

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
SITE-BASED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 15, 2015

In attendance: Katie Erikson, Joanne Meins, Brian Messing, Deana Lyon, Barbara Shane, Derrick Lovelace, Duane Fish, Sarah Lucioni, Aidan Meidell, Mark Emerson, Michele Blackford, Ashley Crandell

Brian Messing opened the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark asked Principal Fish to clarify the comments he made at the assembly: BHS has a lot to be proud of, but where are we in terms of how we treat one another? Principal Fish observed behavior at the first assembly, primarily directed at freshmen, that does not mesh with his vision of BHS as a pro-kindness school. His comments were not directed at any one class but rather meant for the entire school to consider their actions toward others.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Homework: Recommendations have been sent to staff regarding homework for winter break – limit homework to the amount that would be assigned for a typical weekend.

Facilities Update: Principal Fish encouraged the SBC to make recommendations to the District whenever the group feels strongly that an issue needs to be addressed. He encouraged the Council to consider the weight our recommendations have with the District. As an example, Principal Fish mentioned to the District that he planned to bring a facilities update, specifically related to recycling containers, garbage lids, weather floor mats for gym / 300 building, to the SBC for a recommendation.

Positive School Culture Update:

Liz Fawley, BHS senior, made a presentation to the BYS staff and provided feedback on the students' perceptions of several initiatives and activities.

BHS Newsletter:

Principal Fish would like the newsletter to reach a wider audience and a broad section of the community. For example the senior class has posted it to its Facebook page.

Enrollment Update:

1263 (includes individuals who spend at least one class period a day at BHS)

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Approved by the District. Principal Fish received several positive comments regarding the evolution of the SIP and the final product.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY AT BHS**

BHS campus is unique in that it consists of five buildings surrounded by open space. The campus is harder to lock down but would be easier to contain an incident within one building.

The District is implementing a Raptor system, currently in use at the front office. Vetted (backgrounded) volunteers are issued a white I.D. badge with their photo. Other visitors are issued a yellow hand-

written badge. These visitors have not been vetted. Staff are encouraged to wear their name tags during school hours.

Current policy regarding community use of outdoor facilities is that they are closed to the public during school hours. SBC discussed the feasibility of allowing vetted community members access to facilities (for example the track) during school hours, and general consensus was that such a system would be unworkable.

Our message is that we want to better align ourselves with the District policy of keeping a closed campus during school hours. Our goal is to strike a balance between keeping students and staff safe, while also making BHS available as a community resource. Community members are always welcome at BHS; we ask that they come to the office to be identified. Motion to make this recommendation to the District was approved by a vote of 12-0.

Weather mats in the 300 building are dangerously slippery and a para-educator recently slipped and fell. Cost to replace them is \$3,000; mats with Spartan logo is \$4,000. Possible to swap them with newer mats in the gym. Motion to make a recommendation to purchase new mats and then appeal to the Boosters and the District for reimbursement. Motion was approved by a vote of 12-0.

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

BISD will choose a Blakeley / 100 Building replacement at its October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, then meet approximately two weeks later to decide whether to send its recommendation to voters in February 2016.

Barbara has received feedback from parents about homework over Winter Break. These parents would like Principal Fish to reinstate the policy of no homework over Winter Break. Teachers are discussing this practice and the amount of homework in general. SBC was in general agreement that, at most, the amount of homework typically assigned for a weekend would be an appropriate amount of homework for Winter Break.

Brian adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Next meeting is January 26. Deana is on snack duty.

#### 2015-2016 SBC Snack Schedule

January: Deana Lyons

February: Michele Blackford

March: Joanne Meins

April: Barbara Shane

May: Derrick Lovelace