

Minutes for James Bowie High School (JBHS)
February 1, 2011
Campus Advisory Council

Members Present: Susan Leos, Martha Anne Kuntz, Aaron Garcia, Stephanie McGraw, Carolyn Merritt, Ray Grasshoff, Kevin Wood, Adrian Gonzalez, Steve Wand, Andrea Ramirez, Amanda Campbell, Cyndi Harrison, Eileen Jones, Karl Lauer, Steve Kane, Tyler Gill, Doug Jansen, Sandra Graham, Lisa Chatham, Juedon Kebede, Wesley Bos, Bruce Dinkins, Pascual Piedfort, Janette Miller, Ellen Seals, Valerie Weynand, Mary Lou Gogonas.

1. Call to order at 7:37 am by Tyler Gill, seconded

2. Approval of January minutes
Seconded and approved

3. Introductions of Guests/ Citizen and Comments

Reference Librarians presentations- Mary Lou Gogonas and Ellen Seals

The library is always packed with students before and after school.

Librarians start an orientation in the 9th grade through English classes and teach students how to use databases on the library website to prepare for college readiness. Databases are used in English classes for poetry analysis project and also with science projects because the students need journals and references that Google will not provide. Also provide passwords for databases so students can access the resources from home and away from school. A teacher commented that their work is helpful to both students and teachers on campus. Faculty access to databases is also very helpful.

Introduce Mr. Dinkins with Bowie Band.

4. Next Meeting Location and Future Meeting Locations

We will be in the band room for March meeting.

5. District Advisory Council (DAC) Report – Pascual Piedfort

Role of the DAC is to focus on student achievement and ways it is impacted by the budget. The cost to move the Carruth building to another location would probably be negated by the cost to re-wire all information to a new building with the underground cables.

6. Principal's Report – Mr. Kane

Drug and Alcohol Task Force is on hold for now.

AISD Budget Impact

Bowie will lose 10-15 teachers next year, not including Special Education. Instructional Leadership Team determined the guiding principles that would be used in these decisions. The goal is to minimize the impact on the students and protect as many of the present staff as possible. Ideally there would be enough staff retiring or resigning that Bowie could just absorb those changes and retain the rest of the staff. We typically

have 8-12 teachers lost each year through attrition out of the 143 teachers currently have on campus. The staffing decisions have to be made based on the “needs”, not just the “wants” we have as a school. Mr. Kane is asking the community to support decisions made here and pull together to help pick up the slack from lost positions. AISD is staffing at a 174:1 ratio (174 students: 1 teacher) for next year. As long as we do not jeopardize graduation plans of students, there is no plan to change the daily schedule we have (teach 5 classes out of 7 in the day). The staffing decisions will be made by the middle of February. If a teacher is let go in February and funds return, that teacher will be approached directly and asked to return to Bowie. Part of the Thursday late start this week will be a faculty meeting for Mr. Kane to share information with the teachers that is the most up to date. Over 60% of Bowie students are involved in extracurricular activities, and those activities will be considered along with the academic needs of the school.

DEEDS/IMPACT Referral Updates

Skipped this month

7. 2010-2011 CIP Update – Susan Leos

Math – Steve Wand

Math department is getting CoWs to help with testing and getting feedback faster. It will also allow students time to become used to using the computers before end of course (STAAR) testing begins. Courses are using six weeks tests from the district to evaluate student progress. Currently the classes are using a combination of district provided and Bowie generated test questions for the six weeks tests. They are moving towards using the district tests. However, teachers still retain the authority to add to the tests and make them appropriate for the students in their classes. Comment from Mr. Kane that the STAAR tests are being written to meet national standards and that level or rigor.

Overall Campus Goals for PreAP and AP students – Susan Leos

Goal passing rate for AP tests was adjusted up from 70 to 72% due to students making higher than expected scores last year.

The remaining agenda items were seconded and approved to be tabled until the March meeting due to time constraints.

8. Student Advisory Update and Student Mentor Update

9. Counselor’s Report

10. PTSA Report

11. AISD Facility Master Plan Update

12. New Business

13. Motion to adjourn at 8:41 am by Tyler Gill.