

**Brentsville District High School
School Advisory Council (SAC)
Agenda
Tuesday, December 17, 2024 via Zoom**

Call to Order: Ms. Poole called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Sonya Jacobs, Amy Poole, Jan Smith, Norma Fernandez, Benett Shaffer, Cheryl Miehl, Holly Tousha, Jennifer Pereira, Terri Snoots, and Audry Jacob.

Review/Approve Minutes:

Meeting minutes for November 19, 2024, will be reviewed at January 21, 2025 meeting.

Open Chair/Community Time:

No one signed up to share. Dr. Meints - Ms. Fernandez, Parent Liaison contacted Dr. Meints about a parent interested in joining SAC, Leydi Lopez. Dr. Meints shared with Ms. Poole, who was supportive of Dr. Meints recommending Ms. Lopez to the council. Holly Tousha made a motion for Ms. Lopez to become a SAC member. Jan Smith seconded motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Lopez shared she has a 9th grader, Jaden Vasquez, and they are happy to be here. He transferred to BDHS, and they are very happy he was able to be here. She expressed her desire to be involved, and she is very interested and wants to know more.

Dr. Meints introduced all SAC Members present to Ms. Lopez.

Old Business:

- CIP Update

New Business:

- Budget – No update
- SACI Time - Jennifer Pereira noted there is no SACI update since the last meeting. Following the November meeting, she sent out the minutes from the previous meeting. Due to last-minute circumstances, Ms. Pereira was unable to attend the recent SACI meeting. She requested meeting notes and will share them when they are available.
- Dr. Meints – staff were asked to participate in an Upbeat survey to address retention and attrition. Results were shared with her by an Upbeat representative via a Zoom screen last Thursday, and she received access to the report over the weekend. Tasked with looking for room for improvement. Given this, Dr. Meints noted she can breakdown the information, by department for example, but there are questions about accuracy. For example, the number of people reported as responding from a department doesn't match the number in that department.
Terri Snoots commented that she knows she would answer differently if the questions were about the school, the division, etc. Dr. Meints noted references were clear, for example many started with the principal or the admin at my school...
Dr. Meints will put the information. Initial highlights are efforts need to be made toward staff appreciation, staff plan to stay at BDHS, and staff would recommend working at BDHS to peers/colleagues.

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- BDHS and OCR agreement: PWCS had to update systems in place and then develop training programs for staff and students. We anticipate these programs will be approved soon and then there is a timeline for us to facilitate the training with staff and students.
- Informational
 - a. Advisory will be the last period of the day tomorrow. There is a wrestling tournament tomorrow during advisory, and students may attend.
Winter Break – building closed beginning December 23 and will reopen on January 6.
 - b. Specialty Program Night on January 15 is the last specialty program night. Related to this, we have had questions from URHS students about taking the EMT course next year. We (school and division) have said no. We explained that PWC Fire and Rescue, state health education officials and central office staff worked with us to ensure a strong foundation for the EMT course given the EMT exam is quite difficult. We emphasized to the students this has been a three-year process and the sequence we established is purposefully scaffolded, so students have the best chance at success. Building on this success we hope to offer it as a program and open it up to students across the division.
Holly Tousha asked about the deadline for specialty programs; Dr. Meints and Ms. Miehl confirmed it is February 1. Ms. Tousha asked if there are any schools that are closed to transfers. Dr. Meints noted there is a lottery at a couple of schools, but she does not have confirmation on any being closed.
 - c. Cell phones: Dr. Meints shared she was asked to remain on a cell phone focus group. The governor's guidance for 25 – 26 is no phones from start of the day to the end of the day. Ms. Jacobs asked if the school is having problems now. Dr. Meints indicated there were no problems with students at this time. They put them away when asked. Dr. Meints noted the problem is inconsistency in implementation/expectations from staff. The conversation continued with questions about how this would work, required efforts/policing by teachers and admin, instructional processes for which phones are an asset (reiterated the state guidance says no phones), supervision at lunch, use of lockers, etc. Dr. Meints added the groups is also considering related discipline. She noted staff modeling is critical, and this will be a different mindset. Members gave examples regarding their work and phones not being allowed. Dr. Meints noted the focus group is asking questions and brainstorming, so the council is encouraged to share ideas/questions with her to take to the group.

Meeting Reminders:

January 21, 2025	April 22, 2025
February 18, 2025	May 20, 2025
March 18, 2025	

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Adjournment:

Ms. Jacobs made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Tousha seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.