

James Bowie High School
CAC Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2009

Members present: Carolyn Merritt, William Reed, Amanda Campbell, Pat Bell, Douglas Jansen, Ashley Donahue, Tyler Gill, Karl Lauer, Steve Wand, Pasqual Piedfort., Mary LaVeau, Steve Kane, Cyndi Harrison, Adrian Gonzales, Pam Porter, Andrea Ramirez, Eileen Jones, Stephanie McGraw, Susan Leos, Ray Grasshoff

Meeting was called to order by Carolyn Merritt at 7:35 am.

A motion was made by William Reed to approve the October minutes with the time and date changed. Motion carried.

Mr. Kane presented the dashboard for the first sessions of school. Attendance is at 95.4% down 1.5%. Discussion was held regarding whether or not the numbers accounted for the flu outbreak and late enrollment. Attendance doesn't differentiate between excused and unexcused. Our failure rates have improved for 9th grade from last year. He also discussed the new initiatives for 9th graders. The science rooms are complete with the exception of a water leak with the cooling system. This repair will come out of the contractor's contingency budget. Repairs are to be made during the Thanksgiving holiday. Susan Leo, asst. principal, discussed the professional development programming. The faculty were able to pick three sessions to attend. The sessions were outstanding and motivating. Tyler Gill explained about one presentation regarding an online collaborative tool called voice thread which is a presentation creation and the teachers moderate and the students provide feedback.

Mr. Kane also congratulated the band on their showing in Indianapolis. Debate, public speaking and poetry sent 5 students and brought home 4 trophies. Two debaters were in the top 25%. The football team is to be congratulated for their progress, the volleyball team was second in district and the cross country team was first in district.

The counselor reported that 10th grade conferences were taking place. Ninth grade conferences were scheduled for November 19th. Parent programs include Parent night for 10th grade on November 12th, Financial Aid night on November 17th. By November 23rd, the counseling department will have visited with every student.

The CIP was presented for signature. The first four performance objectives are school wide. Objectives 5-6 deal with ELA, 7 with math and 8-11 with Science. Discussion was held regarding measurable goals and critical thinking skills. Discussion was also held regarding measuring the CIP to the TAKS test. The TAKS test can target weaknesses and then the campus can analyze results to improve performance. The emphasis is on concepts rather than specifics. Additional discussion was held to hopefully add fine arts and foreign languages to the CIP.

The CIP has been reviewed by the instructional cabinet and the departments. It is aligned with the district goals. Signatures are needed for approval of the CIP.

The advisory committee is meeting and has the fall programming in place. Educators for Social Responsibility is having their board meeting in Austin and will be visiting Bowie's advisory classes. The student leadership class is meeting and the students will get 1 hour credit.

PTSA is on Twitter. Upcoming social events are the Halloween treats and the holiday teacher luncheon.

The DAC is discussing calendar issues and has supported option B. The district is continuing their strategic plan issues and it is felt that the budget will be based on the results of the strategic plan. It is important for all AISD schools to be heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 am.