice sheets (new ones) are coming in about 6 weeks.
- Currently working on Reading class for 9th grade students that need additional help.
- PSAT results will be distributed in early January (9th) and there will be a Parent Interpretation night on the 15th or 16th
- CIP: Ms. Bauerle. CIP and signature sheet submitted to Mr. Neely. Now we are in the monitoring process where we track our behavior against the plan and the results.

PTSA Report: Pam Porter

- Disappointed that only 6 parents and 2 board members attended.
- One of our parents lined up a speaker from DEA (Dawn Mathis). She did a great job. She was a wealth of knowledge. For instance: She indicated that Mothers are generally worse than Dads at detecting the problem because they tend to make excuses for atypical behavior such as tired, etc. Over the counter drugs, such as chloracetone, taken in excess are especially difficult because they have no odor. Pam distributed 3 handouts from the program: *The anti-drug.com* and *Prescription drug abuse on campus* and "*Don't Make Your Home a Crime Scene*". Suggested that your kids can avoid the threat by saying that they may be drug tested by their parents (drug testing kits are available over the counter). PTSA wants to bring this woman back and figure out how we can get better attendance. Pam requested that
- Hosted a hospitality event December 7th.
- Next hospitality event is goodies in faculty and staff boxes in February
- There will be a career and service day in January for students during school.

DAC Report: Marco Bazan

- Fall meetings are specifically targeting schools with problems: such as no PTSA and no CAC. There are some schools that do not have PTSA or CAC and a main goal is to have those organizations in place. Bowie is used as a reference for how to set up these programs. They held one meeting at Dobie that included parents trying to establish these groups.

Meeting Adjourned by Dean Goodnight: 8:37am

Attendees:

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Martha Blackburn

Wendy Campbell

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Jenna Kromann
Martha Anne Kuntz
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