

Notes from SAC Meeting – 11/19/2024

Board Members were all in attendance.

Superintendent Advisory Council on Instruction – Mrs. Atwood reviewed report highlights and passed the report around. Made a point of mentioning high percentage of accreditation.

Mrs. Lucas noted 2024 student body with growing diversity of population. EL learners are roughly 5%. Almost 25% of students are gifted. We try to make sure all students have what they need. Mention was made of our CIP goals, including Biology. Mention was made of some SOL stats such as Reading (93%) and Writing (92%).

We are fully accredited. Credit was given to Judy Beerbower and her efforts to reduce chronic absenteeism.

Excellent graduation numbers were mentioned – we will have 100% in February. We have Edmentum for credit recovery, which supports this process.

Principal's Time – Review of the Late Work/Reassessment Policy – Community appears pleased with the reconsideration. Mrs. Lucas gave credit to student leaders for voicing their opinions. She spoke of the first Student Leader Summit. Grading guidelines seem to be working well. Any parent not satisfied should reach out to teachers. There is the hope that the regulations will be refined at the county level to add clarity. BHS appears to be headed in the right direction with the focus on learning.

Budget – We did see an increase of \$700,3000. We are in the process of moving money where it is needed – flex spending. Some of the money has gone to supporting extra sections. We want to hire an assistant principal. Question was raised about Gifted funding.

Mrs. Lucas feels good about the budget and the path we are on.

CIP – No real updates. Commitment #3 is the focus.

*Please make sure that there is publicity in Bobcast about promoting CIP and the council involvement.

Julie Byrne discussed scheduling for next year. We are already working on this. As soon as we return from holiday break, the informational process begins. Some new courses have been approved. There are a number of considerations that have to come into play if new courses are offered here. Preliminary decisions will be made soon. These decisions will be reflected in the new course catalog. Plans are underway for the curriculum fair. This is one way of letting the public know about offerings. Mention was made of how long it takes for new classes to be approved.

Julie Byrne mentioned the deadline for specialty programs - all apps have launched.

CASITT information night is in a couple of weeks.

Rising 9th grade parents night is scheduled for January. We will also be bringing Reagan 8th graders here to discuss next year with other students. They will go through the lunch line, etc.

AP Educational Support Program was mentioned.

Mrs. Lucas said she has discussed only offering Advanced World History 1 for all students next year. The goal is to build every student's confidence. That seems to be the plan. This means the current supports will remain in place to help these students succeed.

Open Discussion Time –

Question was asked about self-contained vs. general population approach. Mrs. Lucas responded that we have always had teamed classes. We also have the Learning Lab to work with students for small group testing. We also have placed more EL students in teamed classes.

Question was asked about service hours for honor societies and trying to make them a standard number. Can they be double-dipped, for instance. Mrs. Lucas is waiting to speak to Mr. Burney and other sponsors on this subject. Invitations to the societies need to mention the required hours. Figuring out a good balance is the goal.