

BSEP PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 9, 2017

MOTION CARRIED (Bradstreet/Glimme): To approve the agenda of the May 9, 2017 P&O Committee Meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

3. Chairperson's Comments

Co-Chairs Danielle Perez and Bruce Simon

No comments were made.

4. BSEP Director's Comments

Natasha Beery, Director BSEP & Community Relations

Beery noted that she went to BHS Site Council meeting last week and heard the BSEP Site Committee presentation to the Council. She hopes to be sitting in on more Site Council meetings to hear what is going on and to share best practices with them.

Beery asked the committee members about sending out documents electronically the day of the BSEP P&O Meeting. She noted that her office generally tried to disseminate earlier, but there were times when documents would be ready until the day of the meeting. Members affirmed that they wanted documents emailed to them even if it needed to be on the day of the meeting.

Beery discussed the calendaring of the leadership meeting and noted that with all that was going on, it was decided not to hold it. She outlined some of the events that were happening in the District:

- OFEE was holding an event at BHS for the film "Screenagers" on May 25, 2017
- OFEE was holding an event at Longfellow for "Live, Love, Learn: Creating Supportive Schools and Communities" on May 20, 2017

Beery stated that she wanted to convene a group interested in looking at ways to improve the school site/governance council bylaws and practices. The School Board Policy Subcommittee would be taking a look at the bylaws, and this would be the time to have discussions about how the School Site Council process could be opened up to encourage more meaningful and

make necessary changes and if the minutes were correct enough to be entered into the public record, members could vote to approve the minutes.)

MOTION CARRIED (Schoenfeld/Bryant): To approve the meeting minutes of the April 25, 2017 P&O Committee Meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

7. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

8. Recommendation for BSEP Funds in FY 2017-18: Update to Plan for Student Support

Natasha Beery, Director BSEP & Community Relations

Beery provided the following handouts:

- Berkeley Unified School District Memo, *To BSEP Planning and Oversight Committee, From: Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Dated: April 26, 2017, Subject: Recommendation for Allocation of BSEP Effective Student Support Funds in 2017-18 (10 pages, including Appendices A, B, & C)*

Beery stated the P&O approved the budget for Student Support in April (Family Engagement, Middle School Counseling and Student Achievement Strategies) and the documents were ready to go to the Board until Liz Karam, BSEP Sr. Budget Analyst, returned from vacation and noticed that some budget information was missing. Beery mich-1.156 la-

- Huchting noted that the SMART Goals were good. She asked why SMART Goal 5 only related to math PD. Nitschke stated his department was doing various things including a DigiTech Institute in August.
- Paxson asked if Chromebooks would be supplied to 4th/5th grade science classes. Nitschke responded that there was a Chromebook cart in each 4th/5th grade room and available to teachers in the room. She also noted that she liked the description of the Chromebook cart findings on page 2. Huchting would like to see that kind of survey for other things. Nitschke noted this represented a significant change, going from 1:3 cart to classrooms to 1:1 and it was easy to quantify this. Comparing next year to this past year, it would be harder for teachers to notice very small changes in the inputs across the school day. He noted that was one of the things that was difficult in education in general. Small incremental changes were meaningful but harder to get at. They will have new information when they go 1:1 next year for the 6th grade classes and 2:1 sharing in 7th and 8th grades. Glimme wanted know the response rate for the survey. Nitschke stated that the response rate was 74% and inclusive of all the principals.
- Rabinowitz asked about the lack of internet access in the theaters at the high school. Nitschke said that was true and they had to rewire part of the Community Theater to accommodate teachers with classes in the building.

MOTION CARRIED (Paxson/Huchting): To approve the recommendation for BSEP Funds in FY 2017-18: Technology. **The motion was approved unanimously**

Questions and Responses/Discussion:

- Pastika asked if the PIO Public Records Act requests were paid for out of the BSEP budget and if it was, why. Beery confirmed that it was. It had been her hope to negotiate for half of the PIO to be paid for out of the General Fund/GF, noting the Public Records task was different from the BSEP intent. Huchting agreed with Pastika

suggested that people from the P&O as well as SGC members attend SGC meetings at other school sites to promote connectivity and best practices.

- Rabinowitz stated that it was extremely stressful dealing with emergency communications. She was the only person creating her school's newsletter and if she doesn't send something out a couple of times a week, she's asked if she's not doing it anymore. She added that she was not getting information from the District that she would like to include and that it was challenging to be a gatekeeper to sort through what's sent to her that should not be included (e.g., marketing a service). Paxson added that it was challenging and a big responsibility to be the person disseminating information and possibly having more parents involved would help. Rabinowitz gets information from the BHS e-tree for events that should have more press. Schoenfeld thought there should be a way to push information out from the District. Beery stated that when she went to the PTA Council, it seemed that they wanted to be told the best way to do things instead of inventing something. It was noted that it would be helpful to get timely information and that the District should be disseminating information like the BHS Re-design. Beery stated the Re-design was available on the A+News if people were subscribed to that and noted there were many ways information was sent out.

The Recommendation for BSEP Funds in FY 2017-18: Communication, Translation and Community Engagement would be on the agenda for approval at the last P&O meeting on June 6, 2017.

12. For the Good of the Order

For the Good of the Order is time set aside for members to bring up items not discussed or addressed during the meeting. No items were put forward.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Linda Race, BSEP Staff Support