

**Academic Choice Advisory Council (ACAC) Meeting  
February 7, 2014, 7:30 – 8:35 AM BHS room C317  
Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

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**Public Comments: Honors Math Tutoring Requirement**

AC parent Donna Storey brought to our attention the difficulties students taking math honors and AP classes have in fulfilling their tutoring requirements. According to Berkeley High's Tutoring Portal, BHS Connect ([http://www.berkeleyschools.net/ent/ent-4/?page\\_id=24](http://www.berkeleyschools.net/ent/ent-4/?page_id=24)), the BHS math department community service requirement originated in response to the math achievement gap at BHS. The goal of the requirement is to have the more successful honors and AP level math students help students who struggle in math. The community service can be a very rewarding experience and is a good thing to mention on a college application.

However, there is no support for the honors/AP students in finding students to tutor, no training is provided, and some students are unaware of the requirement.

The following table shows the estimated breakdown of mandated tutoring hours:

Class (# sections)	Avg # of students	Hours required/year	Total hours
Honors geometry (2)	60	8	480
Honors Algebra 2 (2)	60	12	720
Honors math Analysis (2)	60	16	960
AB Calculus (2)	60	20	1,200
AP Statistics (2)	60	20	1,200
BC Calculus (1)	40	24	960

Approximately 5,520 hours of tutoring are required per year.

Donna has been trying to bring structure to this requirement process, but has been told that parents cannot give feedback on this program. She has been to the School Site Council and to BSEP to seek help.

**Action:** Ben Sanoff and Tim Zolezzi to bring this up with Vernon Walton.

**Action:** Will discuss again at the March ACAC meeting.

### **Public Comments: Development Group Money Available for Teachers**

Randi Boorstein mentioned that the development group has a healthy balance in its funds; AC teachers should be encouraged to apply for grants.

### **Recruiting Additional parents to be on the ACAC**

Flyers were given to all history teachers to pass out at the Feb 6 Open House.

Current members of seniors should try to recruit people they know to replace them.

**Action:** redo the flyer with emphasis on ease of joining:

- Do you have one hour per month to help your child in AC?
- Omit fundraising position description.

### **Spring Meeting**

Ben Sanoff suggested having the meeting before course selection and advertise help in selecting courses at the meeting. This would mean late February.

**Action:** Ben to set date with Vernon Walton; Francesca will then advertise. Post meeting decision: the spring meeting will be Tuesday February 25, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, in the BHS library.

**Action:** Francesca to propose change to bylaws to allow parent selection at an ACAC meeting rather than at the spring meeting.

### **AC Graduation**

**Action:** Sophia and Tim volunteered to contact students to see what they want. Ideas include barbecue at BHS, barbecue at a nearby park like Live Oak, something a bit more formal.

**Action:** Francesca to order sashes and pins.

### **BSEP Application for AC Student Support**

**Action:** Barbara will contact Vernon Walton about this.

### **Recruitment of History paper Readers**

Try both UC and Craig's List. Tim, Ben, and Barbara will follow up.

### **Next ACAC Meeting**

Friday March 7, 2014, 7:30 – 8:35 a.m. in BHS room C317.