

Berkeley High School Site Council (SSC)
Minutes
January 20, 2015
4:00-6:00 PM
Community Theater Lobby

SSC Committee Members Present:

Parents:

Rani Marx, *Parent of 10th grader, AC*
Marcus Jamal Fields, *Parent of 9th grader, BIHS*
Elena Condes, *Parent of 9th grader in CAS, Co-Chair*

Students:

Cleo Osheroff, *CAS*

Staff:

Dwayne Byndloss, *Counseling*
Russell Campisi, *BIHS, Co-Chair*
Beatriz Ferrer-Castro, *World Languages*
Kristin Glenchur, *Principal*
David Kirwin, *Classified, Facilities Manager*
Wyn Skeels, *AMPS*

Visitors:

Natasha Beery, *Director of BSEP and Community Relations*
Erica Siskind, *Parent of 11th grader, CAS*

SSC Committee Members Absent:

Parents:

Lady Dandie, *Parent of 12th grader, AHA*
Peace Esonwune, *Parent of 12th grader, BIHS*
Isaac Richard, *Alternate, Parent of 9th grader, AC*

Staff:

Carol Dorf, *BIHS Math*

Students:

Sophie Andrews, *Senior, AC*
Ally Cao, *Junior, BIHS*
Nava Bearson, *Junior, BIHS*
Kevin Flood-Bryzman, *Senior, CAS*

Minutes Submitted by Mary Jacobs, BHS Clerical Assistant

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Beginning Business Items:

1. Co-Chair, Elena Condes, called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM.
2. No quorum.
3. Explanation of procedures, protocol for meeting, and working agreements by Principal Glenchur (on agenda).
4. Cleo Osheroff was timekeeper and parliamentarian.

Public Comments: None

SSC Members' Comments:

1. Skeels cannot attend meetings regularly due to responsibilities in Learning Center from 3:30-6:00. He reported that, on average, 100 students attend the tutoring sessions daily.
2. Marx appreciated receiving the data she requested. She asked if the committee could invite Dr. Evans and a representative from Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT) to attend a meeting for additional input.
3. Kirwin wanted staff to consider another factor to Academic Support Index (ASI)- divorce.
4. Ferrer-Castro explained past absence and will continue commitment to SSC; supports idea to invite teacher union representation when appropriate.
5. Fields reported that his daughter feels prepared for the finals. He requested an update in Power School grading, especially when there have been long term substitute teachers.
6. Glenchur: is willing to have additional informal meetings for certain topics; suggests subcommittee meetings and then present to the whole group; wants SSC to be a viable committee.
7. Osheroff discussed concern about standardized finals instead of finals within a class and this change in testing could produce student apathy towards tests.
8. Condes had concerns about the rigor of classes and interest about Small Learning Communities' readiness for UC eligibility; AP placement, and level of work.
9. Byndloss was excited about our connection with Peralta Community Colleges and other pathways for students other than 4 year college route. He said there are 2 BCC classes that are being taught to BHS students for college credit on site. He also reported on the success of the Community College Fair in the CCC and the upcoming Historical Black College Fair at BHS on 1/23/15 and the Black College Expo in Oakland on 1/24/15.
10. Campisi added that he distributes biannual survey to his students which may turn into modifications for the class.

BSEP Report: By Principal Glenchur:

1. The BSEP application was approved and will be published soon for the application submission deadline of 3/2/15.
2. Grant evaluators were assigned.
3. BSEP committee requested more info re: LCAP since some BSEP applications were eventually funded by LCAP (e.g. Intervention Coordinator)
4. Reminder to join Town Hall Meeting to learn more about LCAP on 2/5/15 @ 7:00 PM @ Longfellow Middle School (Please note this date is correction from 1/6/15 minutes).

Principal's Report:

1. Kristin Glenchur reported that author, Isabel Allende, visited Spanish AP classes. The students read Allende's novels in advance of the visit and enjoyed meeting Ms. Allende.
2. WASC mid-term report is ready for publishing and review by the SSC Committee. Glenchur would like the SSC Committee to approve WASC with caveats/issues for next year during this second semester.

The WASC with caveats should be presented to the school board. The caveats with specific issues could become proposals for the board's consideration. Caveats could possibly be added to the school plan as the Cultural Competency training was added to the School Site Plan.

3. A-G courses for college prep/UC and CSU eligibility is added to caveat list. 41% of African American students from 2013 data were eligible for CSU's.

EIA:

1. The motion to allocate EIA carry-over funds was carried on 1/6/15 for .2 Algebra 1 teacher and tutorial services. Principal Glenchur added specific information about the tutoring: 1) Algebra 1 is part of a-g curriculum; b) students in AC, BIHS, Green, and some CAS and AHA students are enrolled in this Alg 1 class; c) the ASI for these students is on the average of 5.97 compared to students in Algebra with ASI 3.23 and students in Honors Geometry at avg of 1.77. Therefore, the EIA funds will be used by those students most in need of smaller class size and more 1:1 assistance from paid tutors. The priority is to 9th graders. Older students and Integrated Math Program 2 (IMP 2, comparable to Geometry) will be considered if tutors are available. Reminder that math classes will be changed next year with Core Curriculum- 9th graders take Math 1.

School Site Plan Review of Process:

1. The suggestions or concerns from the committee will be directed to the BHS administrative team.
2. Glenchur reviewed that WASC self-study is the school's "guiding focus" much like a "road map" which was used during the transition in leadership during Summer and Fall 2014.
3. Caveats or issues will be included in the plan. For example, curriculum (constructing meaning, rigor), communication (e.g Power School); and community (e.g. Cultural Competency was also part of 20/20 Vision).
4. The WASC Committee will visit BHS in March. They will give an informal report to the administrators. We can expect a written document in July. It is very common to have a 3 year (or mid-term) visit.
5. Glenchur will invite appropriate staff to meetings to discuss specific issues or proposals. For example, a highlighted area is to recruit teachers of color; therefore, Superintendent, Dr. Donald Evans, will be invited to a meeting. In addition, the question of Power School involves the BFT since the teachers are required to provide regular grading (not necessarily Powerschool). Consequently, the committee would like to hear more on the topic from BFT representation.
6. The specific format or recommendations were not developed at this meeting- no action without a quorum present. However, the committee members offered comments:
Osheroff: would like to work in a sub-committee and is personally interested in student evaluations of teachers.
Marx: would like to track students' progress in better or real time before students fail- suggests earlier and more productive feedback; had questions about Illuminate.
Ferrer-Castro; discussed the disparity in Powerschool usage and the # of assignments; reiterated request to hear from BFT on mandated grading by Powerschool.
Fields: asked about clout of WASC to use Powerschool; suggested regular feedback of grades; change plan where CST is listed.
Byndloss: requested more information on struggling students receiving "D" and "F"; Are they receiving services or resources? Is there equity after school? In technology? In computer labs? Is it realistic to expect all students to take AP classes? He would like more data and analysis on whether AP placement is working.
Condes: Question: re: Class Specifics of Powerschool- Can administrators look at class performance as part of teacher evaluation? (i.e. if most of class is struggling with low grades).

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Good of the Order:

1. Glenchur suggested that a general meeting occur once a month and to conduct the second meeting of the month for working subcommittees. For example, 2/3/15 would be general meeting and 2/17/15 could be for subcommittee meetings on various topics. Requested this change for Action Item at the next meeting, 2/3/15.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 PM.