

**Brentsville District High School
School Advisory Council (SAC)
Agenda
Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Katherine Meints, Holly Tousha, Jan Smith, Melissa Layton, Cheryl Miehl, Sonya Jacob, Amy Poole, Terri Snoots, Sarah Chiramel, and Natalie Poole.

Review/Approve Minutes:

Meeting minutes for January 21, 2025, were unanimously approved with change to New Business: Specialty Program.

Open Chair/Community Time:

No one signed up for open chair/community time.

Old Business:

- CIP Update – 14.8% chronic absenteeism rate (down 2.6% from this time last year). Large discrepancy for our Spanish-speaking non-EL students. This is consistent with 2024 end-of-year data, so we are looking closely at this/these students. Related news includes that 117 students had no absences or tardies during MP 2. We drew names of these 117, and they were able to get prizes. 319 made either principal's or A/B Honor Roll. CIP update – Eng/math. Observations and planning provide evidence of progress towards our goals. Everyone is nervous about standards. The BDHS SAC is set to be a high-functioning school advisory council, and as of this meeting, we should be meeting 100% of the goals based on the 6-meeting requirement.

New Business:

- Budget 2025-26 – all HS are budgeted for a dean of students. They are listed with Admin Intern/Dean of Students, and we are budgeted for 2 (already have admin intern). Dr. Meints has not seen the job description, but believes it is designed to have a staff member who will address discipline, leaving APs/AIs to focus on instruction. The amount of time admin deals with discipline can take up a lot of our day. Ms. Snoots – HS used to be structured so each AP had an AI, who primarily did discipline. Some discrepancies in EL and SPED from how budget was done before. Our initial plan for the budget must be in by Wednesday. Dr. Meints is meeting with each dept regarding what they need in their department. She is also reminding them if someone has a certification in another area, we may need to take advantage of this. We want to avoid .2 additional FTEs. Enrollment part of budget will depend on transfers being identified. Ms. Miehl – we have a list of students who have applied to the BDHS specialty program. Some applied to BDHS for a program that we do not offer, and they were rejected. Ms. Snoots believes there was a lot of confusion over the specialty program application process. There was discussion regarding the specialty program application process; there seems to be a systemic problem. Students were allowed to apply to any school all over the county, which had not previously been an option.

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- Culture and Climate Presentation – Senior and most of the junior presentations are done. Two junior advisory classes remain and still need to facilitate freshmen and sophomore presentations. The required script is basically reading the slides. On the first day, those students who did not make their advisory presentation were held and the presentation made immediately following advisory.
- Other news: There is a required credit for econ/finance, and some seniors waited until their senior year to take the required course. Dr. Meints shared about an 18-year-old who recently passed all his SOLs and walked out of BDHS with his diploma. He did 4 years of high school requirements in just over 2 years. He had a lot of people in his corner.
- Informational/Updates
 - a. February is busy with spirit weeks and celebrations. This week is Black History Spirit Week. Next week is FFA week and the last week of the month is the winter/spring spirit week with a pep rally that Friday.
 - b. Admin has shared that some of the students are acting out a bit more recently.
 - c. There was a question as to whether a reading program would be implemented in HS next year given the programs in ES and MS.
- SACI – No SACI update.

Meeting Reminders:

March 18, 2025, via Zoom May 20, 2025
April 22, 2025

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Adjournment: Holly Tousha motioned to adjourn; Miehl seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.