

**Academic Choice Advisory Council (ACAC) Meeting
January 11, 2013, 7:30 – 8:35 AM BHS room C213
Minutes**

In Attendance

Who	Role	E-mail address
Ben Sanoff	Teacher rep, AC House Leader	bensanoff@berkeley.net
Vernon Walton	AC Vice Principal	vernonwalton@berkeley.net
Barbara Anscher	Parent rep, Student Support	barbaraanscher@gmail.com
Jeremy Thorner	Parent rep	jthorner@berkeley.edu
Francesca Verdier	Parent rep, Secretary	francesca.verdier@gmail.com
Olga Volodina	Parent rep, Treasurer	olga-volodina@sbcglobal.net
Randi Boorstein	AC Parent , Liaison to Berkeley High School Development Group	randiboorstein@gmail.com
Sue Johnson	AC parent	Susana3j@sonic.net
Heather Loucks	AC parent	
John Lavine	AC parent, BSEP liaison	johnclavine@gmail.com
Aicha Nystrom	AC parent	nystromphoto@gmail.com
Laurent Roffe	AC parent	laroffe@yahoo.com
Sara Webber	AC parent	sarawebber@sbcglobal.net
Laurie Zimet	AC Parent	

Funding Updates

Randi Boorstein gave funding updates. The EL field trip got funded by the development group, so no longer needs AC funding. Wyn Skeels (the teacher who coordinates after school tutoring) and Randi and working to incorporate targeted after school tutoring into the drop-in tutoring program next year, and tutoring sections targeted to struggling students as well. This will likely get funded by the development group.

Ben Sanoff is soliciting money at http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/proposal.html?id=933590&sharebar=true&utm_source=dc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=proposal_approve#materials List for another set of 30 chromebooks and cart. If they don't get completely funded he will request the balance from ACAC.

College Tours

It was agreed that these should be targeted at sophomores.

Action: Heather Loucks will ask the College & Career Center if they can help.
Action: Ben Sanoff will talk with the IB folks to see what they are doing.
To be discussed again next meeting.

AC Commencement

The sashes cost about \$12 each. Carol Browstein coordinated getting them last year.
Action: Francesca Verdier to contact Carol to get the details.
To be discussed again next meeting.

Having Recent BHS Graduates Talk About College

A parent sent an email query about whether this would happen this year.
Action: Francesca to contact Lawrence Grown to see if he is interested in coordinating this again.

Classroom Matters Inquiry

Classroom Matters sent an email query for a contact. Randi will pass on that information to Wyn Skeels.

AC AP Coordinator

The AC Leadership team has been discussing the possibility of having an AP Coordinator, modeled after Russell Parker in IBHS, who coordinates academic support activities. This position would make the goal of encouraging more students to take AP classes more realistic. This person's primary responsibilities would be:

- speak to students about what AP means (gain college skills, improve chances of getting into the college they want, etc.)
- provide more integrated support for students taking AP classes
- coordinate study sessions for AP classes
- maintain and analyze statistical data related to AP classes
- might organize college tours
- might coordinate some kind of senior project

These goals are in sync with WASC goals to get more students taking higher level classes. There is a draft proposal which should be ready for review at the next ACAC meeting.

Next ACAC Meeting

Friday February 1 2013, 7:30 – 8:35 a.m. in BHS room C213.

Approval of December 2012 ACAC Minutes

Ben Sanoff approved the December 2012 ACAC minutes.

