

Bennion Jr. High School Community Council
September 28, 2022 3:15 p.m.

1. Welcome

Attendance: Jake Brown, Whitney Afoa, Elisa Jennings, Michelle Belmore, Angela Wayman, Stephanie Harding, Ryan Davidson, Rachel Kimball, Lindsey Cottrell, Jennifer Cowley, Cassandra Fry

Excused

Visitors: John Workman, Nicole McDermott, Audron Damron

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting (Emailed last meeting minutes prior)

Motion to approve: Seconded: All in favor:

We had a guest come and talk about STEM school. Nothing in minutes needed approved.

3. Counseling Center Update: Michelle Eberly

- SEL Program – Monthly: There will be monthly activities that will focus on Social Emotional Learning. There will be two during lunch and a contest each month.

- College and Career Week Oct 31 thru Nov 4th: Students have been sent a link to sign up for a meeting with their counselor regarding college and career options. More emphasis is being place on career rather than on college.

- Career Café – Nov 18th & Sem II TBD: There will be an armed forces representative come to BJH to discuss the job options, etc that are available as being a member of the armed services. This will be held during lunches so students are not removed from classes. This will be a sign up sheet activity. If there are more signups than space it will be done on a lottery basis.

- Clubs and activities: Our clubs and activities have been going extremely well. There is a large number of participants in various after school clubs. The expectation is that as students request additional clubs the administration will do their best to accommodate them whenever possible.

-The trophy case has been rebranded and will update every 4-6 weeks. This will focus on more career options that the students have expressed interest in and will align with the Career Café seminars.

-October 3rd – 7th will be the Hope Squad Suicide prevention week. Students will be encouraged to participate by wearing assigned colors daily and engaging with activities during lunches.

4. Principal Report/School Update/Trust Land Goals and data: Principal Brown

- The full-time social worker we currently have has given her 30 days notice to leave BJH. We are currently on the search for a new FT social worker, however due to budgets regarding staffing we may not be able to get a FT social worker. Principal Brown is working closely with the District to get this position filled as soon as possible.
- We completed the Panorama Survey and we are expecting the results/data by October 7th. This survey was taken by 98% of the students and was meant to measure the Mental health and School Climate within the school and the data will attach to the student so that Administration/Counselor can better address any issues early before they become more problematic.
- BJH is currently looking to staff two (2) Special Education paraeducators, one (1) BSA and one (1) part time Attendance staff.
- The Dress code is being revised and will be presented to the SCC in the coming month. This will also be presented to Student Leadership to get student feedback.

- The Administration has a goal to host more Community Engagement events this year. There are three events already planned with more to come. Parents will be notified as these events get closer. We are looking forward to student holiday performances, A literacy night, SEL Night and a Taste of Bennion event.
- We have made a commitment to Taylorsville High School to work with them to sponsor an event to fight drug abuse, online safety and pornography.

5. New Business:

- New members were welcomed to the Community Council: Teacher -Elisa Jennings and parents: Cassandra Fry, Lindsay Cottrell and Jennifer Cowley
- Elections for a Lead chair, Co-Chair and Secretary were held:
 - o Angela Waymen (Lead Chair)
 - o Cassandra Fry (Co-Chair)
 - o Jennifer Cowley (Secretary)
- District Community Council
 - o Tuesday, September 27, 2022 – Cottonwood High (we were not informed of this meeting in time to send a representative)
 - o Tuesday, November 29, 2022 – Hunter High (Jennifer Cowley will attend)
 - o Tuesday, January 31, 2023 – Taylorsville High
 - o Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – Kearns High
- Nicole McDermott from the School Board said that there are boundary studies being conducted on the east side of the district. This will not impact BJH at this time.

6. Follow up items from prior meeting:

- STEM school: After much research and discussion it was determined that moving BJH to the STEM school profile was not a good fit for BJH at this time.

7. Follow up items for next meeting:

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Motion to adjourn: Whitney Afoa Seconded: Jake Brown All in favor: All

Next meeting: **Wednesday, October 26th @ 3:15**