

School Council Meeting

Nov 14, 2023

Attendees:

J. Butler (t), C. Chuang (v), Katie D. (s), H. Galante (a), D. Hudder (a), H. Munsie (p), Shreyes S. (s), J. Stark (t), J. Stewart (p), J. Wysokowski (t), Druthi Y. (s)

AGENDA:

I. Visit from Superintendent Cliff Chuang

- Discussion of the District Improvement Plan
- Some discussions around leveling classes
- Greater diversity in lunch offerings
- Open campus?
- Real-world skills: critical thinking and team-based learning
- Cameras in schools and school safety
 - Planned acceleration of the installation of cameras has been delayed because of some specific language in the warrant that was approved in March
 - Cliff is looking into alternative sources of funding in order to move forward with installation of some cameras this winter.
 - Heather is similarly exploring grant options and support from the HAFB.

II. Grading Practices

- Current work of the BHS Instructional Leadership Team
- Teachers have read passages from Feldman's *Grading for Equity*
 - No plan to institutionally implement standards-based grading
- Interested in looking at two major areas
 - **Consistent Grading Practices**
 - **Assessment Calendar**
- Discussion
 - Inconsistency around whether students get to keep tests once they are graded
 - Some teachers allow students to access tests but they must remain in the classroom, e.g., in a folder
 - From a parent's point of view, that practice was maddening. Why can I not look at this work and help my child learn the material?
 - A student suggested that perhaps quizzes should be handed back.

- A teacher explained some history and context of why assessments have been held in the classroom (the challenge of creating multiple, equivalent versions of quizzes/tests; protection of AP problems; historical problems with students cheating on quizzes/tests)
- Another student: it's helpful to be able to look over the work on my own time
- Equity issues for both teachers and students
- What is overall best for students?
- For next time: sense of urgency around minimizing multiple assessments on the same day
 - Eye toward a possible policy change in the Handbook

III. Looking forward at the School Improvement Plan

- Role of "Literacy"
- Real World Skills

IV. Meetings date

- Next meeting Dec 12

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Meeting Agreements

- End on time
- Share the space and the air - no voice dominates
- Engage in open and honest discussion, where disagreement is welcome and all opinions are considered
- Assume positive intention
- Be mindful that we are all here as representatives, not individuals
- Respect confidentiality - not single out individuals
- Be task oriented; stick to the agenda

Attendance key:

s: student

p: parent

t: teacher

a: administrator

v: visitor