

**Buchholz High School  
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes**

**December 5, 2023**

**Attendance:** K. Purvis, M. Pratto, J. Wilkinson, D. Wei, K. Marinoff, J. Smith, M. DiBernardo, W. Rosche, A. Packwood, A. Gandy, N. Graben, E. Thomas, M. Jones, J. Fisher, R. McNickle, A. Walker; Non-Voting SAC Observer: Mimi Fisher

- I. **Call to Order:** 3:31pm
- II. **Adoption of Today's Agenda:** W. Rosche motioned that we adopt the agenda. A. Walker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** J Fisher motioned that we approve minutes from the 9/5 SAC meeting without changes. W. Rosche seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business:**
  - A. Teacher of the year – Scott Allen
  - B. ESP of the year – Frances Creveling, food services manager
  - C. National Merit and AP Scholar awards – 34 students
  - D. Sports and theater season updates/awards; Band winter concert Thursday; Charity drives – Toys for Tots, food drive, and more to help those in need
  - E. SAC gave 10k total for Professional Learning Hours and BHS used 2k so far for trainings; IXL cost picked up by the district (\$8556)
  - F. Still waiting on allocation of money from district
- V. **Financial Report:** K. Marinoff reported financials
  - ADS funds are at \$57407.63
  - Lottery funds are at \$3603.71
  - School Recognition is \$29,923.28
  - Teacher Lead Funds are at \$4791.10
- VI. **New Business:**
  - A. Request for ADS Funds for Science Materials – \$3326.84 + shipping. Motion to accept by W. Rosche, seconded by D. Wei; Motion carried by unanimous vote.
  - B. Request of ADS Funds - Treetop Links
    - Outdoor Picnic Tables - four (4) @\$900/ea = \$3600 + shipping
    - Commercial Steel Trash Bins - three (3) @\$600ea = \$1200 + shipping
    - Buchholz Benches - two (2) @ \$1600/ea = \$3200 + shipping

- D. Wei made motion to amend request to \$1800 for Trash Bins and accept Tables and Benches costs as quoted. Seconded by A. Walker. Motion carries by unanimous vote.
- C. Request for ADS Funds for additional student chairs- We need thirty (30) additional student chairs not to exceed \$2600 + shipping. Motion to approve by A. Walker, seconded by D. Wei; motion carried by unanimous vote.
- D. SAC serving as Library Advisory Council – BHS Media Center Book Purchase with state funds for 2023. Mr. Purvis and Ms. Scott (Media Center) presented list of 547 requested books to the SAC. Henceforth, SAC will serve as library advisory council and will preview and approve (or not) books the library requests to buy. Ms. Scott presented the request and reviewed the process through which she developed the list of requested books, following the state law as outlined. J. Fisher motion to approve requested book purchase in full, A. Gandy seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

## **VII. Reports – Administration**

- A. ACPS data reports – Mr. Purvis
  - a. Zoning updates – process paused until Jan and we will see what they conclude at that time. Area behind Oaks Mall going to GHS under new proposal. As soon as Mr. Purvis gets more info, he will let us know. Zoning goal is to get BHS down to 2k which is a loss of 450 kids and would result in a loss of teaching units
  - b. Magnet updates – students will be chosen through 50/50 lottery/academy director – in response, magnets will increase recruitment at schools zoned to BHS
  - c. Discipline events by race – 291 AA w discipline events vs. 112 W; skipping and tardies are the major discipline events
  - d. Average daily attendance – 93.81% - we have the highest attendance rate in secondary schools and we have the most kids.
- B. Facilities, Safety, and Security – Mr. Jones –
  - a. School-front construction converting classroom into office and SRO/attendance will be there. Buzz-in will be used for entry. Should be complete by the end of Christmas break.
  - b. Gates – one by gym working. The gate by buses will come down. Placing gate in the back of the school with more fencing to help close back of the school.
  - c. Adding 23 new cameras to survey campus.
- C. Student Services – Ms. Smith –
  - a. School improvement plan looking at students with disabilities – 245 students with IEP (10 newly enrolled in last month). Current performance at 70% (up from 41%!); BHS continuing to work to raise proficiency to state goal of around 90%.

- b. Mental health - doing once a month district-approved training called Happtitudes. We have to hit certain standards so will add sections on suicide prevention, human trafficking, and substance abuse.
  - c. Brand new computer carts (20) w/ 36 laptops on each cart in tested areas and using them for IXL, etc. Testing season will be easier because of these carts/computers.
- D. Curriculum - Dr. Pratto –**
- a. Slowly making BHS1:1 student:computer. They will slowly get more carts so that there is one cart/classroom.
  - b. IXL started; next step implementing Algebra Nation.
  - c. 29/560 seniors that need to pass assessment in order to graduate. Trying 1:1 intervention, calling parents to get kids into the class. State implementing a new test called Classic Learning Test (CLT) only for juniors and seniors; 2/15 administration and is a brand new test and passing score is low. This is an additional test that can be given and help kids meet test criterion.
  - d. Accreditation due for BHS – in October, a team from BHS attended a conference in Tampa about the accreditation process. BHS has lots of data to collect to get accreditation; the process is difficult so team was formed early to get started.
  - e. Cambridge – we got the opportunity to become a Cambridge school. Adding Cambridge classes that don't compete with AP (Marine Science, Travel and Tourism). Want to expand these classes to nontraditional students.

**VIII. Open Agenda: Public Input**

1. D. Wei inquired about rezoning. K Purvis confirmed that at this time, zoning will not move magnet programs out of BHS.
2. There could be school recognition funds forthcoming; if so, we will hold a virtual meeting quickly to make recommendations on fund usage.

**IX. Next Meeting:** Tuesdays at 3:30 - March 5, 2024; May 7, 2024

**X. Adjourn Meeting: Motion to adjourn by Walker; Second by Packwood.** Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:34pm.

Submitted by:

Dr. Jennifer Fisher

Secretary

Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_