

JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL  
Campus Advisory Council Meeting  
October 6, 2009

Members in Attendance: Carolyn Merritt, William Reed, Amanda Campbell, Pat Bell, Douglas Jansen, Stephanie McGraw, Ashley Donahue, Tyler Gill, Steve Wand, Karl Lauer, Mary LaVeau, Dean Goodnight, Steve Kane, Cyndi Harrison, Adrian Gonzales, Pam Porter, Bill Sheftall, Andrea Ramirez, Rose Ruffino, Eileen Jones, Pascual Piedfort, Margery Warren

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 am by Carolyn Merritt.
2. Approval of Minutes – Tyler Gill motioned to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Motion passed.
3. Introductions and announcements – No guests were at the meeting. Carolyn asked for volunteers for the secretary position of the board. Carolyn asked Pam Porter if she would agree to serve as secretary. Pam agreed and was voted in by acclamation.
4. Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of CAC Members – Mr. Kane reported on the rules and responsibilities of the CAC. Some of those expectations are; support the campus, advisory body, communicate action to the community. Carolyn will forward the CAC bylaws to every member.
5. Principal's Report – Mr. Kane presented Bowie's plan to "Excel as a Community of Learners." The purpose is to make all the stakeholders operate at a team more effectively and therefore impact learning and success. Discussion followed regarding assessment of plan including benchmark tests. The district has granted Bowie permission to reduce and eliminate the use of benchmarks and freeing up instructional time. Class size discussion was held and concerns were expressed that Bowie because of its success was not being treated equitably regarding class sizes and the assignment of additional teachers. Mr. Kane said that because the district has a set formula of determining class size, Bowie is being treated equitably. The problem is that the range determining the need for additional faculty is large so if you are a school that is on the top end of the range, you get the same number as if you were on the bottom of the range. Bowie has over 2900 students at this time. Classes are still being balanced and should be completed by the end of this 6 weeks.
6. HB 3 Graduation Requirement Change – the Bowie CAC was asked by the district to vote on whether we support the HB 3 giving school districts the choice to make physical education, health and technology requirements electives rather than mandatory courses. The change would only affect the recommended graduation plan. Discussion was held regarding the

ramifications of lessening the PE and health requirement in an era of worsening obesity among children and teens. Discussion was also held about the need for more technology instead of less. Bill Sheftall motioned that the CAC not support HB 3. Motion passed unanimously. Principal Kane and Carolyn Merritt will coordinate a response for the comment section of the survey. Discussion was also held to let the school board know the feelings of the Bowie community before the vote in January. Carolyn will look up the public comment schedule for the school board.

7. Counselor's report – Centex College Fair will be held on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Erwin Center. Universities from across the country will be represented. The PSAT/ASSET test will be given on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Junior conferences are ongoing. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade parent night is tonight, October 6<sup>th</sup>.
8. CIP review – the CIP will be presented at the November meeting.\
9. Campus Task Force - the science classrooms have been completed and are in the process of moving in. Construction on the E wing is beginning.
10. Advisory Council Update – Club Day was a success. Seniors are completing their student Leadership class and will be helping in Advisory every Thursday. These students are helping to write the lesson plans. It is felt that the advisory program is moving toward greatness and that there is more accountability within the program.
11. PTSA report – The PTSA currently has 934 members with 131 faculty/staff members. The PTSA is recruiting volunteers to staff a print/copy room to free up teachers. Teachers would put their requests in and then come back to pick them up. Bulldogs and Hotdogs was well attended despite the inclement weather. Next board meeting is on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
12. DAC Report – Douglas Jansen spoke about the DAC is having a retreat to set priorities for the school year. No other action has been taken.
13. Old Business – Dean Goodnight presented a report on the “Field of Dreams”.
14. New business – no new business.
15. Announcements/Concluding remarks – none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

Sincerely Submitted by

Pam Porter

Secretary