

Bloomington Hills Elementary Community Council Minutes

Feb 9, 2025

9:45 AM in the Conference Room

In Attendance:

Jera Gunther

Lisa Larson

Rikki McKim

Kristie Wheeler

Joyce Cottam

Shaliese Patten

Carissa Hatch

Absent:

Emily Nelson

All Council members signed the document stating that they are all active and involved on the Council.

Mrs. Wheeler explained that there would be an increase in the SLT budget for the 26-27 school year and let the Council member know how she would like to spend it and asked for their support.

She would like to have a full time counselor if possible so some of the increase would go toward that. She would also use some of the funding for additional paraprofessionals. All council members present agreed that spending the additional money on support personnel would be beneficial.

Mrs. Wheeler also shared that BHE is now out of TSI in 2 areas, Special Education and ELL. Both teachers and paraprofessionals have worked very hard to get BHE out of TSI. There was a big celebration a couple of weeks ago with all faculty and staff with district visitors.

The MOY scores are really looking good. Grade levels are showing growth above what was expected. There is a plan in place for areas that still may need some work to show growth.

Next meeting March 3rd @ 9:00 a.m.

Bloomington Hills Elementary Community Council Minutes

January 12, 2025

9:15 AM in the Conference Room

In Attendance:

Jera Gunther

Lisa Larson

Rikki McKim

Kristie Wheeler

Joyce Cottam

Jaime Farnsworth

Shaliese Patten

Carissa Hatch-via video

Absent:

Emily Nelson

Mission-Our mission is to improve student achievement.

Vision-We as a Bloomington Hills elementary community, will ensure high levels of learning for everyone by supporting, encouraging, and strengthening each other. We are lifelong learners.

Motto-Everyone, ACHIEVES, Everyone BELONGS, Everyone CARES

1. Welcome-Jera Gunther.
2. Recite Mission and purpose.
3. Approve minutes from December. Lisa approved and Jera seconded.
4. Introductions-Jaime Farnsworth. Jaime presented MOY BHE data and fielded questions as they came up. To view data, click on this

link [Data](#). Some things that came up during the data review are as follows.

2nd grade is struggling both here and basically district wide. Leadership and teachers are working together to come up with strategies to help this group of students. Students who are identified at red take several years to catch up. Some teachers within a grade level have better scores than others. Those teachers are being encouraged to share techniques with their team members to help with scores moving forward. Friday attendance needs to improve. Mrs. Wheeler reminded the committee that Friday's are very important as the students work on what was missed that week. Teachers do reach out to parents when students miss school to let them know that their child is missed when they are not here. Teachers and Leadership are always looking at data and exploring ways to improve.

5. Questions.
6. Comments: Mrs. Wheeler mentioned that we may be the next school to become Title 1. It was brought up that 5th grade is now sending home homework. That was confirmed by Mrs. Wheeler. Mrs. Wheeler mentioned that students may not be getting their work done during class. Mrs. Larson wondered if it was in preparation for 6th grade.
7. The next meeting will be March 2nd @ 9:15. The next meeting may feature a few teachers to present for 10 minutes each on their team collaborations. The SCC Council is invited to the assembly on January 29th at 2:30.

Bloomington Hills Elementary Community Council Minutes

December 8, 2025

9:15 AM in the Conference Room

In Attendance:

Lisa Larson

Rikki McKim

Jera Gunther

Emily Nelson

Kristie Wheeler

Joyce Cottam

Absent:

Shaliese Patten

Carissa Hatch

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1. Welcome-Jera Gunther
2. Recite Mission and Purpose

3. Approve Minutes from October. Motion made to approve by Lisa Larson and seconded by Jera Gunther .

4. Introductions-Robin Awahlen, Culture Team; Adam Ashton, Choir
Robin explained our Paw Pal program that involves the staff in having a secret someone that they give to every month. It can be an act of service, a small gift or note. Most staff participate in this program. The balloons in the hallway are a way for us to celebrate holidays while also learning about different cultures.
Our SPOTS program lets students earn tickets that are entered into a drawing each week. Grade levels are different colors so that the grade level teachers can be reminded to participate.
Recess has been a bit hard lately so the Culture Team is rolling out a program that lets the Para playground supervisors issue tickets for misbehaving students to be addressed by the teacher as their time allows. Rewards will be given at the end of the trimester for 3 tickets or less. If there is a big issue the students will come straight to the office.
Adam Ashton-Choir. We currently have about 50 students participating in Choir. The Bobcat Choir Christmas program is coming up on December 17th at 6:30. The Choir participates in 2 concerts per year. One is at Christmas time and the other is at Tuachan in the spring. This spring will be the 250 year United States celebration and the song we will perform is "God Bless the USA" Mr. Ashton explained that he is not formally trained in music but "loves the fun of music" he asked what the Counsel would like to see regarding choir and there was no comments. Jera thanked Mr. Ashton for taking care of the choir.

5. Questions: none

6. Comments: none

7. Next meeting January 12th at 9:15. The council will also meet in March and May.

School Community Counsel
October 20, 2025
9:15

In Attendance

Kristie Wheeler

Jera Gunther

Lisa Larson

Shaliese Patten

Emily Nelson

Rikki McKim

Joyce Cottam

Deanna Iverson

Carissa Hatch

Cindy Hays

Welcome Jera Gunther

Mission, Vision and Motto

Approval of minutes from September, approved by Rikki McKim

Introductions, Carissa Hatch and Cindy Hays

Deann Iverson Reading Interventionist Presentation (see slide)

26th year of teaching, 17th here at BHE, 5th year as Rediang Int.

