

**Bloomington High School
School Site Council
Minutes from the December 11, 2012 meeting**

Parents and Community Members Present

Bertha Garcia Pamela Valdez
Diane Miller Brian Wandel

Students Present

Erika Franco

Guests Present

Rodger Goltart

Staff Present

Michael Bédard Lisa Padilla
Ignacio Cabrera Elizabeth Sutherland
Adam Castro Matt Sutherland
Michael Gill

A quorum of members was present.

Chairperson Michael Bédard called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Approval of agenda – Members reviewed the agenda for the evening’s meeting.

Diane Miller motioned to amend the agenda to move the approval of the proposed Honors Chemistry course to #2A, after the approval of the minutes. Bertha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Brian Wandel motioned to approve the amended agenda; Elizabeth Sutherland seconded the motion. The motion was approved without discussion or objection.

Approval of SSC minutes from November 13, 2012 - Members reviewed the minutes from November 13, 2012.

Brian Wandel motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Bertha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed without discussion or objection.

Approval of Honors Chemistry Course – Rodger Goltart, chemistry teacher from Grand Terrace High School, reviewed the need for and potential benefits of an honors chemistry course. The proposed Honors Chemistry course would meet UC A-G requirements and would help identify and prepare students for AP Chemistry. Michael Gill, BHS chemistry teacher, noted that AP Chemistry is really designed to be a second-year course; providing students with a strong background in chemistry through this honors course would better prepare them for success on the AP exam.

Ignacio Cabrera asked about textbooks for this proposed course. Roger Goltart responded that the current plan is to supplement the text for our current chemistry course with resources from the web. It was recommended that, ideally, the course would have its own text.

Diane Miller asked about the number of students that this course would serve. Mr. Goltart and Mr. Gill noted that at least one full section could be offered at this time at each site, with possible expansion in the future. At first, there might not be sufficient enrollment for both Honors and AP Chemistry courses, but as the course is implemented, the AP Chemistry program should expand, and students will benefit.

Approval of Honors Chemistry Course, *continued*

Diane Miller motioned to support the proposed Honors Chemistry course; Ignacio Cabrera seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Student Report - Erika Franco, ASB representative, reported that:

- BHS' homecoming game was held on November 2. There was a successful halftime show, many alumni in attendance, the crowning of the homecoming queen, and fireworks after the game. Over 350 tickets were sold for the homecoming dance; the dance featured a DJ, carriage ride, unlimited taco bar, and photo booth.
- ASB representatives made a presentation at the November 15 school board meeting. The board members were very supportive.
- Last Tuesday a "Powderpuff" game was held.
- Approximately 175 students attended the last Synergy Day.
- The soccer teams are doing well. A basketball game is going on in the gym tonight.

Principal's Report – Mr. Cabrera asked Matt Sutherland to give an overview of the S3 grant and the symposium that a team from BHS recently attended.

Matt Sutherland reported that symposium provided our team with many good ideas. Fifty-eight other schools in California have also received this grant. We are working to implement many strategies to improve the climate of our school. Some of the strategies and activities being implemented and funded through the grant include:

- An increased number synergy days
- An anger management group
- A grief and loss support group
- Drug/alcohol support group
- Seven college tutors working to give support in general education classrooms
- After school tutoring in core subject areas
- CAHSEE-support tutoring that will begin second semester
- A writing intervention class that meets twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Credit Recovery classes

All of these efforts are designed to help students know that they are supported at BHS, that people care about them, that they are treated fairly, and to help them feel a part of their school. The results of the California Healthy Kids Survey were discussed at a recent faculty meeting.

The Grant team is currently exploring the "Safe School Ambassadors" program that would provide resources in anger management, anti-bullying, and a series of other interventions. This program would train BHS teachers to run this program at our site.

Mr. Cabrera added that:

- Second semester we will be offering additional guest speakers. One is Calvin Backie who will provide additional anti-bullying resources and assist us to be more proactive in terms of some of the issues our campus is faced with.

Principal’s Report, continued

- Last week our NJROTC participated in a “Pass and Review.” They did very well and received many compliments.
- BHS recently held a health fair. The students presented the information and over 700 students attended the event.
- Last week’s choral concert was outstanding.
- Our emergency team met last week and will meet again in January. We are working to be proactive and prepared for any emergency.
- There will be a band concert on Thursday.
- Tomorrow our soccer team has an important game against Citrus Valley High School.
- BHS will implement an “AAA” rewards program second semester. This program will recognize and provide incentives for students to do well in academics, attendance, and attitude.

Mr. Cabrera wished everyone a great holiday and thanked them for serving on the School Site Council. He noted that BHS will be closed for the next three weeks and that he is looking forward to the second semester.

