

PAC Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2018

[Minutes recorded by Stephanie Joumas, PAC Secretary]

6:30-6:32: Meeting called to order by Fiona Barshow, PAC Chair.

6:32-6:34: Attendees all shared their name and where they are from. 2 students from SCA were absent (Kirt Boyd, Claire).

6:35-6:40: Mr. Shepard led a discussion about ways to get more student participation in the PAC meetings. There is a need to get more student representation from all areas of the school's population.

- Pick a random student number and ask them to attend;
- Ask counselors for suggestions; future leaders?
- Mention it on Friday's Bobcat news;
- Go back to grade-level classes and ask for suggestions;
- SALC project work, outside SALC.

6:40-6:50: Mr. Shepard gave us an update on the lightpole makeover/banners initiative (to add color to parking lot), and we discussed ways to fund it and what it might look like. The initial cost would be \$270 for a 2-sided banner (additional costs for mounting).

- Senior legacy with leftover money from the senior class;
- PTO and/or community fundraiser;
- BHS Design Art class could probably finalize design.
- School culture incorporated in design?

6:50-7:00: Mr. Ferrera gave us an update on the school safety initiative.

- He attended the school year's first PTO Meeting. The PTO gave the school money to buy new and upgraded cameras for the school.
- We discussed feedback from the year's first lockdown drill.
 - Need a louder alarm;
 - Ms. Barshow asked about creating an emergency alert App that could be used within the school for notifications. Mr. Shepard said he would look into it.
 - A parent commented that the lockdown procedure went well in the trailer (Ms. Rector's room).
- Students wearing badges. Pro: all would have IDs; Con: would someone even notice in an emergency if there was someone without an ID. Seems impractical and not much use as a stand-alone ID card.
- Entry system on exterior doors. Risk management is working on installing buzzer entries and BHS should be done by school year-end.

7:00-7:18: Open Discussion

- Contact Ms. Bridges in Counseling for college/career counseling). Career Resources may be scheduled for a future PAC Meeting presentation.
- Back to school Night feedback: Halls not crowded, easy to visit with teachers. Staff dinner felt like "family". Teachers seemed to prefer a one day/night opportunity, rather than spread over two.

- Lots of discussion about the inconsistent ways teachers communicate homework, assignments, etc. (some use SLMS, others use Blackboard). Parents have trouble checking. If anyone has a good “system” for this, please message Mr. Ferrera.

7:19-8:00 Special guest speakers discussed overcrowding issues. Ms. Satterwhite and Mr. Mulgrew discussed ways the county and our school are dealing with the overcrowding situation.

- At the school level, doing hybrid program; students taking two virtual classes and agree to a later arrival schedule. Students in this program are assigned to a teacher who tracks them.
- Trying to rebrand our IT program to attract students from our base school.
- Exploring distance learning classes for non-IT classes for our non-base IT students.
- Taking classes in the summer and have a reduced schedule in the school year.
- Maybe do some classes at NOVA.
- Office of Facilities is looking at new places for parking.
- Suggested keeping an eye on the board of county supervisors and attending their meetings; there are new build communities that were not on the school board’s scope.
- Both the 13th and 14th high schools will have more spots; one board member suggested the 14th high school be designated CTE.
- A community member suggested that the board re-district the county; board needs to make the hard decision and shift students west-east or east-west. Ms Satterwhite said most of the high schools are at or near capacity.

8:00 Meeting adjourned.