

Battlefield High School
Principal's Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 27, 2020

6:30pm – Meeting called to order by Fiona Barshow, PAC Chair

Handouts: Agenda, Strive to Thrive in 2025 Worksheet, School Values, Table 7 – Factors in Admissions Decisions, Potential Report Card Comment Updates

PWCS Strategic Plan – Fiona Barshow

Ms. Barshow reported on the November SACI meeting at which the PWCS Strategic Plan was discussed. At the meeting leadership asked for input in four areas: Equity, Climate and Culture, Family Engagement, and Organizational Support. Based on the handout, input is requested regarding the responsibilities of the School Board, superintendent's staff, school leadership teams, teachers, parents, and students to support these four areas. The PAC discussed each on of these four areas briefly and comments are noted as follows:

Equity

- School Board will demonstrate commitment to equity via the upcoming budget and Capital Improvement Plan discussions.
- Board members should gauge needs and concerns of schools they represent, forming committees to gather stakeholders' input.
- Gaps in technology should be a county-level focus as local fundraising may not support purchases. It is important that actual individual school needs be met.
- Open communication from students, parents, and teachers to administration is vital so that needs and challenges are noted.

Climate and Culture

- Leadership should foster healthy relationships and teachers should feel supported.
- Students tend to view administration as disciplinarians vs. advocates.
- At BHS, Student Council, SALC, and SALT organizations should work together as three groups have similar goals.

Family Engagement

- While BHS offers various opportunities for parents to engage with administration and teachers, are there barriers to participation (e.g., communication, stigma, too many/too few)?
- At the county level, attention should be given to website interfaces. Difficulty in finding information and glitches were noted.

Organizational Support

- Website functionality is vital for stakeholders to be able to identify departments and personnel to support their concerns.
- When PWCS implements a new policy (e.g., retakes, grading, elimination of class rank), these policies must be communicated openly and personnel trained appropriately.

Additional input may be provided to huckessl@pwcs.edu.

Mission Statement/Vision – Ryan Ferrera

Mr. Ferrera continued the discussion of evaluating Battlefield's existing Mission Statement and Vision. The PAC considered feedback received from members of the BHS community. Questions to consider:

- What values are most important to BHS?
- How do we measure these values?
- What are indicators of success?
- What are indicators of a good school?

Based on the handout, the PAC listed values of importance to the BHS community: inclusivity (caring, feeling connected), resiliency (courage, collaboration), caring, safety (physical, mental), integrity, initiative, communication, positivity, attitude, well-being. An environment in which students are happy is important. Implementing alumni surveys was suggested.

Buzzer System – Ryan Ferrera

New system is functional, and comments have been positive.

Report Card Comments – Mickey Orrell

The IOIC would like to have available additional report card comments not currently listed in the gradebook system. The new gradebook system allows for manual entry of comments. Per the handout, Mr. Orrell requested input on the new comments. Concerns were expressed regarding negative comments. The consensus was that these comments would serve to reiterate prior communication with parents on the comment subject rather than notifying the parent for the first time.

Open Agenda

- On 2/5/2020, Dr. Walts will present the proposed budget to the School Board. At the February meeting, Representative Jen Wall will be present to participate in PAC discussions as Mr. Ferrera explains how the budget will impact BHS.
- At the March meeting, Mr. Ferrera will provide more information on the grading rubric on standards-based assessments. In the next several weeks, he will meet with administration and academic teams to discuss.
- For the 2020-2021 school year, both the Chairperson and Secretary positions will be open. Nominations and elections will take place at the April and May meetings.
- Mrs. Gruninger inquired about the status of auditorium renovations and the process involved in bringing the deficiencies to the attention of the county. Concerns may be expressed to School Board members via e-mail or at their monthly meeting. Renovations would need to be added to the CIP for full or partial funding (expenses shared with BHS).

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm. Next meeting February 24, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Wendi Gruninger, Community Participant.