

Bainbridge High School
Site Based Council Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2016

In attendance: Students Brian Messing, Sarah Lucioni, and Aidan Meidell. Parents Mark Emerson, Barbara Shane, Joanne Meins, and Michele Blackford. Staff Duane Fish, Ashley Crandell, Katie Erickson, Derrick Lovelace, Deana Lyon, and Tina Lemmon

Brian Messing called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m.

Public Comment

None.

Principal's Report

Healthy Youth Summit: About 100 people in attendance. The Association of Washington Student Leaders did a good job facilitating the meeting, as the #BeKindBHS program continues to develop. The students are meeting again on May 2 at BYS to draft guiding principles for the program.

Current Attendance: 1250.

Student Debate Fundraiser: The debate drew an audience of over 400, and raised \$940. Video of the debate can be found on YouTube. Those who viewed the debate stated they were very impressed with how the debaters conducted themselves, and demonstrated the ability to disagree respectfully and clearly articulate their points of view.

Closed Campus Discussion

Currently campus is closed at lunch for 9th and 10th graders. Many students disobey the policy, and it is not enforced. SBC had a lively discussion of the pros and cons of opening the campus to all grades. Topics of discussion included:

- BHS does not have adequate staffing to enforce the policy.
- The open nature of the BHS campus (several buildings vs. one large compound) provides many points of exit for students.
- Current practice of having a written policy that is not enforced raises safety and liability concerns if a student who is disobeying the policy is injured while off campus.
- When students are spotted off-campus, it is often difficult to tell what grade level they are.
- Leaving campus at lunch often results in more tardies.
- Teachers are not consistent in applying the tardy policy.
- Why have a policy on the books if it is not enforced?
- The policy could be revised to be limited to 10th graders only.
- If policy is revised, BHS should consider obtaining parental permission.

- If policy is revised, 9th and 10th graders who do not feel ready to leave campus at lunch could be subject to peer pressure from friends who do want to leave.
- Many students consider the ability to leave campus a “rite of passage.”
- Allowing upper grades to leave campus at lunch promotes the idea of gradually giving students more privileges and responsibilities as they mature.

After lengthy discussion, the SBC decided to table the discussion and continue the current policy unchanged. General consensus is that the tardy policy needs to be enforced before a decision to change the current closed campus policy can be made.

New Parking Configuration for 2016-2017

Tina Lemmon outlined the previous attempts to control / assign parking on campus. She asked the SBC to divide into two teams and come up with recommendations about 1) how to assign spots, and 2) how to separate staff and student parking.

Team A recommendations: Parking should be lot specific and not space specific; seniors should be given preference; staff should have assigned spots; student lots and passes should be color-coded; sell a small number of overflow passes; and set aside 9 spaces for substitutes.

Team B recommendations: Parking should be lot specific and not space specific; student lots and passes should be color-coded; staff should have assigned spots separate from student parking.

For the Good of the Order

No additional comments from members.

Brian Messing adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Snack Duty for next meeting: Derrick Lovelace