

15 March 2007 CPA Parent Council Meeting – Minutes

Updates –

Leadership Council – mostly HW issues discussed

Writers Coach Connection (WCC) – no one seemed to know what's going on

College Info Session – Success, 30 attendees, all had personal access to Ms. Abrams and Ms. Russ concerning their particular circumstance with respect to the College Application Process

BHSDG - \$200 grants for teachers. CPA very well represented. We have ~\$16,000 in our account now. Almost all of it will be used for the WCC. If the shortfall is small, BHSDG might supplement the rest. Cost of WCC is \$16,000 for 2 grades for 1 year.

AP English – Ms. Bell.

2 sections of AP

Jr class – Literature

Sr class – Language and Composition (Jenkins)

Classes are paired with regular composition/writing class. Students meet 2 additional periods per week. Plan same setup as last year. 0 period class twice a week, starts @ 7:30 am. Believes it was worthwhile – had to modify – didn't want to divide class. Additional assignments & test taking strategies were given. Enhanced curriculum for all students. It improves opportunity for passing. Anticipate ~50% passing rate. Irma chimed in colleges look for students willing to take risks.

AP Calculus – Mr Bremer

1 section of Calculus AB

Separate class – Mr Bremer will teach 1st semester of College Calculus over a year. Note IMP4 vs Math Analysis – MA more technical knowledge, IMP more problem solving.

Music Scholarship Request

Raise money for CPA Scholarship – Concert May 8th at BHS Community Theatre.

Booking artists. Want to give 3 scholarships. Have to fill out FASA (sp?) forms. Charge \$5 - \$10 per ticket.

Advisory & Block Scheduling

Reason for Advisory – make BHS a more personal place; 20 students per adult across 4 grades. Won't happen in large school next year, but plan for '08/'09. Also looking @ block scheduling & how to make it work. Goal – give student a place to know what's available @ the school. Support system/mentor – Does CPA need advisories given the existing support structure?

Attendance policy

Change to not allow attendance to bring grade lower than a "C"

New Parent Council Facilitator

Will need a new person for next year – Rich will have a Sr. and won't have time.

Announcements

Karen Davis wants to do something for the students @ the end of the year – maybe karaoke since it didn't work @ holiday party.

Next Parent Council meeting is Thursday, April 19th 2007.

Next Leadership Council meeting is the 2nd Thursday because of Spring Break.