Branham HS Site Council 2025-2026 - Room 7 November 5, 2025

Members

- Kori Reynolds
- Juan Fernandez (A)
- Heather Burstein (A)
- Jen Brady
- Beth Silbergeld
- Heather Amanatullah

- David Levy (A)
- Sunna Kang (A)
- Madison Simmons (A)
- Sarah Osband
- Todd Harrison
- Marisa Hoff

Meeting Dates: 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, $\frac{3}{4}$, 4/1, 5/6

Time Allotted	Topic	Lead(s)	Outcome/Vote/Notes
5 min	Welcome/One Thing: Your best/favorite past Halloween costume!	Chair	
2 min	Agenda for 11/5/25	Chair	Motion: Heather Amanatullah Second: Kori Reynolds
30 min	Safety Plan DRAFT	AP Harrison	Divide by sections and report out on summary: if that works for the group. Members reviewed sections and shared out to group Voting on it next time.
10 min	Updates: 1 thing that are going well 1 question for consideration - (change or general comment!) 1. Student report 2. Parent report 3. Staff report	Students Parents Staff	1. Student Perspective: + Clear communication b/t counselors and students has been helpful\ re: college apps 2. Parent Perspective: +Inclusion/Acceptance of all of our various populations has been great (cultural events) How is the tardy system going? Some positives, but still there. 3. Teacher #1: Number of students missing 3/6 periods out and about. Lots of repeat students and the numbers still big.

4. Teacher #2: Science Dept loving **Experience Tutorials** Tomorrow doing Frog Dissection 132 kids have signed up and 1 field trip with two upcoming Much more hands-on/active Link Crew loves working with counselors--clear communication and planning this year One concern: Scheduled Drills and movement not being communicated as clearly/changing. Staff preparation needs to be revisited. 5. Admin: Drill next week? Depends on Staff Training. Looking into this. One thing going well is great new additions to staff. Good things ever day. Good campus energy testament to Link Crew, new teachers... Concern: Major vaping problem both on campus but also generally by teenagers of this generation. To quell this, closing certain bathrooms and monitoring the others closely. J, S, and B closed. This is happening during lunch/tutorial. Getting opened 10 min after school starts. 6. Teacher #3: Liked that the counselors are visiting with students and communicating. A good community within the admin is leading to a positive campus culture and environment.

Closing	Chair	Motion to adjourn: Heather
		Second: Ms. Hoff

Branham HS Site Council 2025-2026 - Room 7 October 1, 2025

Members

- Kori Reynolds
- Juan Fernandez (notetaker)
- Isabelle Zirbes (A)
- Heather Burstein
- Jen Brady
- Beth Silbergeld
- Heather Amanatullah

- David Levy
- Sunna Kang (A)
- Madison Simmons (A)
- Sarah Osband
- Sigal Marash
- Marisa Hoff

Meeting Dates: 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, $\frac{3}{4}$, 4/1, 5/6

Time Allotted	Topic	Lead(s)	Outcome/Vote/Notes
5 min	Welcome: Apples? Pumpkin or a different fall treat and why?	Principal	Shared highlights - Pumpkin (several) pie, fall. Apple (a couple) cider, Roasted chestnuts, pears, butternut squash
5 min	First Gen Mentorship program	Emiliano	Students interested in first generation college-bound students. They want to start a mentoring program for those students. College applications are different in different countries, many students experience anxiety and don't have the tools to navigate college applications. Student led club with staff help is the call to action to support first generation students.
2 min	Agenda for 10/1/25	Principal	Motion: Juan Fernandez-Maculet Second: Sigal Marash Adopted unanimously
5 min	Site Council Scope and Duties, BHS School Site Council Bylaws		Motion to approve: Beth Silbergeld Second: Heather Amanatullah
10 min		Principal	Nominations- self nominate Chair: Sarah Osband Vice-Chair: Madison Simmons Secretary: Sunna Kang and Juan Fernandez Maculet as alternate

