

JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL
CAMPUS ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 9, 2008

Members in Attendance: A.M. Hutchinson, Pat Mendoza, Ruth Narvaiz, Nancy McCarthy, Becca Clark, Andrea Ramirez, Pam Porter, Martha Anne Kuntz, Stephanie McGraw, Steve Kane, Vickie Bauerle, Kathy Miller, Ray Grasshoff, William Reed, Dean Goodnight, Adrian Gonzalez, Pascual Piedfort, Cyndi Harrison, Margery Warren, Carrie Turlington

1. Dean Goodnight called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.
2. The minutes from the May 2008 meeting were approved and will be posted.
3. Election of Chairs – Pam Porter nominated Dean Goodnight and William Reed as Co-Chairs. The nomination was seconded. No other nominations were advanced. The Chairs were elected by acclamation. Pam Porter will serve as secretary.
4. Principal's Report – Mr. Kane reported that a plagiarism policy is being developed. This policy is in addition to the one already in place at Bowie. He also thanked Mr. Goodnight, Mr. Reed and Ms. Porter for serving this year. He thanked the PTSA and the efforts of John and Cyndi Harrison for a very successful Bulldogs and Hotdogs. Mr. Kane reported that Bowie could be used as an evacuation shelter for evacuees fleeing Hurricane Ike. They will be housed in the Fine Arts building. The administrative team and additional security will be in place. There will be no co-mingling of students and evacuees. Mr. Kane discussed the new leadership team at Bowie. Andrea Ramirez will serve as the School Improvement Facilitator (SIF). She will improve communications and handle initiatives. Cyndi Carroll and Lana Beady are the instructional coaches in Math and Science respectively. The funds for the SIF and Instructional Coach positions are being funded through the High School Redesign budget from AISD. Mr. Kane reviewed our rankings and percentages from TEA. Bowie received a "Recognized" rating and was the only AISD high school to do so. The goal for next year is to earn an "Exemplary" rating and the administration and staff feels that Bowie can achieve that goal.
Mr. Kane spoke briefly about Proposition 1 which will raise school taxes to fund initiatives and salary increases if approved.
Our student population was at 2830 the first of September. The scheduling was arranged so that core subjects would all have their planning periods together.
5. Advisory Report – Ms. McGraw reported that the Dawg Days were a success and around 2000 students "pre-registered". She thanked Becca Clark and the PTSA for providing numerous volunteers. She feels that next year will have a higher attendance due to more advance notice and preparation. The first 3 days of school ran very smoothly. All students reported to their advisory class first. Advisory will be held on Thursdays. On late start days and other "special" days, longer programs and assemblies will be held. The advisory team is having monthly meetings for planning and preparation. These are held before school in the large conference room.
6. High School Redesign – Ninth grade teams are in place and a follow up protocol is being developed for those students who are "at risk". The Dawg Den is a program

for 10th grade students and is modeled after the Bridges Program developed by Robert Bridges. 61 students have been identified as in danger of dropping out. A reading class(es) will be forming for readers not at grade level. 134 students identified and 116 recommended for the program. Letters are being sent to the parents of these students and a group meeting is being organized. Academic Algebra 1 is being co-taught. Lessons are being modeled and instructional changes are being instituted in order to “raise the bar” on some of these academic classes.

7. Counselor’s Report – Ms. Miller reported that 660 seniors graduated last May. Bowie has the largest number of students in AISD participating in dual credit with ACC. The counselors’ goal is to have all seniors college ready. The counselors will start senior conferences today. Volunteers through the Partners In Education program will tutor senior students who haven’t meet the TAKS standard. The ASSET test will be held on October 15th and the PSAT for freshman-juniors will also be held on October 15th. Parent meetings and brown bags have been scheduled for the year.
8. CIP – no report
9. PTSA report – Becca Clark stated that the PTSA provided 40 volunteers for the Dawg Days this summer. Bulldogs and Hotdogs were well attended and she will be tracking financial information from the Booster Clubs. October 15th is the next newsletter deadline. Hospitality events have gone well.
10. DAC – Pascual Piedfort reported on the Raptor Security Program for schools. The district will be rolling out RAPTOR for security (no news on date) which will let parent visitors swipe a driver's license and issue them a PHOTO sticker ID to wear on campus (and also discretely screen for sex offenders and other undesirables). Faculty will need to stop anyone on campus that does not have an ID--again no date mentioned yet.
The superintendent search meetings are being held. There is one at Bowie on Thursday, September 25th.
11. Dean Goodnight reported on the boundary task force for the new middle school. Walter Reinhardt is the Bowie community representative on that task force.

The meeting was adjourned by Dean Goodnight at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Porter
Secretary