

**Minutes for James Bowie High School (JBHS)**  
**May 4, 2010**  
**Campus Advisory Council**

Members Present: Carolyn Merritt, Ray Grasshoff, Martha Ann Kuntz, Cyndi Harrison, Pat Bell, Eileen Jones, Amanda Campbell, Steve Wand, Susan Leos, William Reed, Andrea Ramirez, Tyler Gill, Aaron Garcia, Adrian Gonzalez, Carrie Turlington, Pasqual Piedfort, Stephanie McGraw, Bill Sheftall, Mary LaVeau, Margery Warren, Steve Kane

1. Call to order at 7:32, Carolyn Merritt

2. Approval of Minutes

Approved as submitted

3. Guests/ Citizen Comments

Bowie Girls Lacrosse Team – 3 players, Tara Mayberry, Jennifer Merritt and Allie Sheftall will be heading to Dallas this weekend to play in the State All Star Game. Tara Mayberry and Jennifer Merritt were selected for the All State team.

4. Principal's Report

2011-2012 Calendar, consensus is for schedule option "B", but would prefer the holiday schedule from schedule "C". Option B adds 2 instructional days to the calendar and Option C modifies the start of the winter holiday to 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. Option B has start of winter holiday on 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

Softball and Baseball in playoffs this week.

AP Testing ongoing, TAKS just finished and it went well. Very well organized and students seem more committed to doing well and taking longer on test.

5. Counselor's Report

AP testing through May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Early College Start and students signing up for summer.

PTSA President email – parents called in the night and having trouble with ACC getting students signed up for classes. Some problems with students signing up, especially for the first class they are taking at ACC. The computer program and phone systems give messages that are contradictory and tell students that they cannot register for classes at appointed time. This is a problem on the ACC end and can only be resolved through ACC.

Schedule changes for next year are closed.

Foreign Language AP program is digital now, and it is working well, Austin High is following suit.

6. CIP Review

Already discussed individual subject area reports in previous months.

Dashboard not being given to Bowie anymore, so no report.

Instructional Leadership Team is taking each department and reviewing TEKS, curriculum, and coming up with 10 big ideas that students need to advance to the next

level. From that, will create common assessments for what students do and do not know on those big ideas. Hopefully we will soon see less testing on the district level, move towards fewer tests (MOY staying). Common assessments for each teaching unit in the classroom are the goal.

#### 7. Campus Task Force

Building going well at the end of E-hall.

#### 8. Advisory Council Update

Retreat this Friday and discuss revamping senior advisories. Have done meetings with seniors and juniors to discuss what senior advisory should be. Students want information on life experiences and what to expect when they leave home and go to college or out on their own, discuss debt and how to stay out of it, etc.

Student Leadership Program going well and great for seniors and freshmen, increasing numbers for next year, but capped classes because of available 'teacher units' for the classes.

Launch – on Friday had “Freecess” for freshmen to bond with each other and the school. PTSA provided drinks for all freshmen in the courtyard, went well and students behaved appropriately.

#### 9. PTSA Report

New board has been elected.

Teacher appreciation breakfast June 2<sup>nd</sup>, possibly.

Media Center in Cafeteria progressing, AV carts and making it accessible to the whole campus.

Campus Beautification – Still working on cafeteria and working on “Seasons of Bowie” mural on the wall near the courtyard. International flags draping ceiling representing students and faculty of Bowie. Two more banners coming in to frame Bowie 8 by 10 banner in the cafeteria already there.

Request to put more emphasis on drug and alcohol awareness on campus. Lots of discussion and ideas on this topic ensued. Need to bring in communication among parents, students, and teachers. Discussion of the “Shattered Dreams” program, but a concern that it did not impact the students that it needed to. Idea to have kids who went down that road come in and talk to advisories or other small groups about their experiences. Many believe that this needs to be a community effort to be effective. Programs should begin in elementary or middle school. Should focus on what happens in school hours because we have no control or say in how a parent chooses to raise their child. Recommend that Mr. Kane and next year's co chairs meet and come up with an action plan to this end. Motion moved, seconded, all approved.

#### 10. DAC Report

None

#### 11. Old Business

Officer Elections for 2010-11

Faculty Co-chair: Tyler Gill

Parent Co-chair: Aaron Garcia  
Secretary: Amanda Campbell

Slate of candidates approved as above, all in favor.

12. New Business

Volunteer Breakfast - "Come & Go Breakfast" on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. & will refresh with cookies at 2:00 p.m. located in the Registrar's area in appreciation for all that you do.

Facilities Master Plan Task Force– Community Dialogue Meeting on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at TBA location, possibly Reagan High School, 6:00pm

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Multimedia Fair of student projects using technology in F-wing.  
Observe CATE classes students' work, contact Mr. Nourse for details.

Press Release made for Tiffany Gordon's art piece.

Proposed Future Meeting Dates:

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 am