

Bennion Junior High Community Council Agenda

DATE, Nov 30 @ 3:15 p.m.

1. Welcome:

Attendance: Jake Brown, Angela Wayman, Ryan Davidson, Rachel Kimball, Brandy Hamstra

Visitors: Nicole McDermott

Not in attendance: Elisa Jennings, Whitney Afoa, Stephanie Harding, Lindsey Cottrell, Cassandra Fry

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

Motion to approve: Ryan Davidson **Seconded:** Jennifer Cowley **All in favor:** All

3. Counselor update: College and Career Week

- Participation far exceeded last year's participants and we look forward to increasing participation yearly and setting up college tables in the future.
- 65% of faculty participated in the staff activity.
- Had a 67% increase in student-body participation over last year in the contests and trivia questions we held.
- Because we have so many "special activity weeks" back-to-back Sept-Nov, Counselors are contemplating moving this week to March/April next year as historically, there has been a dearth of schoolwide activities in the spring, and many in the fall.
- **Career Café**, while not without issues (main presenter did not show), was successful overall and a good start
 - BJH students were engaged, respectful, asked thoughtful questions, listened to the answers and were highly representative of our demographics.
 - We learned a lot and will use those lessons to improve this practice
 - 2 dates this year and will work up to six sessions per year within three years, which will increase school engagement opportunities, community outreach and career activities
 - We had 32 kids sign up without any advertising which is a good turn out since 25-30 is our max for the library.
 - We are very much looking forward to our next speakers. Could we provide a "special lunch" for kids who attend? It was a bit difficult logistically to get lunches, would having Chik-Fil-A or a treat (for example) make it more special for the kids? Funding?
- **Course Selection**
 - Current 6/7th Graders will be Jan 9-10-11, through Science classes
 - Core teachers will make recommendations based on data, it will once again be on the Take Home Seets for parents/guardians to utilize
 - Middle of the Year (MOY) Reading Scaled Range will be supplied as a data point to aid in making informed decisions re: honors v core
 - Presentations will be posted on: Science Teachers and Counselors' Canvas, BJH Website
 - Save the date will be posted on the above and Facebook
 - Tele-parent by Jake will go out as a reminder Course Selection is happening the first week of January

- Students will NOT be putting course codes into a google form, allowing parents to discuss student-choices and change class selections before course codes are inputted, google form was:
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 - Rife with errors
 - Too time consuming for kids to put in
 - Not well-received by parents and guardians
 - Did not take into account and support classes, ELL, Sped, GT
 - Much easier to have counselors get all data correct before inputting numbers
- Audition/Application/Election classes are moving up due dates to coincide with GSD pushing up due dates ie: Dance Co, SBO, Senate, News Crew, Stage Crew, PLT
 - Collectively, they will pull kids out of 180+ elective periods
 - Would vastly skew our elective data/FTE needs if not taken into account before the Master Schedule is created
 - Advisors have been asked to create videos so that students can view what program entails
- Elective teachers have been requested to have an online as well as paper application/process (when applicable) and have also been asked to create videos relating what those classes look like in order to help parents and guardians make informed decisions with their students re: what elective classes to choose
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- **Charity Week/Holiday Assistance**
 - Information regarding Charity Week was pushed out on the BJH Website, Daily Announcements and Blackboard through the Front Office
 - Working on procedures to make sure things get posted on FB/Website in a timely fashion—ie: setting up electronic template to get info to person who uploads info to these platforms-on Building Committee, Dec meeting agenda
 - Able to serve 15 BJH Students/Siblings with funding from Charity Week/\$3000 earned
 - Additionally, BJH has orders for 35 Santa Sacs supplied by the Granite Education Foundation, which is our total allotment by the GEF.
 - Needs have rapidly grown in the last 4 years
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- **BHA/Attendance Tracker**
 - We have still been unable to hire a BHA and/or a Tracker due to lack of candidates
 - Is there an SCC/PTSA 'Grapevine' to push out this opportunity (again)?
 - Para-professionals are tantamount to having highly qualified Social Worker programs in place ie: being able to run a successful Check-in/Check-out program (CICO)
 - CICO is an evidence-based intervention that has shown success and whose creator, Leann Hawkins, is a consultant with USBE and GSD .

4. Principal Report / School and Trust Lands/Digital safety/Health and safety/Positive Behavior plan/ Update / Business:

We talked about dress code, emailed it out to all of the BJH Community Council members since everyone was not at the meeting. * All of the members voted to approve the dress code.

- Discussed chromebooks staying at home or at school? We will talk more next time on Digital Citizenship and safety.

5. New business

Review of the District Community Council meeting review:

Nicole McDermot came and shared with us some items that were shared in the meeting. They discussed **Panorama**. It is a program where the students take an assessment. The assessment asks questions that help the schools to best know how to help each student. It helps school leaders to know how their mental health is doing, do they have secure adults at the school that they feel they can talk to?

The goal is to improve emotional and mental health and know what is needed, which should then allow us to see improvements in their grades, attendance, and be able to help each student and their needs. This also ties into the "Graduate of Granite."

Digital citizenship-the district has a lot of resources. Contact Chris at the District offices.

6. Follow up business: Digital Citizenship

7. Other Items / Questions for the Community or Council Members:

8. Assignments / Issues to discuss at next meeting:

Motion to adjourn: Jennifer Cowley Seconded: Ryan Davidson All in favor: All

Next meeting: **DATE January 25 @ 3:15**