

**Academic Choice Advisory Council (ACAC) Meeting  
February 21, 2012, 4:00 – 5:30 PM BHS room C213  
Minutes**

**In Attendance**

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**Student Representatives**

Mary Engle presented a proposal to split AC Student Senate representatives from ACAC Student Representatives. The ACAC reps would primarily show up at all ACAC meetings and work with the student mentoring program while the AC Student Senate reps would attend Leadership class and participate in required Leadership activities. Chris Young has suggested that Leadership would recruit AC reps to the Student Senate, while ACAC student reps would be self-nominated and chosen by teachers. The proposal envisions 2-4 students as ACAC reps and 6 reps to the Student Senate. Matt asked the Student Reps who were present at the meeting to

provide a list of names of students who might be interested in filling open slots in the Student Senate. It was agreed that the ACAC would need to commit this spring to set meeting days and times for next year in order to attract students to join because students need to plan their schedules.

### **BSEP Proposal for AC Resource Coordinator**

Susanna Moore has been working on a proposal to fund an academic support position. Last year, ACAC applied for a .4 FTE position for a support person for “bubble students,” meaning students who had previously been doing passing work but who had slipped and were at risk of not meeting the criteria for going to college. BSEP funded .2 FTE for the spring semester with carryover funds. The student support coordinator, Jessie Luxford, has mainly focused on higher risk students.

This year, ACAC is applying for a 1.0 FTE academic support position (for teaching two sections of 9<sup>th</sup> graders during the school day and one section of 10<sup>th</sup> graders during 7<sup>th</sup> period and for drop-ins during 7<sup>th</sup> period, for administrative work such as calling students’ parents, and for supervising a student teacher to help with the bubble students).

It was decided that Susanna will circulate the latest draft of the proposal for comment by ACAC members. It was also decided that ACAC members who know BSEP members will talk to them about the merits of the proposal prior to the BSEP meetings at which the committee will consider the applications. BSEP will hear public comment on March 5 and March 12 at 4 p.m. Vernon, Jessie, and the lead teachers will strategize about effective presentation of the proposal.

### **Math Science Info Night**

Lawrence and Jennifer Villeneuve will contact Evy Kavalier, Amy Burke, and Angie Dean about dates. Possibilities are March 15 or 22.

### **AC Bullets on BHS Website**

The ACAC did some brainstorming with respect to what Ben presented. He will circulate updated bullets to the entire ACAC for comments and we will vote on them at the next meeting.

### **New AC Website Update**

Ben presented the substantial work he has done on the website. Suggestions were made regarding additional information that could be included. Ben said he needs parent volunteers to help maintain the calendar and the volunteer page. We are considering changes to our email distribution method as well.

### **AC Info Night**

There was a very good turn-out. The presentation can be viewed on-line:  
[http://www.construxit.com/ac\\_ppt.swf](http://www.construxit.com/ac_ppt.swf) (linked to from  
<http://www.bhsacademicchoice.com/whatis.htm>).

### **Next ACAC Meeting**

Tuesday March 20, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. in BHS room C213.

### **Approval of January 2012 ACAC minutes**

Minutes of the January meeting were unanimously approved.