

**BEAR RIVER HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Approved Site Council Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 30, 2019**  
**Room C-202 ~ 3:45 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chris Roberts, Marie Claire Desplanke, Jennifer Rodriguez, Brittney Rogers, Bethany Williams, Julie Barnum, Melissa Lorenzo, Peter Gammelgard, Josie Andrews, Jennifer Weir, Laurel Burcham, Daniel Bussinger, Janet Miles

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Morgan Perry, Matt MacDonald, Scott Savoie, & David Ahrens

**CALL TO ORDER:** 3:47 P.M. by President, Bethany Williams

All members and guests introduced themselves.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Moved by Peter Gammelgard; seconded by Josie Andrews to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion passed.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Moved by Chris Roberts to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2018, meeting;  
Seconded by Marie Claire Desplanke.  
Motion passed.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Invitation to members of the public to address the School Site Council with issues that are not on the agenda.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Morgan Perry:** Agriculture Department

The Ag Department is very busy this time of year. The Ag Mech classes are working on their projects for the fair, as well as other projects; the FFA teams have competitions up and down the state almost every weekend from now until May; Parli- Pro students and public speaking students are working hard; Open Shop is held every Tuesday and Wednesday in spring; FFA will hold a Drive Thru BBQ on Thursday, February 7; tri-tip dinner for four only \$45 - get your tickets soon. Morgan is participating in an OSHA training so she can pass this valuable information on to her students; the students will be starting their college and career applications soon; the Ag Mech II is now a dual enrollment class with Sierra College; next year the Ag Mech III class will count as high school math credit and Ag Mech IV will remain mostly design and fabrication. Additionally, the D-wing is being re-done this summer so the department is working on getting grant money to help purchase some new equipment for the shop.

**Matt MacDonald:** Leadership

Matt reported they just finished up with all the winter Homecoming activities and they had a great turn out with all the activities associated with Homecoming. The spring projects the leadership students will be working on are: supporting the Key Club Talent Show which is held the 21st and 22nd of February; the blood drive which will be held in March, Friday, March 22; we will be holding another dance for our students and the Leadership class is already planning for next year. ASB officer elections for next year will take place at the end of February, along with our election for the 2019-2020 class officers. April brings us our cardinal and grey week which will culminate with a rally to conclude the week. Staff and students will be participating in different activities during this week. Our prom has been moved to May 11, and will be held at the Foothill Event Center.

Additionally, our leadership students are planning to host a spring carnival at Cottage Hill. In the past our leadership students hosted a winter festival at BR for families to attend and our clubs on campus set up booths as well for the participants to enjoy. It was a fun day and a good event to help promote our school and bring the community together. A new event our students are planning is a Recognition Rally/Assembly scheduled for May 30, during the school day. This will be a rally to recognize our 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders for their academic achievements as well as other school achievement such as performing arts, athletics, etc. In the middle of all of these events, the end-of-year senior activities are being planned!

**Scott Savoie:** Athletics

Our fall athletes did a great job this year. Of a school of about 600 students, we had 207 students playing a fall sport. Our girls' golf team won the section championships; our football team had a great year making it to the championship game against Colfax; Coach MacDonald's volleyball team made the play-offs; girls' water polo team competed in the semi-finals, our X-country team had a couple of athletes compete in the Master's Meet. We have 168 students involved in our winter sports' teams. Our soccer team will finish up soon, both our basketball teams are still competing and the girls' team is lining up to go to play-offs; the wrestling team is doing well - some of our wrestlers should qualify to move on as well.

Springtime sports is very, very busy! Traditionally, we have many, many students playing spring sports. Our spring sports include: swim, baseball, softball, track, tennis, boys' golf, and boys' volleyball. These teams will start up next week! Other athletic news: We have our new track which has really cleaned up the look of our stadium area, and it is not just helping our students and our athletic programs, our community members are enjoying it and our local fire department employees use it as well. Tre Maronic made the All State Football Team which a big honor and our own, Coach Logue, was selected as the Model Coach of the Year for the Sac Joaquin Section - a very, very big honor and well deserved. Scott did mention he would like to do more with the Athletes Committed program. There is a west coast Athletes Committed conference coming up and he would like Bear River represented there.

### **David Ahrens: Music**

Currently Bear River has two bands and three choirs that meet every day. One of the bands and one of the choirs meet on their own time. The marching band is up and running again; the pep band has been playing at the football and basketball games; the Jazz Choir has been busy, especially during the holidays, performing for local service clubs; and we had eight students selected to attend the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle, WA, one being Marie-Claire Desplancke. David reported during the second semester one of the focuses will be increasing literacy and comprehensive with fundamental concepts and it has already been successful! The upcoming events are: Fantasy of Stars (FOS) is a local favorite and is scheduled for March 8 and 9. It is invitational performance for show and jazz choirs. Not only will Bear River's students perform in this production, but Magnolia students will participate as well as the choir students from Enterprise High School in Redding. In the past we have had college students join our choirs in this event. Festival season is opening March and April and that is where the

bands and choirs perform in front of a panel of adjudicators at neutral sites, such as Sacramento State College, and the participants receive ratings and scores based on their performances. Usually the students will work on three different songs in preparation of festival season so their performances will be perfected when they do perform. Additionally, the band and choir is planning a trip to Los Angeles in the spring and of course the final choir concert in May is 'Puttin on the Ritz' and Bruins' of Note is the final band concert in May.

