

School Council Meeting

Jan 10, 2023

Attendees:

J. Butler (t), D. Fan (p), H. Galante (a), D. Hudder (a), T. Scott (p), Shreyes S. (s), J. Stark (t), J. Stewart (p), J. Wysokowski (t)

AGENDA:

I. Minutes

- December Minutes Approved

II. Bedford PS District Equity Statement Update

- Error in the approval process; School Committee revisiting

III. Superintendent Search Committee

- Committee is set; planning session are ongoing
- Feedback gathering sessions occurred in December
- From the feedback sessions:
 - Faculty: generally wants someone who understands or is willing to learn about Bedford, someone who is dedicated to the long haul, experienced - particularly with negotiations.
 - Students: want someone who is going to be present as the superintendent.
 - Community/parent: committed to more than a few years. Visible in a strong way.

IV. Restorative Justice Practices

- Noted changes to the discipline law at last meeting
- Along with other area schools, looking to explore restorative justice
 - Possible resource: <https://www.pathways2rc.com/>
- Needs to be a whole-school, whole-community commitment, with extensive training
- Where do we start? Questions and considerations:
 - Important to be consistent with implementation, whether is be Pathways, RJI, or someone else.
 - Start with the PAs? Look at it like a curriculum.
 - District rollout, starting with elementary schools?

- Representative group of all stakeholders to get trained, then work on building the structures for how we bring it to Bedford High School
- DESE seems to be headed in this direction, but lack of funding

V. Black History Month

- Planning underway
- Jamele Adams hopefully will be a part of it
- BSU involved
- Date TBA

VI. Parent Diversity Council

- Eager to help the school with funding and programming
- Ideas:
 - Trans awareness
 - Women's History Month

VII. Post-Secondary Planning

- BHS budget request includes a 9-12 counseling personnel for student post-secondary planning.
- How are we doing? What do we need?
 - Parents often feel like they are behind
 - Inequity based on which counselor one has, whether someone has a college counselor
 - Starting common app junior year'
 - College fair around January - could it be here?
 - Three post-secondary passes to see your counselor - must use them by a set date in junior year

VIII. Meetings dates

- Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb 14, 2:30-3:30 PM

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Meeting Agreements

- End on time

- Share the space and the air - no voice dominates
- Engage in open and honest discussion, where disagreement is welcome and all opinions are considered
- Assume positive intention
- Be mindful that we are all here as representatives, not individuals
- Respect confidentiality - not single out individuals
- Be task oriented; stick to the agenda

Attendance key:

s: student

p: parent

t: teacher

a: administrator

v: visitor