



ACAC (Academic Choice Advisory Council) Meeting Minutes – 11/07/08

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SOCIAL LIVING

Report from Heather Sadlon

Dates for the Social Living unit will be: Jan 5-23 2009 (Though SL instruction also happens throughout the year in 9th and 10th grade classrooms)

16 AC teachers, 10 of them are new to the S.L. curriculum

Monday 11/10/08 Prof. Dev. day: SL will be presented in a 3 hr unit

BIHS S.L. teachers will observe only

MICKEY DAVIS

Report from Jessica Quindel

Mr. Davis is a Professor, Speaker, and Coach Specializing in African American Success in Math.

The math department would like to hire Mr. Davis to speak Monday 11/10/08.

The cost is \$400 for the workshop.

Another \$1600 will cover setting up peer observations for differentiated instruction and professional coaching based on those observations.

Those costs will hopefully come from BHSDG.

ACAC approved a \$400 grant for Monday’s workshop.

DESIGN TEAM

Presented by Alex Angell, Sherene Randle, Jim Slemp

The design team met for 3 days 11/3-11/5/08

The proposal will be presented to School Governance on 11/18.

Then to the faculty on 11/19.

In the following 2 weeks, there will be 3 public presentations: at St. Joseph the Worker and St. Paul's Churches and at BHS.

On December 10 or 12? the SGC will vote on the proposal.

If passed, it will go to the school board for final approval.

The process was aided by the good will and generous spirits following the election of Barack Obama.

But the process was at times confining, tedious, and challenging, but in the end was very worthwhile. Professional bridges were built.

Compromises are often necessary, but hopefully the plan will meet the needs of the students foremost, but also the teachers, administration, and community.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Presented by Karen Meryash

5 additional Tutorials have been funded by BHSDG

including 2 for students with special needs.

If any tutorials are not well attended, they are in jeopardy of not being funded next year. Communication between teachers is essential to support the program.

Hopefully teachers are communicating to all students that participation is expected, and extra credit will be given.

The program is well structured with great resource teachers, but only if there is promotion from teachers, counselors, administration, parents and students will those resources reach the students with the greatest needs.

MASTER SCHEDULE

There will be a new student information system (database) in Jan/Feb

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sherene is working with 9th and 10th grade English Teachers, writing down curriculum unit by unit.

TREASURERS REPORT

Ali Kashani has officially taken on this responsibility. Welcome Ali!

About \$30,000 is available in the account, many funding proposals are in the works.

AC GENERAL MEETING

Amendments to the By Laws were approved on October 28th, see minutes.

EVENTS, MEETINGS

November 18, SGC presentation of the Design Team Proposal

December 1st, BHSDG meeting, 1st Monday night each month 7pm

Community forum dates and locations at BHS, St. Paul's, St. Joseph the Worker are yet to be announced. (for discussion of Design Team Proposal)

December 9th SGC vote on Design Team Proposal

January 8th: What's Up With College? Night

Next ACAC Meeting Scheduled for 12/05/08