BEAR RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
SITE COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES
September 16, 2019
Room C202 ~ 3:45 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Roberts, Sarah Kennedy, Zoey Moody, Jeremy Kerr, Peter Gammelgard, Jennifer Weir, Daniel Bussinger, Laurel Burcham, Julie Barnum, Sandra Helmuth, and Janet Miles

OTHERS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Principal Roberts at 3:45 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Jennifer Weir; Seconded by Laurel Burcham to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Moved by Peter Gammelgard; Seconded by Julie Barnum to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2019 meeting. Motion approved.

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

REPORTS
1. Student:
Sarah reported Club Rush was a lot of fun and it went really well; our varsity football team beat Liberty Ranch last Friday night, and our team is 4-0; the football game scheduled for Saturday, September 21, against Encina has been cancelled and the next home football game is scheduled
for October 25, BR vs Colfax; volleyball has three games this week and they are 8 - 1; Powder Puff “Scott Strong” Bear River shirts raised upwards of $2,200.00 for the Scott family, and the Swing Dance, hosted by our band, is set for October 12th. The Swing Dance is a very fun event! We also had dinosaur races at the Powder Puff game! It was hilarious! Zoey reported Summer Wilson is planning to make an end-of-the-year video for all of the seniors and Homecoming week was a lot of fun; we had events every day!

2. Principal:
Chris announced the school year got off to a good start. We are really excited about the direction the district is going in right now. We will be focusing more on Professional Learning Communities and our Collaboration Times to make that time more efficient and effective for our teachers. In fact, next Monday is one of our district Professional Development Days and we will be specifically focusing on Professional Learning Communities. The students have been great, very responsible taking care of their business and doing the things that need to get done. Most of them are excited and ready to go! Our teachers, too, are reporting that good things are happening in our classrooms.

Chris is very excited about our athletic teams; we have lots of participation. Our football team and girls’ golf team are undefeated; and our drama department had a great turn out for its auditions for Never Saw Another Butterfly production.

Jennifer reported that AP testing sign-ups have changed. The students have to sign up to take the tests by the end of October, which is much earlier than they had to in the past. The AP teachers will be reminding their AP students about the early deadline to sign up for the tests. Jeremy said it is a challenge to get the students to sign up early, because in October they are not prepared, yet, to take the AP test. Jeremy also added the school climate is really good this year.

OLD BUSINESS

1. New student tables and chairs
Chris reported the delivering of the tables and chairs was a little challenging, but most of them are where they need to be! The students would like the chairs to slide a little easier so we are working on getting sliders installed on the bottom of the chairs which will help them move. Phase 1 of the Bond Measure, included student furniture for all traditional classes; they received tables and chairs. Phase 1 is completed. Science classes require a little more in that they need running water, electricity, in some cases, stools and tables, so they are going to look different
from the other classrooms. They will be part of Phase II, along with new desks and chairs for our teachers. Although the library just purchased new furniture, they will be included in Phase II, receiving alternative furniture such as pods which will have USB port access.

2. CAASPP Scores
Chris reviewed the 2018-2019 CAASPP scores with the committee. Copies of the results were given out for members to review. The data is still embargoed which means the state has not released the information to the dashboard.

**English:**

**English Language Arts Literacy: Reading: How well do students understand stories and information that they read?** BR was 52.21% above standard; 40.44% near standard - so 92% of our students are either close to or above standard.

**Writing: How well do students communicate in writing?**
BR was 53.68 % above standard; 40.44% near standard- so 94% of our students were either close to or above standard.

**Listening: How well do students understand spoken information?** BR was 34.56% above standard; 63.24% near standard - 97.06% of our students were either above or close to standard.

**Research/Inquiry: How well can students find and present information about a topic?**
BR was 44.85% above standard; 52.21% near standard - 97.06 of our students were either above or close to standard.

**Mathematics:** Chris reported across the state math scores are nowhere near Language Arts scores. The reason being is that reading and writing across disciplines is a lot easier than math across disciplines. Bear River students were fairly high in the following areas of math: Concepts and Procedures: How well do students use mathematical rules and ideas? Problem Solving and Modeling & Data Analysis: How well can students show and apply their problem solving skills? Communicating Reasoning: How well can students think logically and express their thoughts in order to solve a problem? Comparisons: The state scores are not posted yet; however, Bear River’s scores are usually higher than the state averages. Chris reviewed our scores and surrounding county scores. Bear River’s ELA and math scores shows substantial increases over last year’s scores. Laurel mentioned it is interesting the four years before 2018 our scores are much higher and then they are up again. What affected the 2018 scores? Chris replied that is one down side of
the CAASPP in high school is that we only have one year to see growth in our students and that is the junior year and how seriously do the students really take this test? Chris said last year some of our highest performing seniors went around to the junior classes and encouraged them to take the CAASPP seriously. Our teachers feel our juniors did take the test seriously last year and our scores show it.

Julie asked if the test accounts for anything for the students. Chris replied yes, it does now. The students, now, can use their CAASPP scores, if the score is high enough, as a waiver into a four year college as a way to avoid having to take remedial math and Language Arts classes; one way to reward the student for doing a good job on the test. He also said we will be hosting a celebration for our seniors (last year juniors) to reward them for doing such a great job on CAASPP last year. We plan to have this celebration right before we give the CAASPP to our juniors this year!

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of new officers:
Jennifer nominated Chris Roberts for President; Laurel seconded the nomination.
Chris nominated Jeremy Kerr for Vice-President; Janet seconded the nomination.
Zoey nominated Jennifer Weir for Secretary; Sarah seconded the nomination.

The vote was unanimous for all three positions! Congratulations to our new Site Council Officers!

President:     Chris Roberts
Vice President: Jeremy Kerr
Secretary:     Jennifer Weir

2. Amend Article VI, Section 1 - Regular Meetings
At the last Site Council meeting (April meeting) Chris talked about how he really enjoys Site Council meetings and would like to see them happen more frequently. Site Council is a forum that parents and community members to have a voice where they can come in and share; Chris feels this forum should meet on a monthly basis as opposed to a quarterly basis. Discussion was held on changing the meetings to once a month. It was decided to hold eight meetings per school year and have cookies and coffee at our meetings.
• Jeremy moved to amend Article VI, Section 1 from:

School site council shall meet a minimum of four meetings per school year
to
School site council shall meet a minimum of eight meetings per school year.

• Julie seconded the motion.

• Motion carried.

It was agreed upon to hold our meetings the third Monday of every month, unless that day is a holiday. If the third Monday of the month is a holiday, the meeting will be held the second Monday of that month.

Ideas on how to encourage more parents and community members to attend our meetings were discussed. Suggestions included: Advertise in the bulletin and on the marquee, talk about the Site Council meeting and agenda topics for the next Site Council meeting on the weekly all call. Jennifer suggested that, for a few months, deliver an all call to our families that is just about our Site Council, the date and time of our next meeting and the agenda topics for that meeting. It was also suggested to announce our Site Council meeting dates and times on the Bear River Current.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2019

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.