

Minutes of November 4, 2013

Meeting of the BHS Berkeley Schools Excellence Project Committee

Attendance:

Committee Members		
Name	Community	Attended
		[y/p/n]
Héctor Cárdenas (C)	Parent	y
Nia Hampton	Student	y
Joseph Battles	Student	y
Austin Lloyd	Student	y
Sara Cerami	Student	y
John Levine	Parent	y
Aaron Glimme	Teacher	Y
Pasquale Scuderi	Principal	Y
Rhonda Jefferson	Staff	Y
Catherine Lazio	Parent	y
Matt Albinson	Staff	Y
Deebie Symmes	Parent	Y
Michael Peltz	Parent	N
Antoinette Stein	Parent	N

Public and Guests	
Name	Community
Natasha Beery	BSEP Office Director
Larry Gordon	

a = alternate y = attended in person p = attended by phone n= did not attend

Call to order time:

4:30 pm

Beginning Business Items

Establish Quorum: Quorum was established

Approval of Minutes: No minutes from last meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Unanimously approved agenda.

The group went over the working agreements for the meeting

General Business Items:

Natasha Beery is the director and is visiting.

NB - Will be sending us Site Committee Handbooks and a powerpoint with information on elections.

Note from Hector: Elections for BSEP are not run by BSEP, they are run by the school itself.

There will be more top down decisions being made this year. Local Control Funding, Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan. There will be a list of things that will be affected by this soon. The State may be giving regulations in January and a template in March. In the meantime, they will be giving an emergency template.

LeConte will have a public meeting on Dec 3rd at 7 pm to discuss further. Javetta Cleveland and Neil Smith will be in attendance. Parents will need to give input and then a draft will be written and then approved by parent advisory committee.

HC - TBA in January - joint orientation on all school site committees.

PS - BSEP is locally generated so it may not be impacted by monies given by the LCFF. Natasha Beery, Valerie Tay, and Liz Karem are the core of BSEP at the district office and oversee all of the BSEP funds and make sure that they are allocated in an appropriate way. Good minutes can help to show that items were discussed and things can be adjusted and approved without having another meeting about it. It is a lot of paperwork.

Staff members elected: Aaron Glimme, Matt Albinson, Rhonda Jefferson and Sarah Cline.

Parents Elected: Catherine Lazio, John Levin, Michael Peltz, Orlando Williams, Deebie Symes Antoinette Stein and Hector Cardenas

Students elected: Austin, Joseph Battles, Nia Hampton, Sara Cerami and Maya Smith were all students elected.

Items on the agenda

Chair Report:

Asked NB to come back next meeting to talk to the committee about the measure regarding interpretation and reach. Presented the main goals of the BSEP Site Committee, the central task is to allocate 750k to 780k to projects reflecting school priorities. The committee evaluates the previous year's projects. Two committee members per project will evaluate together, using the evaluation framework developed by the committee. The committee also uses a rubric norm how projects are evaluated. The committee also sometimes forms subcommittees to look into things that they are interested in.

HC presented the items action items for the meeting including electing 4 reps and 2 alternates to the Planning and Oversight (P and O) Committee. Also name 2 reps to the SSC.

John Levin is talking about two levels of BSEP one is district level and the second is school specific.

Larry Gordon has been on the P and O Committee for 10 years now. He has been on the budget advisor committee.

John Levin is interested, has been on for 2 years. Since his daughters were at King. First year he listened and was absorbing. He has learned so much into this year. Is interested in being a very active participant this year. He is an active parent and has a new perspective because he is teaching HS. In a district that has nothing like BSEP. He would like to see how it is different.

Katherine Lazio has been on the BSEP committee for about 10 years. Interested in different needs of elementary to HS. Interested in preserving the rep of the measure in the coming years. BSEP is 20 to 30 percent of the whole school's budget.

Student- Joe, wants to know what this committee is like and how much time it takes to be dedicated to it.

NB - In meetings you will hear presentations from Javetta and Neil regarding funding and educational direction. Music, Visual, Perf arts, Library, books, program supports.... learns what BSEP funds and get a voice in how the money and budget is managed. Lets you know the the money is allocated properly and gives you input on what money should be sent on. John has the schedule for the P and O committee 2times a month. (Aaron Glimme just joined the meeting at 4:58).

Aaron Glimme is interested in being on the P and O committee. He was on BSEP for about 10 years, with the exception of the last two years. He as also been on the P and O committee. He is both a parent and a teacher and can give that insight and a unique perspective. Last year was the first year that a student was on the committee.

Hector Cardenas would like to encourage students to join. For each item on the agenda, identify the person who first spoke on the agenda item, and the main thrust of what they said.

