

Minutes for James Bowie High School (JBHS)
November 9, 2010
Campus Advisory Council

Members Present: Amanda Campbell, Susan Leos, Martha Anne Kuntz, Aaron Garcia, William Reed, Stephanie McGraw, Carolyn Merritt, Ray Grasshoff, Kevin Wood, Adrian Gonzalez, Bill Sheftall, Steve Wand, Cyndi Harrison, Rose Ruffino, Andrea Ramirez, Dianah Wylde (faculty guest)

1. Call to order at 7:34 am by Tyler Gill
Introduction of room and Innovation Station
2. Approval of October minutes
Moved and seconded, all approved
3. Introductions of Guests/ Citizen and Comments
Thanks for being invited to meeting – Ms. Wylde (Graphic design teacher)
4. Next Meeting Location
A-221: Mr. Gill's room for next month.
5. Classroom Review/ Innovation Station/ CAC Wiki – Mr. Gill and Ms. Campbell
Technology integration in the classroom is more accessible to teachers with the Innovation Stations. They include a document camera with recording function, a PC onboard, microphones, and also have hook ups for laptops.

With cell phones, teachers can use “polleverywhere.com.”

Tips for using in class: have students be poll starters if they don't have or want to use their cell phone, or have students work with a partner, or an option to write down responses for students who choose to do so.

Conversation ensued about Bowie having 32% Hispanic students from one of the “polleverywhere” questions Mr. Gill generated, while perception around AISD is that Bowie lacks diversity in its student body.

Mr. Kane and Mr. Gill are both working on different committees in AISD to increase technology use and usability for teachers. Mr. Kane's group is trying to have a list of district available software for teachers to use, without it being too long and cumbersome for teachers to use.

CAC Wiki
bowiecac.wetpaint.com

It will be a shared space for the CAC members to post information about meetings, agendas, accountability data, etc. The transparency of this system has the ability to improve the discussions and quality of conversations in our meetings. The only people allowed to post would be identified members of the CAC, at least for the present time. This could be especially valuable towards going paperless and having more

thematic monthly meetings. We will have a trial period for a month, then vote on incorporating the wiki it as part of the CAC at the December meeting. Consensus is that we would like to get rid of the ads at the top if it becomes a permanent part and we decide to pay for the service.

6. Principal's Report – Mr. Kane

Initially, our Bowie Band tied for 3rd in state UIL marching contest and during the tie breaker round, we were awarded 4th Place in the State UIL Marching Contest, which is the highest placement in the history of Bowie. Congratulations to the students and the band directors!

In football we beat Westlake and tied for district area championship this past week.

Our volleyball team is in bi-district playoffs.

The new traffic pattern seems successful so far, with only a few parent complaints so far. The plan is going well and our parking lot is emptying 15 minutes sooner than before the change. Mr. Kane is meeting with a construction company to re-paint and re-sign the lots over the Winter Break. There will also be marked parallel parking spots in front of the school.

We looked at the district dashboard/myreporting data.

For the second six weeks, more students were out of class – we need to make sure our students are present for learning.

Drug and Alcohol Task Force report

Nothing has happened on the task force since the last meeting.

7. Counselor's Report

None

8. Student Advisory Update - Andrea Ramirez and Stephanie McGraw

There was an October retreat for the advisory council and they are looking at 11th and 12th grade curriculum to improve those programs. A lot of good ideas were generated, but nothing concrete has been decided upon yet. Mr. Godwin and student leaders are working to raise money and having a benefit at the Salt Lick on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The money raised will be used towards a family chosen by the student leadership program during the holiday season. Mr. Rundell has over 150 mentors working with freshman students.

9. District Advisory Council (DAC) Report

None

10. 2010-2011 Campus Improvement Plan – Susan Leos

Pre-AP and AP programming – main advantages are that the students push themselves more and this is looked on favorably by college admissions boards, whether students take the AP tests or not. Bowie students are doing well on AP exams that they take. CAC voted on adding these Pre-AP and AP goals to the CIP; all were approved.

11. Campus Task Force/ Parking Renovations/ Traffic Pattern
Under Mr. Kane's report
12. PTSA Report
Nothing
13. AISD 2011/2012 Budget Cuts
Staff-only meeting at Travis High School tonight
Last year AISD used budget measures that did not affect the campuses. This year district officials are letting everyone know that campuses and campus programs will be affected by budget cuts; they are specifically looking at programs that are not operating effectively. Meetings for the public are planned and will be publicized soon.
14. AISD Facility Master Plans feedback/status, report – Carolyn Merritt
There will be three meetings over the next week or so. The Task Force will be presenting a series of options based on how poorly the district is doing financially. The task force will be getting into heated discussions, especially when discussing closing schools and staffing. If there is something unique or important about this area, forward that information to Carolyn Merritt so that she can share it at the meetings. The website and discussions are being updated on the AISD webpage, under the Facility Master Plan link. Plan can go out for the long term - the next 20 years.
15. New Business
Voting on CAC wiki at next month's meeting.
Administrators at the volleyball game, more fans – thanks!
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 am by Tyler Gill.