10 min	Updates: 1 thing that are going well 1 thing to focus on for change 1 question for consideration 4. Student report 5. Parent report 6. Staff report	Students Parents Staff	Things that are going well: Students: -(+): Homecoming week was wonderful with great participation - (Δ): nothing - (C): Focusing on college, some students may need more one-on-one with counselors Parents: -(+) Safety is going well, good communication on issues, good school spirit, Principal's coffee, PTSA, lots of social staff to feel part of the community -(Δ): Parent square for seniors and info on activities, SVCTE, etc(C): Way of reporting grades and/or dates/missing assignments in Canvas. Somehow the student before the athlete philosophy seems to have been abandoned (trying to balance academic with sports) Staff: -(+): Camaraderie feels rejuvenated, Science Experience Tutorials more hands-on across disciplines now (97 kids signed up) Next one is with Juan Oct 20 Alchemy (28) -(Δ): Enforcement of detention -(C): Detention tallies and compliance? Pre-season mandatory practices are also taking up a great amount of kids' time.
3 min	Closing	Principal	Motion to adjourn: Beth Silbergeld Second: Heather Burstein
Resources	SPSA information from Board meeting		There was an increase in SBAC scores in ELA, Math, and Science, but the reason behind this improvement is obscure. Some interventions are: Flexisched, choosing a theme (Checks for Understanding), Time for educators to collaborate, use of cycle of assessment. Some of the focus are EL students and their reclassification. Suspensions: Creating a sense of belonging. Progress has been done (moved from red to orange). Development of a Bruin profile. A-G eligibility increase to have more students able to apply to four-year colleges if wanted Engaging families with emphasis on 9th graders, multilingual and minorities.

Branham HS Site Council 2025-2026 - Room 7 September 3, 2025

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Time Allotted	Topic	Lead(s)	Outcome/Vote/Notes
5 min	Welcome/One Thing: Share a highlight of your Back to School experience this year	Principal	Shared highlights - student leadership; positive feedback;
2 min	Agenda for 9/3/25	Principal	Motion: Sarah Osband Second: David Levy
5 min	Determine Membership and plans for recruitment/elections	Principal	Goal- Equal representation of community and school Reach out to: Reach out to ASB parents- get from Ranieri Coffee with the principal list Fall Sports Boosters Parents Can we change the bylaws to allow parents who are interested to participate longer than two years. Remember that these meetings are open meetings- all who can come. WASC does look to see if they are happening Should the School Site Council agenda be available on the website. There are broken links currently on the school website

15 min	Site Council Scope and Duties, BHS School Site Council Bylaws and Meeting Dates Review	Principal	Two prompts: 1. I learned this 2. Should this be changed
	 Discussion and Approval of Meeting Dates Discussion of Bylaws 		Changes to be made: David Levy would be a community member There are no term limits in Section G. Can we add clarification on how many term limits. Students follow up with plans being made Article 2- there need to be 10 members but it does not clarify who needs to fill those roles - there needs to be a specific % of each type of membership It states 3rd wednesday- do we need to change that specific language Post agenda within the 72 hour window. Change that to electronic communication. Can we put this in parent square communication. Is there an addition staff member that can fulfill the staff member position? Stephanie Lupe Voting will take place at the next meeting. Chair: Vice-Chair: Secretary:
10 min	Updates: 1 thing that are going well 1 thing to focus on for change 1 question for consideration 7. Student report 8. Parent report 9. Staff report	Students Parents Staff	Things that are going well: Students: Link crew going in to student classeshelping them with flexisched, club rush, and lip dub. Students engage more with upper classmen Freshmen are feeling comfortable going to link crew leaders to get support and ask questions Not as many people are wandering around Parents:
			Link Crew check ins Teachers!

Staff & Teachers:

- Great Admin team a team that can work through problems
- Not using tech has worked well- the new no phone policy
- Having clear policies presented to teachers and students

Focus for change

Students:

- School spirit has decreased
- We want to do more whole school small events to get the campus involved and engaged

Parents:

 How we support teachers to prevent burnout

Staff & Teachers

- How to better engage disenfranchised students
- Flexisched- its all over the place right now
- Advisory agenda what is the calendar to be released to teachers
- Dress code changes may need to be addressed. Types of clothing that may be used for intimidation.

Question for consideration

Students

- Flexisched- can we go see a teacher we have previously had. Want to see previous teachers that they have to get help with college apps and recommendation letters
 - Teachers can add you to their list.
 - College materials should be completed outside of class
 - Teachers should be touching base with current
 - Can English host specific tutorials for letter of recommendations

Parents:

 We can not reduce cell phone use because the primary school communication is through the phone & technology

			Staff & Teachers Who is using AI and how is it going? What is the teacher's experience of students using it?
3 min	Closing	Principal	Motion to adjourn: Brady Second: Kang
Resources	SPSA information from Board meeting		