

JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL  
CAMPUS ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 5, 2009

CAC Members in attendance Stephanie McGraw, Carrie Turlington, Steve Wand, Steve Kane, Dean Goodnight, William Reed, Kathryn Miller, Ray Grasshoff, Pascual Piedfort, Patricia Mendoza, Carolyn Merritt, Margery Warren, Adrian Gonzalez, Ann-Marie Hutcheson, Martha Anne Kuntz, and Cyndi Harrison

Dean Goodnight called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

**Minutes** were read and approved with correction to Principal's Report to read, Mr. Kane reported that our projection for fall enrollment is 20 students less, which results in a reduction in the overall campus BTO of \$600.00.

Will remind Pam about the March minutes to turn them in.

Cyndi Harrison, Carrie Turlington, & Stephanie McGraw volunteered to be the mini committee to approve the minutes from the March 2009 minutes.

**Counselor's Report** Rising Juniors and seniors enrolling for dual credit classes. Most popular are; History, Gov't, Economics, and Computer classes. Counselors will be on duty, staggered, until June 25. This will help with summer school and credit recovery which will help make the beginning of school easier. Course verifications will go out in a couple of weeks. No changes will be made to the schedules after June 10. Graduation is June 4.

**4X4 Report** Had Russ Jones run the numbers to see how many students are enrolled in science. 83% of this senior class already enrolled as seniors. Students enrolled themselves when it was not mandatory. Our present credit structure – students are only eligible for 28 credits, with 26 credits for all students who are required to do the 4x4 plan.

**Principal's Report** Swine Flu – H1N1 concerns. Students have gone home with symptoms and are being asked to report back to confirm whether it is Swine Flu or not. School is trying to stay on top of it.

TAKS testing went very well.

We have 90% of the students enrolled and the master schedule built for next year. There is a team to look at how many sections of each class will be needed in the fall.

All UIL sports will resume May 11 due to the Swine Flu. Softball schedules have been compressed.

Staff received laptops for their classes. One problem is the loading of any new software. DVD player comes with the laptop which works with the projector systems. Teachers in all categories received one, 96 new computers will be arriving, and they are here today. These computers will be for the computer labs. The instructional team has already determined where they will go.

All of the incoming freshmen have been tested on their reading levels. They have been placed in a special reading class. Ms. Medina has been working with the company to do this test online and this will allow the test results to come back immediately. This program has been terrific. Kids identified have moved up 2 grade levels within the year they were identified. TAKS test gives us reading lists. One reading level is in context and the other is stand alone. When tested on vocabulary the results change dramatically. Results are not unusual to our school or vertical teams.

**CIP UPDATE** Advisory will be meeting tomorrow for the annual retreat at Bethany to plan out the entire 2009-2010 year. This year we will be giving teachers more freedom. They will be able to pick and choose advisory – teachers are taking ownership. Top 10 skills were picked for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and will be incorporated through out the year. Advisors have grown to like their classes. Suggestion was made for students to contribute through surveys. Stefanie said they do talk about accountability with all the teachers. Some parents commented about the fact that some teachers are not as engaged with their students. One program they are looking at is to let the seniors be presenters to the freshmen. This would be an extension of PALS.

Dean Goodnight commented that the planners were a big push with the 9<sup>th</sup> graders. He wants to make sure that every teacher reinforces all the skills, especially this one, on how to use a planner.

**PTSA** We are in need of a president. Most of our board positions are filled. Today is National Teacher Appreciation Day and there are goodies in all of the teacher lounges. Teacher of the Year Breakfast is scheduled for June 5. It will be a pancake breakfast. Bill Russell is Bowie's Teacher of the Year. A professional painting company will paint the poles in the cafeteria. Our PTSA has been nominated as PTSA of the Year.

**DAC Report** No Report

**Alive @ 25** The entire student body viewed the presentation. A class is scheduled for May 13, 4:30 – 9:00. Presenters did not sell the program well. Timing of the presentation might have to be changed. Parents would like to see it in the fall. This Thursday parents can come and look at the program from 6:00-6:30 in the college career center.

**NEW BUSINESS** Margery Warren nominated Carolyn Merritt to be our next CAC Co-Chair; the motion was seconded by Carrie Turlington. All voted yes. Staff Co-Chair will be elected at the staff meeting.

Tyler Gil would like to chair a committee to look at technology. There is a 2 year limit for all members and a 1 year limit for officers. Election for secretary will be held at our September meeting.

The Field of Dreams – Things moving slow. Stratus willing to make donation – written. City is willing to work with AISD to make this happen. Mr. Kane has a safety plan to

implement for our students to cross Slaughter Lane. We are down to city and AISD to look at position or agreement of ownership. School board will have final approval. Several technicalities still left to work out. The whole purpose is for Bowie to use as a band practice field and athletic practice field.

Next meeting will be held September 1 at 7:30 a.m. in the Bulldog Room.

Mtg. adjourned at 8:43 am

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Harrison