

SART & IDAC Meeting

School Assessment Review Team & Intercultural Diversity Advisory Council Alta Sierra Intermediate and Buchanan High School

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

9:00-10:30am

Minutes

Welcome

Mr. Aiello welcomed everyone to the meeting. He invited the group to review the February minutes. Mr. Mayer motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Wulf, and approved by the group. Mr. Aiello shared that LD Katoch is representing Mrs. Carter who is not able to attend.

Student Report

Mr. Aiello introduced Yabby and shared her accomplishments.

BHS ASB President Yabby Abejie shared the following:

- Our AASU along with others in the district created a virtual presentation to celebrate Black History Month.
- BHS welcomed students back to in-person instruction on February 22nd.
- Bear Stage hosted their “Movie Magic”.
- Cross Country battled Sanger. Girls were undefeated, Boys lost for the first time.
- Kids Day – March 9th with virtual fundraising.
- 21st Annual Matt Mueller Blood Drive – March 16 & 17 in the West Gym.

SART Topic: Career Technical Education (CTE) & Regional Occupational Programs (ROP)

These pathways provide students with real life experiences and prepare them for Career and College after high school.

Learning Director Amanda Torres started by sharing the pathways she oversees. ROP are now known as FCSS programs.

- Child Development Pathway – Starts in 10th grade and goes through 12th grade. FCSS classes are usually 2 periods. They require more time and are college prep courses. Students go out to the elementary teachers to get their experiences.
- Food Service and Hospitality – 3 classes are available for this pathway. The facility for this pathway is equipped with top notch equipment.
- Patient Care – Students learn a broad range of health and safety measures. There strong partnership with community.
- Performing Arts – Production, theatrical design, set design, etc...
- Design, Visual and Media Arts – Digital photography and Journalism. They have a strong partnership with Larson Brothers.
- Production and Managerial arts – Buchanan News Network (BNN), students leave with skills to get hired in news stations and radio stations. A student produced video was shared with the group.
- A new facility is being built to house the videography pathway.

Learning Director Cece Dansby shared her two pathways that involve math and science.

- Engineering Design and Environmental Resources
- Both pathways have a concentrator and capstone courses.
- Course requirements are listed on the BHS websites.
- The introduction course requires OSHA certification.
- Math 2 eligibility required to take the Engineering Design courses.
- Students work on design projects (robot pet, recycling, etc...)
- Environmental pathway: Chemistry is the requirement class to take part in this pathway.
- Students explore impact on the environments (land, water, etc...)
- Students can apply to participate in the pathways.
- Job shadow opportunities are available to students in the respective fields. This year, job shadowing has been on the virtual platform.
- Robotic team is heavily involved in one or both pathways.

Both Learning Directors answered questions from our groups.

Counselors Reports

ASI – Ms. Meghan Tenney shared that registration is underway for the next school year. Registration is through Student Connect. 8th graders are done. This week the counselors are visiting 6th grade classes in our area to share information for ASI and welcome them. Students have opportunities to get involved now that students are back on campus. Athletics are back and students can check the ASI website for information to sign up for sports. Two Student Success Conferences (Asian student success conference (3/8) and the Latino student success conference pm 3/22).

BHS – Mr. Hodges is involved in registration for our current 9th graders. Please reach out to your student's counselor if you have any questions.

Principals Reports

Mr. Katoch shared the following for ASI. Our school was recognized for the Bonner Character Award. 6 out of the 10 Valley Secondary Schools that received this award are Clovis Unified schools. About 400 students per day are attending school for in-person instruction. ASI had 10 students participate in the Spelling Bee. Two out of the 10 are advancing to the County Spelling Bee.

Mr. Aiello shared that our teachers are very excited to get students back on campus since February 22nd. Under 40% of our students chose to return to in-person instruction. Our counseling team did a phenomenal job to accommodate all the requests. Yesterday's County COVID data of 14 per 100K cases allowed our athletics to return to competition starting next week. All co-curricular programs (band, drama, choir) are also back. Safety measures will be in place to keep everyone safe. COVID testing is a requirement for students to compete. We appreciate parents and students being patient as we navigate the changing requirements.

Parents are invited to join the April 6th meeting after spring break. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52am.