Orlando Williams VP of the PTSA, wants to be active member. Is an alumni.

Election of Officers, Chair, Secretary, Vice-Chairs, Process Observer

Officers Candidates for:

Chair

Hector Cardenas (expressed desire to have a co-chair) PS Seconded - Unanimous - 1 abstention

Vice-Chair

Rhonda Jefferson (Co-Vice-Chair) - Unanimous

Michael Peltz (Co-Vice-Chair) - Unanimous

Secretary

Joseph Battles - Seconded by HC - Unanimously
Process Server

Sara Cerami - Seconded by Battles - Unanimous

Candidates from P and O Committee:

Aaron Glimme - 9
John Levine - 9
Catherine Lazio - 11
Larry Gordon - 9
Orlando Williams - 8
Austin Lloyd (student) - 7

All have sheets of paper and are writing down 4.

HC: Who will be our SSC Representative? Will brief BSEP on the previous SSC meeting and will give them information on anything that SSC is working on that may affect BSEP funds and projects, generally what was discussed. SSC has had some difficulty finding their place and purpose when they were approving a WASC plan. Most schools of our size operate solely on the WASC action plan. The SSC bylaws conflict with the WASC.

we should be discussing the elements and plans of WASC and SSC are. Hector wants to talk

PS: About a few things that are not directly with BSEP but does concern itself with the goals of the school 11/18 will have a revised plan with data updates.

HC: Wants clock adjusted to _____

Nia Hampton - seconded by HC - Unanimous

Sara Cerami - seconded by HC - Unanimous

Items not on the Agenda

Meeting times:

AG has a prior commitment on Mondays. **AG** would like to meet on opposite Tuesdays. Most other committees meet on every other Tuesday.

JL cannot do Tuesdays and prefers Monday.

PS has only one free Tuesday a month; the third Tuesday of the month or the first Monday of the month.

JB thinks that the third tuesday of the month may be too close to deadlines.

HC When we get close to deadlines, more meetings are scheduled.

HC says that usually around April or March they will get the budget from the district and will know.

NB does not know when ... a provisional budget may be out by beginning of April. There may be a couple of different budget scenarios given to BSEP. The budget will not go to the school board

until June.

First Mondays - 9 votes. Will stay as 4:30 to 6 PM. HC is checking for Holidays. Next meetings will be

Dec 2nd.

Jan 6th 2014

Feb 3rd 2014

March 3rd 2014

March 17

April 7th

May 5

Third Tuesdays

Establishing a subcommittee

HC – Evaluation framework was developed a few years ago, now after a few years of using it we have noticed some shortcomings. Wants two or three people to look into the evaluation framework and report back in December. Would also like the rubric to be adjusted and revised.

Third thing he would like is making sure our committee fully understands the WASC plan. People should read the whole WASC plan and come back to explain it to the rest of BSEP. Wants

JOHN LEVINE, ORLANDO WILLIAMS - interested

WASC Subcommittee

John motion, Aaron seconded

Orlando, Aaron, John, Austin are the subcommittee

Would like to invite Roose to meet

Evaluation Subcommittee:

Motion from Glimme, second by PS

Subcommittee to review evaluation framework.

Unanimous

Catherine and Hector and Joseph

Joe wants to know about if we are revamping the evaluation framework and the rubric.

HC says no, just the evaluation framework. The rubric we should look at after the WASC analysis is completed.

AG wants to change the application as well because we will be changing the criteria for choosing projects.

HC and AG want to have the applications done by December meeting so that they can start getting them out.

KL wants to keep a short list of the problems with the rubric.

HC will have an agenda item for the next meeting to tell us how the rubric was used in the past. NB, has given us the glimmer of possibility that our funding for programs will be changing. Wants to ask NB about how the funding will be changing this year. Regarding the CCC and PRC positions that may be taken up by that funding.

JL - wound up funding projects last year that felt the district should have been funding.

AG, still funding the intervention coordinator? Could we consider this for the LCSF? funding in the future.

RJ mentioned that some of the funding regarding positions at BHS, (Heidi Ramirez-Weber)

JB - was discussed last year, tabled, not approved and carried on to this year. PS - Parent Liaison is funded in an unstable manner so it makes it very vulnerable.

AG says there is a strong argument for the district covering costs for high risk student support freeing up BSEP funds.

AG expresses need to have point person for each sub committee

KL will be Evaluation point person

AG will be WASC point person

Subcommittees should be meeting from now until Dec. Final deadlines will be in January. Final decision information should be done by November 18th.

Meeting adjourned at:

5:55 PM

