BEAR RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
October 14, 2019
Room C202 - 3:45 pm

POSTED: Thursday, October 10th, 2019 in the BRHS Administration Building

PUBLIC MEETING
1. Call to Order at 3:47pm
2. MOVED BY Julie Barnum, SECONDED By Chris Robert, to approve the agenda as presented
3. Review and Approval of the minutes from the September 16, 2019, meeting. MOVED by Daniel Bussinger, SECONDED By Julie Barnum.

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

Two parents expressed concerns of lack of activities/school spirit and specifically the lack of homecoming activities. The council members and parents engaged in discussion related to past and present school activities. Constraints, ideas, and opportunities were identified.

Discussion - Josie Andrews mentioned our parent club has disbanded and could be restarted; Zoey Moody mentioned student participation has been lower; Chris Roberts mentioned calendaring of events and his discussion with the Activities Director after this Homecoming to brainstorm improvement; Matt MacDonald mentioned decline in the number of students at BR, amazing participation BR students in clubs, FFA, athletics, specific programs. Matt MacDonald identified new activities replaced the prior Homecoming events, and the need to revise the concept of ‘school spirit’ with the new reality of a student body of 590. He also suggested that the different vibe of Homecoming is not as much about the community as it was about our students and that parents are engaged in many specific boosters rather than school ‘booster.’ Jennifer H requested an information flow of student activities directly to parents. Matt MacDonald expressed an idea of a ‘Parent Senate’ to connect parent booster groups. Dan Bussinger mentioned that school spirit is present but possibly not as verbally, or visually expressed.

REPORTS
1. Students
Noah Dunhower as a representative of the BR music program spoke to the need for better funding, need for and importance of attendance at performances, need for sound equipment repair, instrument repair and service, the need for more school instruments of better quality, and the need for help with the promotion of events.

2. Principal
Expressed gratitude for the parent participation and interest in increased parent participation and discussion at Site Council meetings.
Pushed our Agenda Items to next time.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING: Nov. 18th in C202
ADJOURNMENT at 4:45pm