

**Academic Choice Advisory Council (ACAC) Meeting
April 17, 2012, 4:00 – 5:30 PM BHS room C213
Minutes**

In Attendance

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Becky Price	Guest - parent	bprice57@comcast.net

Student Report

They just finished their first annual month of service, and felt it was successful.

The elections convention will be held Thursday 4/19. After that we will know who is running from AC and the other small learning communities. Mary Engle will supply a report.

The ASB (Associated Student Body) is planning for Arts Month in May, which will include an evening talent show.

AC College Tours

The College and Career Center had organized these in years past, but it is currently in the hands of each Small Learning Community individually.

Discussion: despite their value, field trips disrupt the flow of sequencing in academic classes and take days away from meeting curricular standards. AC currently has no plans or person available to organize College Tour field trips.

Action item:

Lawrence will draft a summary of this potential volunteer position to include on the new website and at the Spring General Meeting.

Budget

Olga Volodina presented the current ACAC budget, and we began a process of projecting expenses for next year.

Outside funding for the AC Resource and Support Coordinator position (Jessie Luxford) is uncertain beyond the 0.4 FTE allocated from BSEP. Extended Course Offerings FTEs will be allocated next month.

Action item:

Lead teachers Ben Sanoff and Matt Carton will contact Olga with some specific ideas and estimated costs, to be discussed at the next ACAC meeting. This might include AP Project Cal tutors, Google Plus hangouts tutoring, and a project manager for both.

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To be presented:

- Common curriculum for 9th and 10th grade English
- New AC website and bullet points (and solicit feedback on both, and ask for FAQs)
- Volunteer opportunities
- ACAC parent rep elections

The final details will be discussed at the next ACAC meeting on May 15.

New AC Website

The AC bullet points were reviewed and edited. The approved bullets are:

- **Choose** from the widest possible list of electives, Advanced Placement classes, and courses of study: **Challenge** yourself academically and prepare for success in a 4-year college or university. AC offers academic support for all students.
- **Explore** your interests and **develop** your strengths: **Decide** which subjects to study in depth. AC offers a rigorous program while providing you the most flexibility in course selection.
- **Thrive** in a diverse yet personalized learning community: **Join** a cohort of students in the 9th and 10th grade humanities classes and become part of a

supportive community. **Find** friends who share your interests and learn from classmates with wide-ranging world views.

Action item:

Ben will work with Lawrence and Francesca to populate web segments: calendar, volunteer opportunities, FAQs.

Next ACAC Meeting

Tuesday May 15, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. in BHS room C213.

Approval of March 2012 ACAC minutes

Minutes of the March ACAC meeting were unanimously approved.