BMHS School Governance Council (SGC) Minutes
October 25, 2016

In Attendance: Maribeth Becker, Patrick Begos, Bridget Boger, Tom Finn, Isabelle Hargrove, Scott Hurwitz, Robert Kane, Neal Konstantin, Suzanne Koroshetz, David Levinson, James MacDonald, and Irene Surapine

Absent: Kristen Carrano, Dawn Leeds, Eileen McNamara, Peter Sommer, and Chad Southerland

New members were introduced. Minutes from the September 29, 2016 meeting were accepted.

A summary was given of the information we received from the District October SGC training. There were no major takeaways from the workshop.

Compliance with BOE policy section V. Election and Terms of Members was discussed in several areas and outcomes reached by consensus. The following veteran members will serve one year terms: Thomas Finn, Isabelle Hargrove, Robert Kane, Neal Konstantin, Eileen McNamara, Dawn Leeds or Chad Southerland, and the new community member. All of these members are eligible to run for another two year term. Patrick Begos was selected as our SGC Co – President. SBK will contact Larry Cafero to see if he is interested in joining our team as a community member. All members were asked to reach out to potential community members for a follow up discussion in November.

The CGS and state funding information associated with being a partial or full time inter-district magnet was discussed. Julie Parham is working on solutions that will satisfy state requirements and work to the benefit of all students.

School data was reviewed. Questions were answered. Irene Surapine and school members spoke about the benefits of shifting to the SAT versus CAPT and SBAC. There is a need to be aware of the increase in the number and percentage of high needs students and the best way to support them as we look to improve school data.

The SGC is going to concentrate efforts on turning the library into a Learning Common in an effort for it to have a more positive impact on students and the school culture and climate. Jim MacDonald reported on the preliminary work he has done on this project. All members were enthusiastic about the idea. There is a great deal of work to be done. The tasks will all require imagination and research. Some will require labor and others will need funding.

The District asked us to reserve November 9 for a full SGC workshop. SBK will forward definitive information as soon as it is available. Our next meeting is November 15, at 6:30 pm, in the Guidance Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat and Suzanne