

BSEP Minutes for October 26, 2015

BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL

Meeting Room: BHS Library (D Building)

Time: 4:30-6:00 pm

NAME	COMMUNITY	ATTENDANCE
Sam Pasarow	Principal	Present
Gideon Goldman	Teacher	Present
John Lavine	Parent	Present
Aaron Glimme	Teacher	Present
Alecia Harger	Student	Present
Max Cramer	Student	Present
Toni Stein	Parent	Present
Rhonda Jefferson	Staff	Present
Jackson Grigsby	Student	Present
Nerine Ortiz Pon	Student	Present
Sarah Cline	Teacher	Present
Abigail Steckel	Student	Present
Cleo Osheroff	Student	Present
Amber Spencer	Parent	Present
Brianna Rogers	Parent	Present
Milan Drake	Parent	Present
Wim-Kees van Hout	Parent	Present
Dwayne Byndloss	Counselor	Absent
Russell Mills-Campisi	Teacher	Absent
Jessica Lopez-Tello	Staff	Present

Opening Introductions:

Quorum Established: 4:35pm

Introductions:

Principal Pasarow asked to committee to go around introducing themselves to one another and asked them to talk about what they care about when it comes to the committee.

Jackson Grigsby, student: cares about the arts program.

Toni Stein, parent: cares about the arts, music and that we matriculate most students, she also care about restorative justice at BHS.

Milan Drake, parent: cares about the arts, music, and insuring that these programs allow students to express themselves.

Max Cramer, student: cares a that students have access to a first grade education our public school

Gideon Goldman, teacher: Would like opportunities for personalization, profession of teaching is sustainable; and giving more resources to students coming from low income families.

Sam Pasarow, principal: cares about academic rigor, a positive school culture, educere (sp?) (latin) =draw forth, we can id what makes students click.

Natasha Beery, Director of BSEP and Community Engagement: Insuring that the money that comes to us from this parcel tax is spent the way the voters have decided.

Liz Karam, Budget and compliance: Cares about resources getting to schools and to kids.

Amber Spencer: Cares about music and dance, addressing the narrowing of the achievement gap and making it feasible for low income students to get into college.

John Lavine, parent: Concerns are the enrichment aspect and achievement aspect. Looking for creative ways to stretch dollars to support as many new things as we can. Wants to be mindful of the BSEP measure.

Christine Staples, parent: Passion for public education, build community, arts education, would like to serve in the policy and oversight committee (PNO)

Catherine Lazio, parent: cares about the process, inquiry, stakeholders coming together and making a decision together.

Wim-Kees van Hout, parent: makes him nervous that students have 180 days less of school than other countries. Cares about math for girls!

Aaron Glimme, teacher: cares about our BSEP money. It allows science to do what they need to do. It's supplies money. Over the last decade there has been a lot of change in the way that the money is allocated.

Alecia Harger, student: Passionate about the arts. Wants the arts to be accessible to under privileged students. Supplies in the classroom!

Abby Steckel, student: Would like a strong counseling staff.

Cleo Osheroff: Funding counselors, creating strong communities for students and teachers

Rhonda Jefferson, staff: Is concerned about the arts and how far away from the initial purpose of BSEP we have gotten away from. Would like to see that we give more money to the arts, extra-curricular areas.

Briana Rogers, parent: How to support under privileged students succeed. She wonders if there is data provided? She wants students to be college ready. Retain students we're losing to Shattuck.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: Minutes will be approved at next meeting in November.

Approval of Agenda-Additions/Changes:

van Hout: Makes motion to approve agenda items

Glimme: Seconds motion

Vote is unanimous. *Motion carries.*

Public Comments:

Christine Staples would like to be a PNO representative

BSEP Orientation: Presentation by Natasha Beery, Director of BSEP

Mrs. Beery passed Site Committee Handbook to all members; PDF copy will be provided at a later time. PNO Committee, BSEP committee funds come from the parcel tax that will be voted again in 2016. 10% goes to each site, and each site makes decision on how the money will be used. Parcel tax pays taxes per sq. foot per home, and commercial bldgs. The purpose of this measure: 20% of all district funds come from the parcel tax. The district funds are divided up in different categories. The largest portion goes to class size reduction. The BSEP committee members can decide to serve in the district committee. BHS gets the most money as is based on enrollment numbers. BHS gets an amount per student = this can be a challenge. NB passes around a schedule of what needs to be covered each month the committee meets.

In November the committee will start looking at what is currently being funded more deeply. The committee also needs to look at the SPSA plan, which is our Single Plan for Student Achievement, this document is updated yearly. The committee looks closely at the SPSA when is time to make funding decisions.

The SSC looks at data. The BSEP site committee is a subset of the SSC.

BSEP reviews the currently funded programs, visits the proposal awardees, evaluates, and follow a process to report back to the committee their findings.

Members from past committees share with new members the process of evaluating, scoring and voting on which proposals are funded. More clarification on how evaluations, proposal reviews, scoring and funding decisions are made at subsequent meeting.

Liz Karam, Budget officer for BSEP:

Last year the committee had \$732k allocated budget. But there are increases in benefits, payroll, retirement, etc. When you create a budget you have to have additional factor 3% of the entire budget aside for "what ifs".

Change in the staffing in the CCC

Student court circles project is a contract than a FTE

Counselor to support student budget = changed from teacher on special assignment to counselor

Media Tech = submitted as a dollar amount rather than FTE

= all of this were savings. So it increased instructional materials monies by a bit.

Last year's committee had four carryover priorities:

1. Instructional Materials up to \$90,000 (requested amount)= \$34,235
2. All three music programs to be divided equally up to = \$9,000
3. Circles = \$13,000
4. RISE program up to its current funding (restore them to current level of funding) = \$3,820

Liz' job is to take our budget recommendations and allocate them over the summer, interpret them in light of the dollars as close as possible to what the committee decides in the spring.

The committee discussed and clarified questions about how the carryover budget from last year's committee was used. There was some discussion about instructional materials carryover money as well as carryover money for the three music programs. Principal Pasarow explained that he intends to honor previous principal's promises to departments with regards to money allocation. He also said that \$15,000 is earmarked for music supplies.

Election of Officers (Chair, Secretary, Vice-Chairs, Process Observer):

Chairs:

Aaron Glimme, teacher

John Lavine and Briana Rogers, parents

Max Cramer and Alecia Harger, students

All voted as co-chairs.

Vote is unanimous, motion carries.

PNO: 4 reps

Aaron Glimme

Catherine Lazio

Christine Staples

John Lavine

Election of SSC representatives/Liaisons:

4-6pm on Tuesdays - SSC

Alecia Harger and Milan Drake are nominated to be representatives of the SSC committee. They will both coordinate meeting attendance based on their schedules.

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.

Approval of Regular Meeting Calendar:

Monday Nov. 23, 2015 4:30-6:00pm

Monday Dec. 7, 2015 4:30-6:00pm

Monday Jan. 11, 2015 4:30-6:00pm

Monday Feb 22, 2015 4:30-6:00pm
Monday March 21, 2015 4:30-10:00pm
Monday April 11, 2015 4:30-10:00pm
Monday April 25, 2015 4:30-6:00pm

Meeting dates are approved with unanimous vote. *Motion carries.*

Adjourn: 6:00pm

Next Meeting: November 23, 2015