

**Minutes for James Bowie High School (JBHS)**  
**September 14, 2010**  
**Campus Advisory Council**

Members Present: Tyler Gill, Aaron Garcia, Ray Grasshoff, Martha Ann Kuntz, Cyndi Harrison, Pat Bell, Eileen Jones, Amanda Campbell, Steve Wand, Susan Leos, William Reed, Andrea Ramirez, Carolyn Merritt, Adrian Gonzalez, Stephanie McGraw, Bill Sheftall, Steve Kane, Marc Gil, Kevin Wood, Doug Jansen, Lisa Chatham, Janette Miller, Karl Lauer, Rose Ruffino, Juedon Kebede, Wesley Bos

1. Call to order at 7:33 am by Tyler Gill
2. Approval of May minutes  
Approved and seconded.
3. Introduction of Members
4. Introductions of Guests/ Citizen and Comments  
None

5. Future Meeting Locations

We are limited in size somewhat in the Bulldog Room. It would be interesting to visit other parts of our facilities and other innovative teachers to see what is happening across the school. We will have communication via email to continue this discussion and future meeting locations. Ms. Kuntz offered art room for the next meeting. Amanda Campbell offered her room for future meetings as well.

6. Principal's Report – Mr. Kane

Great turnout of students at Dawg Days to get supplies before school started and save time during classes on first day. Thanks PTSA for bulldogs and hotdogs, there was a great turnout at the event this weekend. Bowie has just under 2900 students at this point. Bowie High School is up and running well!

7. TEA Campus Accountability report from July

Moved to CIP Report

8. Counselor's Report – Ms. Bell

Applications for summer school now are out to students so they can recover credit; classes start Monday.

Senior conferences are ongoing and will be finished by next Wednesday; then counselors will move to junior conferences. By mid October, the counselors will have seen all juniors and seniors.

PSAT on October 13<sup>th</sup>, October 19-22 TAKS re-tests will occur.

Counselors are working at senior and junior levels with students and their advisories on college and career education. "Focus on the Future" is being used to help guide students through this process.

Cookie social for 9<sup>th</sup> graders the first week of school went well in the courtyard and there was great feedback from students.

PTSA meeting at 6:30pm tonight, and the budget is being voted on. There is also a college and financial aid meeting.

Naviance (Family connection) is an online network that counselors and students use to keep track of individual student information. Parents and students have access to the system. Transcripts and college visits are run through this system.

#### 9. District Advisory Council (DAC) Report

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#### 10. Student Advisory Update

Advisory Council updated senior advisories this year. Senior advisories are meeting with counselors, following up on the work with counselors, having senior coffees, and interesting lessons that are more relevant to seniors. More students are active in their advisories.

##### 9<sup>th</sup> grade Launch – Andrea Ramirez

Launch is a program to support all freshmen and it uses advisory as a home base. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade advisors are one of the students' teachers for that year. Launch is in its second year and the concept is that the teachers and advisories focus on the top 10 skills needed to succeed in careers and life.

Student Leaders (juniors and seniors) are in 32 of 42 advisories to help with upperclassmen support to freshmen. The Student Leaders will eventually start to lead advisories to free up the teachers for one on one time with advisories.

34 student mentors (seniors) chosen to help freshmen with the transition to high school will meet twice a week for 10 minutes with freshmen who might have more trouble with the transition. The student mentors will help freshmen find the help and services they need; Mr. Rundell will have a login system to make sure that mentees are doing their tutoring as needed. Every senior student asked agreed to participate. They are hoping to include juniors in the near future. Teachers will be able to see a list of students participating in the program to help with feedback.

After one year of Launch, the passing rate went up by as much as 10% for freshmen in both semesters.

#### 11. 2010-2011 Campus Improvement Plan (CIP)

TEA Accountability Report – Bowie is “Recognized” this year as a campus; moved up from “Academically Acceptable”. There were also fewer student dropouts this year. It took lots of hard work, so good job teachers and students!

Accountability Data Tables – All subpopulations went up across the board, especially in science. Percents of commended increased as well. For dropout and completion rates, we met the required improvement, especially with economically disadvantaged population. We are aiming for 90% across the board for this current school year. On the data tables students are divided into state accountability subpopulations because that is how the state rates us. However, the administration and teachers reiterated that teaching individual students is the most important aspect. This

year the special education students will be counted along with the rest of the student population for accountability ratings. Their passing rates increased more than science did last year. Just under 20% of Bowie students are identified as economically disadvantaged this year. Of exemplary schools, very few are comprehensive urban high schools, most are magnet programs.

CIP – The document is broken into departmental areas. Look over these objectives and we will have more discussion at following meetings. We will vote on approval at next meeting.

12. Campus Task Force/Renovations

Great job! Very nice and well-done work.

13. PTSA Report

Bulldogs and Hotdogs Celebration – It was great to see the community come together, not just parents and students, but the whole community. The Bowie Bulletin is electronically available on the PTSA website. They are focusing on a student directory coming up. PTSA membership important, remember meeting tonight at 6:30pm.

14. Bowie Drug/Alcohol Task Force report

At the end of last spring's meeting, a task force was being created to address issues in the community. Mr. Kane is working with a guest speaker to discuss alcohol abuse. Mr. Gil shared that the PTSA has appropriated funds to help task force in its efforts. Faculty and staff protocol for drugs and alcohol is to call the office to have a security guard escort students. From there it is turned over to administrators and SROs on campus. Students are removed to ALC for 30 days minimum, and may also be issued citations through police officers. Also there was a suggestion to recommend the task force to include outside elements that would help include parents and especially students in this dialogue.

15. AISD Facility Community Dialog #2 at Bowie on September 28 6-8 pm

Meeting is in cafeteria. This meeting is what AISD is using to determine future goals for facilities and capacity numbers. Bowie has been at 2400, permanent capacity would move to 3045. This number is based on using classrooms all periods of the day instead of just 5, and would have floating teachers. Need to have feeder schools involved because their students' futures will be impacted. All input received will be used by November to make choices about boundaries and school closures.

16. New Business

Continue discussion items from this month's meeting.

17. Meeting adjourned at

8:41 am by Tyler Gill