

Berkeley High School Site Council (SSC)
Minutes
April 19, 2016

SSC Members Present:

Parents:

Lea Baecheler-Brabo, *BIHS*
Shelly Ball, *BIHS*
Elena Condes, *CAS*
Kolondra Harvey, *AMPS*
Rani Marx, *AC*

Students:

Nava Bearson, *BIHS*
Zaeriyon Griffin, *AMPS*
Petra Silvey-Karvounis, *AC*

Staff:

Sam Pasarow, *Principal*
Samantha Borg, *Languages*
Jennifer Campbell, *AC*
Claudia Gonzalez, *AMPS*
Phil Halpern, *CAS/Video Art*

Visitors:

Dave Stephens, *CERA*

SSC Members Absent:

Parents:

Marcus Jamal Fields, *BIHS*
Babalwa Kwanele, *AMPS*

Alessandra Cao, *BIHS*
Cleo Osheroff, *CAS*
Jannya Solwazi, *AMPS*

Matt Carton, *AC*
Carol Dorf, *BIHS Math*
Kimberley D'Adamo, *BIHS/VAPA*
Steve Saunders, *Classified*

Beginning Business Items:

1. Meeting called to order by co-chairs at 4:00 p.m.
2. A quorum was present.
3. Minutes from 3-15-16 were approved.
4. Agenda was approved.
5. Claudia Gonzalez volunteered as process observer

Public Comments

No comments

BSEP Update

Aaron Glimme, BSEP

The Berkeley Schools Excellence Project (BSEP) allocates approximately \$700k for projects in the schools. They had a five-hour meeting to examine proposals and score

them based on a detailed rubric that includes adherence to WASC goals and diversity measures. Final budget decisions will be made next week; members recommend and vote on the level of funding (full or partial) for each proposal. The budget must be balanced and the total ask is \$240k over budget. Once the budget is balanced, members can request increasing funding to a program by taking money from another program; a vote to overturn the previous decision requires a 2/3 vote. In May, the SSC will review the final budget. Mr. Glimme will present a summary of each proposal, the amount requested and funded, and an explanation of how decisions were made. The SSC will vote and the proposal goes to the P&O Committee and then the School Board for approval.

SSC vote is basically up or down, although SSC can recommend changes. If SSC votes against the proposal, it would go back to BSEP. If SSC recommends changes, Mr. Pasarow would present the BSEP proposal and the SSC proposal to the School Board. Mr. Glimme will get clarify as to whether an SSC member should abstain from voting if they are involved in a proposal.

Discussion:

- Would be useful to establish a protocol to ensure equitable presentation of proposals, e.g. a 5-minute presentation with no back and forth discussion.
- Public comment is important so that different voices can be heard and there should be a way for those to comment who cannot attend the meeting. BSEP takes written comments.
- Need additional SSC meetings
- Develop process for public comments or chairs determine process
- Allow time to review proposals
- Have someone walk through BSEP, SPSA and safety plan with SSC
- Have one or two people study safety plan outside meeting
- Hire Margot to walk people through plan

SPSA Jigsaw of the SPSA

Sam Pasarow, Principal

The SPSA outlines the same five goals as WASC and has been adjusted to match what BHS is trying to do; it presents data to measure progress toward goals, and sets strategies as to how to achieve outcomes. The role of the SSC is to recommend changes, approve the SPSA, and follow up next year to monitor progress on the goals. An important question is if the SPSA is measuring the right things and matches what the school is trying to accomplish.

Co-Chairs divided members into small groups, with each group reviewing one of the goals and making written comments and suggestions on the document.

Safety Plan

Darius McDonald, Dean of Students, described the Safety Plan, which is 96 pages, and shared Appendix A, which includes five goals specific to BHS.

Discussion

- Add a verb to Goal 1: “Increase Armed Intruder Preparedness” or “Provide Armed Intruder Preparedness protocols once a year.”
- Goal 2: use categories to measure immanence and develop standardized response at each level
- For Goal 2 develop timelines for response based on tiering system
- For Goal 2 include all threats, not just hate crimes

ACTION ITEMS

- Include Safety Plan on future agenda
- Develop protocols for BSEP
- Additional meeting scheduled for Monday, May 2 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m

Process Observer

Claudia Gonzalez

Liked that there was opportunity to review and give feedback. Student co-chairs did a great job facilitating the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sandy Spiker