

**Brentsville District High School  
School Advisory Council (SAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Dr. Meints, Alexa Pugnetti, Cheryl Miehl, Norma Fernandez, Amy Poole, Terri Snoots, Alivia Compton, Sarah Chiramel, and Benett Shaffer

**Approval of Minutes:** N/A

**Open Chair/Community Time:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Welcome** – Dr. Meints welcomed everyone and thanked them for being SAC members.

**Proposal and Approval of New Members** – Recommendations from Dr. Meints: Freshmen Rep Jackson Schlatter and Senior Rep Alivia Compton; SAC members unanimously approved.

**Opening Debrief** - Dr. Meints asked for feedback on the opening of the school year and Back to School Night. BTSN was a valuable and positive experience, especially with the teacher’s expectations. There were approximately 200 attendees. According to Ms. Miehl, from the teacher’s perspective, they liked it being on a Thursday night. According to Miss Shaffer and Miss Compton, from the students’ perspective the opening of the school year felt normal and got everyone back into the routine.

**Enrollment/budget (summer purchases)** - Student enrollment at Back to School Night was 849 and as of September 9<sup>th</sup> enrollment was 862. Dr. Meints believes the budget should be good, with a 93% estimate of the budget allocated for staffing come November (the goal is for staffing to be 89 –92%, but she feels confident the budget will be okay). Regarding summer purchases, Dr. Meints was able to purchase teacher and department chair requests. Purchases included 2 rounds of student desks to finish transitioning out the old blue combo units, write-on tables for a math classroom, teacher desks and chairs, and music equipment. When speaking about the 25-26SY budget, Dr. Meints announced her plans to retire at the end of this school year and her hopes to have roll-over money for the new principal coming in.

**Confirm SACI representative and alternate** - Mrs. Pereira’s student graduated so she will no longer be the SACI representative for BDHS. Dr. Meints asked for a representative or if members knew of a parent willing to join the BDHS SAC and represent BDHS this year. She

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also noted that an alternate SACI rep is needed. The representative name needs to be submitted by September 19<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Meints will seek volunteers via contacts and a community email.

**Facility updates including capital improvement plan**

- Turf Soil Research Center project has begun
- Chiller replacement will start in 2026. The first step is the installation of a new shed and a demo of the current shed by the division. The Prebid reno meeting occurred during the first week of September and contractors have asked to start the renovation prior to school letting out for the summer. BDHS admin will work with the contractor who receives the Notice to Proceed, but there are lots of organizational puzzle pieces that need to fit together to do so.
- The overall school renovation is slated to start late 2026. This means the Nokesville School and Brentsville could both be going through renovations at the same time. BDHS renovation is slated to be completed by the fall of 2029, right before BDHS' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Meeting dates: October and Diwali** - October 21<sup>st</sup> falls on Diwali, a PWCS observed holiday. The SAC members agreed to move this meeting to October 14<sup>th</sup> via zoom.

**Continuous Improvement Plan**

- Commitment 1: Learning and Achievement for all: increasing pass rates and closing achievement gaps
  - Math with a focus on Algebra 1
  - Biology - Two new Bio teachers this year
  - English 11
- Commitment 2: Positive climate and culture: belonging
  - Focus on specific students earlier in the year based on class performance, attendance, tardies, etc.
- Commitment 3: Family and Community Engagement
  - Dr. Meints sent a survey at the end of the 24-25SY asking families how they prefer to be engaged. Submissions did not provide much advice, leaving this goal still unknown.
  - Parent Liaison Mrs. Fernandez is working on continued outreach with our Spanish speaking families specifically

**By-laws review** - Reviews are required yearly. Dr. Meints will send the By-laws out soon for the SAC members to review and offer feedback/approval at the October meeting.

**Open Roundtable**

- Graduation – Ms. Poole asked if holding graduation at BDHS was still an option. Dr. Meints confirmed that it is not an option moving forward. Dr. Meints sent out a survey to seniors and their parents requesting their preference on location for graduation and the survey results were 50/50, BDHS/EagleBank Arena

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- Estimated costs to host graduation
  - BDHS - \$18k
  - EagleBank Arena - \$21.5K
  - Jiffy Lube Live – \$36K
- BDHS welcomed our new Dean of Students, Mr. Blackman. This new addition allowed us to update discipline alpha ranges for all administrators.

**Meeting Reminders:**

October 14, 2025 (Virt.)  
November 18, 2025  
December 16, 2025  
January 20, 2026

February 17, 2026  
March 17, 2026  
April 21, 2026  
May 19, 2026

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

- Edit and finalize new bylaws

**Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**