## **REPORTS:**

### **1. Student**

Marie Claire reported:

- Sadie's Dance is coming up and the theme is going to be the Wizard of Oz
- Choir will be going to Disneyland

Marie Claire stated she and Brittney Rogers are on the LCAP committee and discussion was held at the first LCAP committee on our CAASPP scores and improving them! The two girls are proposing to visit the junior classes and speak to the juniors prior to taking the CAASPP to explain the importance of taking this test seriously.

### **2. Principal**

Chris stated the Site Council meetings are one of his highlights; he enjoys sitting down with students, staff, and parents talking about our school and how we can make things better. He values input from all stakeholders. He encourages our students and parents that are not on the committee to attend our Site Council meetings. Our Site Council meetings are open to all who wish to attend.

Chris gave a brief introduction of himself to the committee. He has been a member of our community for over 20 years, he loves this community, and he is very excited to be at Bear River High School.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Single Site Plan - SIS (School Plan for Student Achievement)**

Copies of the Single Site Plan (School Plan for Student Achievement) were available for the committee members to review, discuss, and approve as a committee to submit the plan to the district.

Principal Roberts explained coming on board so late in the year, he needed to rely on the past SIS, which is aligned with our WASC goals and District LCAP, so very

few changes were made. Many of the changes are in the beginning of the SIS which includes school and student performances data which is all new data - our new dashboard data and our new CAASPP data are included in that section. Chris did make changes to the conclusions and comment sections within the report. He also noted the template for the report has changed since last year and he explained the dashboard, which is new to the document, is a mechanism used by the state of California to highlight schools' strengths and struggles. He reviewed some of the dashboard highlights:

Academic Performance: CAASPP data: academic performance in English, Language Arts; and mathematics; college career readiness; academic engagement (determined by our graduation rate - comprehensive high schools need to be in the blue and green area)

Suspension Rate: Our district will be looking at the suspension rate closely since our district is in the red in this area. We are higher than the state average of suspended and expelled students. This gives us an opportunity to seek different methods of trying to lower these rates by using less punitive methods of discipline and move to more of a restorative approach. We actually have already started the restorative approach. We have Nanci Smith working as our intervention specialist and she has been working with many of our on-campus suspended students.

Josie shared on Monday, January 28, after the Professional Development Day activities concluded, she attended a presentation about Peer Court. The presenter was from the Marin County YMCA and he oversees a Peer Court and Youth Court in that county. With this program in place, the county has seen their suspension rates drop significantly. This program uses the restorative process and part of the restorative process is making sure the students are held accountable for their actions. They do have to admit their wrongdoing and they have to repair the damage/relationship. Discussion was held on the Peer Court and Youth Court processes.

Josie asked how the college and career readiness is assessed. Bethany explained that every year the counselors do an exit interview with our students and the counselors enter that information into our student information system and the state pulls the information from there.

Student Groups: As you look at each section of the dashboard it is broken down by different student sub groups: all students, English Learners, Foster Youth, Homeless, Socio Economic Disadvantaged, and students with disabilities. The chart does not have performance colors in the English Learners, Foster Youth, or Homeless areas because of the small number of students we have in those areas.

Bethany mentioned that only formal Foster Youth is measured. The students who are living at Grandparents or friends homes are not being calculated. Chris mentioned he feels that our socio economic disadvantaged student count is very low because families are not reporting that information accurately for various reasons. Chris hopes to work on this so our numbers reflect more closely the students we are actually serving so we can get the proper funding to help provide for their needs.

Chris told the committee if they would like to make changes to the School Plan for Student Achievement please email him and he will make the changes:

Suggested changes:

- Bethany - Pg 21, item 2: change: schools' best students to the schools' higher achieving students
- Matt - Pg. 53, Goal 3: change dates to reflect the current dates

President, Bethany Williams, called for a motion to accept the Single Site Plan for Student Achievement:

- ❖ Marie Claire made a motion to accept the Single Site Plan with the changes that were discussed.
- ❖ Jennifer Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

## 2. Bond Measure

Chris said he attended a Bond Oversight committee last week. The following items on our priority list are:

- Bathrooms and air-condition in the Big Gym
- Air-Conditioning in our Multi-Purpose Room
- Bathroom backstage in our theater
- Scoreboards
- Student furniture (for student well-being and instructional improvement) targeted to classrooms.

Chris said he actually will be going to a gallery tomorrow to check out new student furniture. Jennifer asked Chris if he can ask if the vendor has any chemical resistant table tops.

Peter inquired about power availability inside the classroom, not just on the walls. Chris said that is on the modernization section of the bond.

\*\* Please know that the above priority list does not include the ongoing bond projects which include: D-wing modernization; HVAC in all of our buildings; and the remodel of the current restrooms.

**CONFIRM NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2019**

**ADJOURNMENT: 4:51 PM**

\*\*WASC -Western Association of Schools and Colleges

\*\*LCAP - Local Control Accountability Plan

\*\*SAT - Scholastic Aptitude Test

\*\*SIS - Single Site Plan for Student Achievement