

Minutes

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SCC Meeting

September 15, 2017

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Meeting conducted by: Larry Madden

Janet Barnette (parent), Rory Corona (teacher), Erik Adams (classified employee), Larry Madden (Principal), Matt Smith (Assistant Principal), Heather Bennett (School Board Member), Merisa Robbins (parent), Nicole Davisson (parent), Caryn Willardson (parent), Steven Fuhrman (parent), Maria Garcia (parent), Brent Julander (parent), Paul Foster (parent), Karen Allbor (parent)

Attendees:

Location **Bryant Library**

Welcome/Introductions

Larry Madden – Principal

Review Norms

Larry Madden

Reviewed SCC meeting norms.

Meeting Dates and times

Discussion of meeting dates and times. It was decided that meetings would remain on the current schedule at 7:00am with the exception of the December and February meetings. The December meeting will be held on December 7th at Franklin Elementary and timed to coincide with our parent/teacher conferences which will be held there on that date. The February meeting will be held on February 22nd at Jackson Elementary and timed to coincide with our parent/teacher conferences which will be held there on that date.

SCC Elections

Parents interested in serving as an elected member of the SCC must have their candidacy form completed and turned in by September 25th. Forms were available at the meeting. They are also available in the office and on the school website. All parents are welcome at all meetings whether or not they are an elected member. We will have a Spanish language translator at all SCC meetings. Janet Barnette encouraged all interested parents to apply and noted that parents must have a student at Bryant to serve, that terms are two years (parents of 8th grade students are still encouraged to serve), and that the council requires that parents outnumber school employees by at least 2.

Administration Update

The whole staff is working hard to address all issues related to student behavior in a positive and caring manner. The goal is to make school feel safe for all students, which in turn maximizes their ability to learn.

Bryant is working in partnership with the College of Nursing from the University of Utah to promote mindfulness in the school. Professors from the nursing department have attended several faculty meetings. Within the next few weeks students from the nursing department will be in the school facilitating

mindfulness groups. These will most likely take place in the morning before school.

Dr. Aaron Fischer from the University of Utah is facilitating behavior modification plans for our behavior unit. We will have three therapists from the university at Brant each week providing therapy. Some of our students that are not assigned to the behavior unit will be able to access therapy with parental consent. There will be no cost to families associated with this service. These services replace the work that was done with Valley Behavioral Health last year.

Most teachers have turned in grant requests on Donorschoose.org. Art teacher Emily Pierce has been very helpful in assisting teachers with their applications. Chevron is sponsoring their Fuel a School Program again this fall and we expect most, if not all, of the applications to be funded.

There have been three grants submitted to Dry Creek Charities. They are: Girls Robotics, SpyHop, and Arts and Crafts workshops. Grants will be awarded on September 29. Regardless of the outcome we will begin working with SpyHop for after school programming. It was noted that our new after school coordinator, Jean Garcia is exceptional.

Mr. Madden and Mr. Smith submitted a grant to the STEM Action Center for money to begin an after school coding/robotics program. The request was for about \$16,000/yr for three years. The goal is to begin in after school and then develop an elective course that could be an option for students during the regular school day. Mr. Smith noted that there are many computer programming options at West High and this type of programming could give students from Bryant a head start as they transition to high school.

Mr. Madden and Mr. Smith are pursuing resources to turn to old wood shop into a maker space lab. The lab will be set up with laser cutters and 3-D printers. There are still quite a few tools in that old shop that would be useful in creating/ inventing/fabricating. Like the coding, this would start as a after school program that my later find its way into the day program. There are many uses for these tools that can cut across curricular areas. We will find high school students to help mentor our students in the lab. This is a good resume builder for the high school students and provides our students with connections to high school even before they step in the door.

This year Bryant has an excellent group of coaches. They are extremely capable and collaborative. Our language arts coach is Melissa Engle, Science is Claire Fassio, math is Stephanie Wowczuk, MTSS and behavior is Jason Salveseen, and education technology is Kristen Reed.

School Compact

This year's School Compact was distributed. It identifies the responsibilities and commitments of students, parents and the school. The SCC will revisit the compact later in the year to determine if any changes are needed for next year.

There was noted a preference for school communication to come out in Mr. Madden's voice rather than the current robot voice. We will explore this possibility.

SIP

Copies of this year's school improvement plan were distributed. There was a brief review of the goals and initial SAGE test results. The primary emphasis of the first and second goals of the plan focuses on effective differentiation in classrooms. Other goals are; a focus on Tier 1 instruction, addressing chronic absenteeism, and increasing fine arts performances.

Budget Overview

Due to time constraints the budget overview will be covered at the October SCC meeting.

Other

Concern about dress code was brought up. It was reaffirmed that dress code will be enforced equally on all students and that administration and teachers are responsible for recognizing and addressing dress code violations. There was concern that dress code was focused only on girls. School board president, noted that the dress code is intentionally gender neutral and should be applied with that in mind.

There was some concern about the new policy that does not allow students to change for P/E. The primary concern at the school is safety of students, and currently the school does not have the capacity to supervise the boy's locker room. The gym teacher is making efforts to accommodate students who want to change a shirt after participating in intense physical activity.

Concern was voiced over limitations in school electives. In a school with a small student population, like Bryant, elective choices are very limited and when a student is in a special programs, such as ELP, ELD, or special education they may find that there is essentially no choice. School administration is aware of the problem but was unable to get it fixed for this school year. We will make efforts to limit our limitations next school year.

Group Norms

- Make attendance a priority
- Self-govern as an adult
- Limit Side Conversations
- Keep focus on student success
- Suspend Judgment; be open to change
- Listen to understand
- Speak respectfully, openly and honestly
- Operate with confidentiality
- Set cell phones to silent or vibrate

Four Levels of Focus

- 1) Tier 1 Instruction
- 2) PLCs
- 3) School Wide Discipline
- 4) Fine Arts