



ACAC (Academic Choice Advisory Council) Meeting Minutes – 12/05/08

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At the last mentor meeting, they had a fun quiz on BHS knowledge
Ideas were brainstormed for the next gathering:

- Discuss BHS communication
 - What to do if...
 - Who to talk to if...
 - In general, how to solve problems
- Student Support
 - Pitch tutorials, provide schedule hand-outs
- Health Center knowledge

This will occur in AC English classes

Finals are in December for English and History, to allow time for Social Living, but other classes have their finals in January.

Student leadership will coordinate the timing with Sherene Randle

Student leaders will each invite underclassmen to next month's ACAC meeting (Jan 9 2009) to introduce them to the process. The idea is to bring three members of each class to the ACAC, in hopes that some will step up to be student leaders next year.

SCHOOL REDESIGN PLAN

At the recent PTSA meeting, a number of concerns were raised.

(Since the time of this meeting, the PTSA concerns were summarized in an open letter, visible at <http://www.bhs.berkeleypta.org/pta/design-position-paper.html>)

Other opinion pieces have been published in the Berkeley Daily Planet.

Many concerns were raised by individual members of the ACAC, though there was no consensus.

There had been a meeting of the faculty to present and discuss the redesign plan. Teacher feedback from that meeting will be summarized and presented to the School Governance Council.

A motion was made for the ACAC to implore the SGC to require a formal poll of the faculty before the redesign plan goes before the school board. There wasn't a quorum at the meeting. (ACAC Secretary Lawrence Grown posed this motion by email but it did not receive enough responses to present it to the SGC. However, BFT president Cathy Campbell informed us that she intends to take a poll at the union meeting in early January.)

Next meeting

The next ACAC meeting will focus on student support.

EVENTS, MEETINGS

December 9, All day SGC meeting to discuss School Redesign

Public comment from 8:00-8:30am

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

January 17th: The Parent Leadership Group will begin a series of meetings intended to recruit a diverse body. The meetings will be held at the South Berkeley Senior Center, on Saturday mornings from 10am-noon.

Next ACAC Meeting Scheduled for 01/09/09