

Minutes for James Bowie High School (JBHS)
January 10, 2008
Campus Advisory Council

Call to order:

7:35 Dean Goodnight

Approval of minutes:

Previous Minutes corrections:

- McCarthy → McCarthy
- → Bauerle
- Pasqual → Pascual
- Capture → Kapture
- High School Redesign: 3rd Bullet, Request, Great Schools Workshop should be reworded to: 'When will results be communicated – especially to those who participated in the focus groups.'
- Counselors report: SAT → PSAT

Minutes approved as modified

Introduction of Guests/ Citizen Comments:

Martha Blackburn here to discuss Evening with the Arts

Principal's Report: Mr. Kane

- Thanks for good score card
- TAKs tests begin soon. He believes we are on track for that.
- Need to be preparing students for work and school outside of Austin since many of our students attend colleges and take jobs outside of Austin
- Picking up 2 instructional coaching positions that will be added to Ms. Bauerle's staff: In the area of math and science. We are moving Cindy Carroll and Alonna Beatty into these positions and hiring people to fill their slots. Ms. Carroll will keep her AP class.
- Great Schools Workshop: Mr. Kane will be meeting shortly with Al Rogers who heads that organization in order to suggest schools with Small Learning Communities similar to our 9th grade program which we can visit and learn from
- Not in favor of large faculty meetings, but meets by department. Met with Fine Arts earlier this week. Mr. Kane feels like there is more open discussion in the smaller more familiar setting.

High School Redesign Update: Stephanie McGraw

- Great Schools at Work provided Info on 9th grade teaming. We are teaming with schools with similar programs. Clear Lake (Kim Shotwell) and Stephanie McGraw are comparing notes. Clear Lake Campus is similar to us in that it has a large enrollment. That school has a 9th grade Center that they have moved the students into. Working through list of "equivalent" Texas schools. Main 9th grade goals are to increase attendance and reduce failure rates. Pam Porter inquired as whether we are helping 10th and 11th graders. We are not doing that currently but could. It is currently being done in Geography for 9th graders.
- STAR = Student Teacher Advocate Report; Used in Advisory yesterday; Good tool
- Pascual suggested counselors etc. contact Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando across from Universal Studio. They had built a 9th grade academy down the street a number of years ago.

Advisory (now Advisory Council) Update: Stephanie McGraw

- Discussed Plans for advisory for this semester. Had Advisor Training earlier this week. The training presenters were from the Advisory Council
- January 23rd and 30th: Career and Community Service Fairs. 9 & 10 go to career fair. 11 & 12 go to community service fair; The next week the 2 groups swap. The Career fields

are Math/Science, Business, Technology, Education, Health Sciences. They were chosen by students in advisory out of a list of about 50 choices. For Career fair – the 9th and 10th graders will move between career fields. Upper classmen will rotate between 4 speakers in one field. Fairs will be an hour long. Jill Weir at Junior Achievement is coordinating career speakers. Carla Cantu is doing Career service fair

- March 4th Taks: After TAKS they will see “Every 31 Minutes” play in gym. It is about every 30 minutes teenager dies from drinking and driving. Next day it will be discussed in Advisory
- Advisory will be every Wednesday and strive for consistency.

Counselor’s Report: Sandra Graham

- Working on loose ends such as preparation for Graduation and TAKS
- End of January: Individual career plans with students
- February counselors will be going to feeder middle schools
- February 11th Bowie hosts meeting for 8th grade parents
- February 19th Course Contracts go to students
- February 22nd Course contracts returned
- March 4th TAKS on Language arts.

CIP: Vicki Bauerle not present, Mr. Kane explained

- SASI Training free to us (AISD is paying) and it is being presented.
- Ms. Jewel and Ms. Bauerle are attending

PTSA Report: Pam Porter

- thanked Chef Winemuller and students for the Holiday luncheon
- Next hospitality event is Valentines Day.
- After that: Teacher of the year reception
- 23rd and 30th: PTSA will help get students to their career / Community service. Jill Weir and Junior Achievement is helping with careers; Karla Cantu at Capital Area Food bank is helping locate non-profit organizations. service opportunities. Carolyn Merritt clarified that the 5 career choices were chosen by kids in advisory. They had about 50 choices.
- March 4th: PTSA is working to help with the “Every 31 Minutes” presentation
- February: Will need to begin planning for next slate of candidates
- January 12 is deadline for PTSA newsletter

DAC Report: Marco Bazan

- Not present – no report

Old Business: Scorecard

Wendy Campbell was here from Administrative Offices last month.

Score Card:

Yes under all appropriate indicators

Comments: paraphrasing:

- Great Turn out and Discussions....
- CoChairs may consider assigning fixed times to make sure agenda is completed

Old Business: Project Advance

- Ray and Pascual and Dean produced the Project Advance Letter that Dean distributed with Meeting Agenda and is included in your packet. Since some meetings were being held this week to begin discussing this at AISD, Dean delivered this to that committee and to the AISD trustees and DAC and personally visited with Robert Schneider (Board of Trustees) on this topic. Rob indicated it was early in the process.
- CAC voted to indicate their support of the letter as well as ratify the action sending it to Trustees and DAC

- Pascual suggested that this would be even better received if it is coming from all the campuses or else there may be push back to just fund it on each campus as Austin High has done. Mr. Kane is going to distribute it to principals at other campuses to keep the discussion going.
- Pascual pointed out that February is when AISD makes staffing recommendation even though Board votes on them in June/July so now really is the time to address it.
- Will be in PTSA newsletter

New Business: Evening with the Arts: Martha Blackburn

- Cooperative evening of 6 areas of fine arts. Opportunity to show to faculty and community the strength of the Bowie programs
- Hour Long Show partitioned by 6 areas of fine arts
- Fundraiser: this year would be used to provide a sound system
- February 19th, 6:30pm

Announcements/ Concluding:

- Ty Brandon and Justin Gardner new hires discussed
- Pat Mendoza handed out information soliciting judges etc. for science fair
- Next Meeting February 7, 2008

Meeting Adjourned by Dean Goodnight:

8:37am

Attendees:

Martha Blackburn
 Dean Goodnight
 Sandra Graham
 Ray Grasshoff
 Toni Guckert
 Cindy Harrison
 Ann-Marie Hutcheson
 Steve Kane
 Jenna Kromann
 Martha Anne Kuntz
 Nancy McCarthy
 Stephanie McGraw
 Pat Mendoza
 Carolyn Merritt
 Ruth Narvaiz
 Pascual Piedfort
 Pam Porter
 Bill Sheftall
 Ewa Siwak
 Carrie Turlington
 Margery Warren