Reports from other Committees: English Learners and District Advisory Committees:

- The minutes from the ELAC meeting of November 8, 2012 were reviewed. Lisa Padilla noted that this month, because of the winter recess, ELAC’s meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, December 13. She requested that, since legally ELAC must have the opportunity to give input prior to SSC action, all approvals be made contingent upon ELAC approval. All action items will be presented to ELAC on Thursday; if ELAC members have reservations or comments, these will be reported to the SSC which will reconsider any approvals at the January meeting.
- Mr. Wandel reported that there was been no DAC meeting since the last report. DAC will meet on January 16.

Update on the BHS WASC Accreditation – March 3-6, 2013 – Lisa Padilla reported that the staff has been working hard to finalize the self-study document. Once it’s ready, she will e-mail it to members so that they can review it and give input if they like.

Approval of budget transfers or expenditures from categorical budgets, information about expenditures and transfers of the past month – Lisa Padilla presented the following proposed budget transfers within the EIA/SCE and EIA/LEP budgets to balance accounts and provide after school tutoring for English Learners during second semester.

In the EIA/SCE budget	Rationale: To balance negative accounts.		
To Medicare – Certificated	01-7090-0-1110-2110-3331-420-1400	+\$1	Current balance: -\$1
To Worker’s Comp – Certificated	01-7090-0-1110-2110-3601-420-1400	+\$1	Current balance: -\$1
To Clerical & Office Contract	01-7090-0-1110-2490-2410-420-1400	+\$3,118	Current balance: - \$3,118
To PERS – Classified	01-7090-0-1110-2490-3202-420-1400	+\$372	Current balance: -\$372
To FICA – Classified	01-7090-0-1110-2490-3312-420-1400	+\$194	Current balance: -\$194
To Medicare – Classified	01-7090-0-1110-2490-3332-420-1400	+\$46	Current balance: -\$46
To Health & Welfare – Classified	01-7090-0-1110-2490-3412-420-1400	+\$1,182	Current balance: -\$1,182
To Life Insurance – Classified	01-7090-0-1110-2490-3452-420-1400	+\$4	Current balance: -\$4
To Unemployment – Classified	01-7090-0-1110-2490-3502-420-1400	+\$35	Current balance: -\$35
To Worker’s Comp – Classified	01-7090-0-1110-2490-3602-420-1400	+\$32	Current balance: -\$32
To PERS Reduction – Classified	01-7090-0-1110-2490-3802-420-1400	+\$1	Current balance: -\$1
From New Equipment	01-7090-0-1110-1000-4410-420-1400	-\$4,986	Current balance: \$8,000

Approval of budget transfers or expenditures from categorical budgets, information about expenditures and transfers of the past month, *continued*

Rationale: To provide after school tutoring for English Learners second semester.

From instr. materials and suppl.	01-7090-0-1110-1000-4310-420-1400	-\$8,500	Current balance: \$12,661
To extra duty - Classified	01-7090-0-4768-1000-2130-420-1400	+\$8,500	Current balance: -\$426

In the EIA/LEP budget Rationale: To provide after school tutoring for English Learners second semester.

To extra duty – Certificated	01-7091-0-4768-1000-1130-420-1400	+\$2,100	Current balance: -\$540
From Classified Inst. Aide – Cont.	01-7091-0-4768-1000-2110-420-1400	-\$2,100	Current balance: \$5690

Lisa mentioned that BHS recently received notice of additional allocations to our EIA budgets. She will bring proposals regarding the allocation of the new funds to the next School Site Council meeting.

Mr. Cabrera requested that a full budget report be given at the next SSC meeting; Lisa said that she would prepare a report.

Diane Miller motioned to approve the proposed transfers to the EIA-SCE and EIA-LEP budgets, pending approval by ELAC; Brian Wandel seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Good of the Order/Public Comment:

- Bertha Garcia reported that her son’s MP3 player was lost in the theater while he photographed the recent drama production. The MP3 player was found, but given away to another student (who claimed to be Bertha’s son) by the teacher. While she realizes that not much can be done now, and the school has no responsibility for the item, she believes that the teacher should have turned the item in to the office so that it could have been returned through the office, or should have asked for identification before giving the item away.
- Diane Miller reported that she’s heard from several people that the cafeteria food has greatly improved this year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on January 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in room 522.

Items distributed: Agenda for the December 11, 2012 School Site Council meeting
Minutes from the November 13, 2012 School Site Council meeting
Proposed budget transfers within the EIA/SCE and EIA/LEP budgets
Course materials for proposed Honors Chemistry course
Handout on the “AAA” Bruin Rewards Program to recognize and encourage excellence in academics, attendance, and attitude