

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

In Attendance:

Who	Role	E-mail address
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Public Comments: Slides at College & Career Center Presentation

Jeremy Thorner reported that while the recent College & Career Center presentation for parents of juniors was informative, the slides were very hard to read due to their yellow font. Vernon will pass on this feedback.

Math Tutoring Requirement Update

Donna Storey reported that bringing this issue to the ACAC seems to have had results; she has heard that BHS is receptive to community feedback on this topic. She met with math teacher Nakia Baird and they discussed providing a list of tutoring opportunities, having teachers create and host math tutoring sessions, having teachers teach buddy regular & AP classes and match AP students to tutor students in the non AP class, providing training for the tutors, having more consistency in the requirements.

Action: Ben or Vernon to invite Nakia Baird to the April ACAC meeting.

Chromebooks for Homeless Students

Barbara Anscher reported that there are 280 homeless students at BHS, of which 44 are in AC. Their counselor Sophina Jones is investigating getting chromebook laptops for them. Should would keep the chromebooks and check them out to students. There was some discussion about how the logistics might work out.

Action: Ben Sanoff will talk with Sophina and with IT specialist Matt Albinson and report back at the April ACAC meeting.

AC Commencement

Students Sophia Jimenez and Quinn Gaebler are coordinating this event. Based on the dates of other commencement activities we selected June 4th for the AC commencement (Sophia and Quinn will let Vernon know if this changes). Still to be determined whether on campus or off campus.

Note: BHS graduation is June 13.

Action: Sophia and Quinn to report back at the April ACAC.

Request for Funding for Play Tickets

English teacher David Borrelli requested \$1,200 to take his 80 sophomore students to see The Suit, a jazz musical with themes similar to those in Othello (which the students are reading), at ACT in San Francisco. Last year he received money from ACAC to take students to see Electra, and this was a great experience for the students.

There was a lively discussion about whether all 10th graders could go. David will talk with the other English teachers.

The request for funds was unanimously approved, at \$15 per student, however many students end up going.

Status of Grants Applied For

Ben Sanoff reported that he put in a second round request from the UCB chancellor's fund to pay for UC students to provide tutoring for the humanities AP classes and AP environmental science, as well as a project manager for the AP tutoring program. He will hear back in mid April.

Ben also put in a BSEP application for AP Scholars. This program identifies students at risk for failing their AP class and provides them with enrichment and extra support.

Request for Funding for Wireless Projector

English teacher Matt Carton requested \$100 to buy an Apple TV wireless projector for his classroom. Approved unanimously.

Budget Requests for April ACAC Meeting

Action: Ben Sanoff will let teachers know they should submit budget requests – both for the rest of this year and for next year – to be reviewed at the April ACAC meeting.

Next ACAC Meeting

Friday April 11, 2014, 7:30 – 8:35 a.m. in BHS room C317.