MTSS and WIN what are they?

Multi Tiered System of Support

Tier 1 Classroom instruction

Tier 2 targeted instruction for at risk students

Tier 3 Intensive individualized instruction-Reading specialist, sped teacher, teacher

Tier 2 is WIN time. 30 minutes block 4 times per week. Every student has win time. Here at BHE we commit to collaborating to utilize the talents of staff to ensure that all students learn at high levels

Kristie commented that all students are engaged during WIN time.

Motivators are used to help kids stay engaged. They earn a 2 minute game at the end of the week, spots tickets are also given.

What are we working on, what do we have to achieve, and how do we get there?

Students are encouraged to gain a skill before moving on to the next one.

Tier 3 intervention for the highest need students. K-1 30 minutes a day will close the gap.

Teachers bring names to the SIT Committee- student concerns, Tier 3 interventions, Deanna will offer help and suggestions.

WIN time is based on data from progress monitoring every 2 to 4 weeks.

Para's are trained by Deanna. Because of para's, many more students can be helped.

How do we know it's working:

Acadience Testing

PA and Phonics Diagnostics

Tier 1 Into reading assessments

RISE benchmarks modules

Community support needed for Tier 2 reading help. We need people to help with 1st-2nd grades. Carissa asked: Can I open it to my neighbors? Yes.

Fluency reading for 1st and 2nd grade students

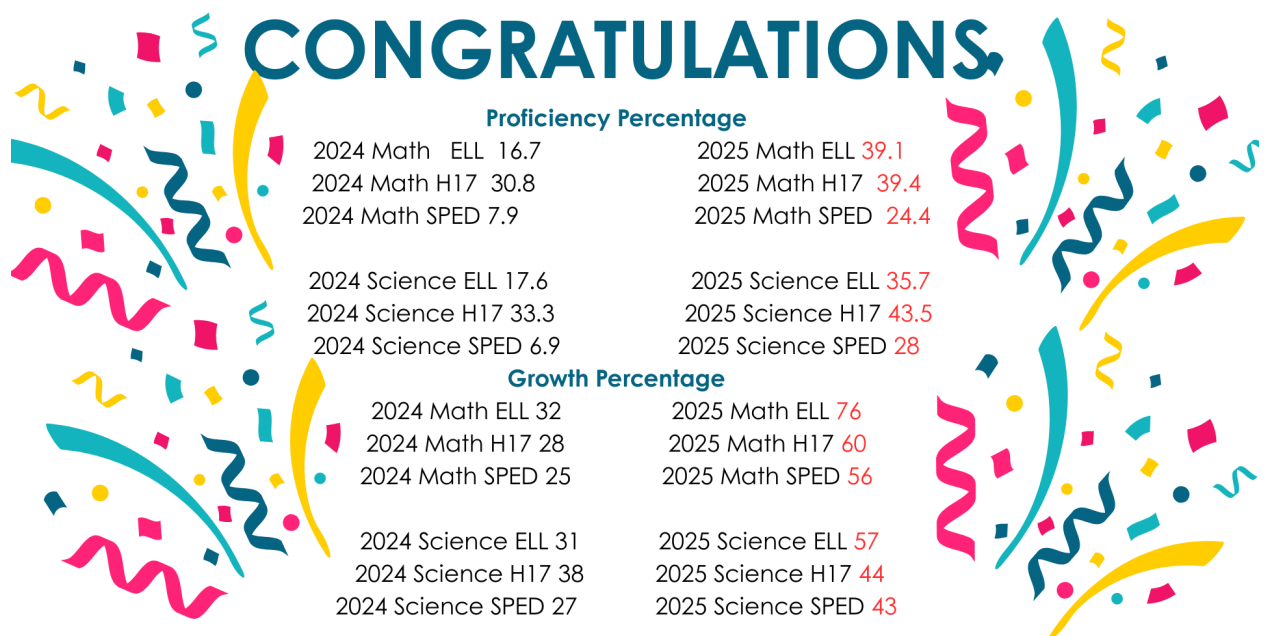
Thank you Deanna! Resources are available for parents through the classroom teacher or Deanna for parents to help at home.

Questions: Jera asked if there are other people that the council would like to hear from. Counselor, team leads? Deanna suggested Sped Teachers and Krisite suggested the School Psychologist

Congratulations! See slide. ELL and SPED student growth was incredible last May. Doc attached.

Next meeting Dec 8, 2025 9:15-10:15

Spread the news that help is needed.



School Community Council
September 15, 2025
9:15 a.m.

In Attendance

Kristie Wheeler

Jera Gunther

Lisa Larson

Shaliese Patten

Emily Nelson

Rikki McKim

Joyce Cottam

Welcome-Kristie Wheeler

Recited the Mission, Vision and Motto

Jera Gunther was nominated for Chair by Lisa Larson and seconded by Emily Nelson

Joyce Cottam was nominated for Vice Chair by Lisa Larson and seconded by Jera Gunther

Carissa Hatch was not in attendance

Principal Wheeler gave a brief overview of the needs of the students here at BHE and the necessity of aides in the classrooms to assist with student learning. Most of the SLT budget is going toward the 9 classroom aides in the building.

Mrs. Wheeler encouraged the Community Council members to attend the BOY Assembly on 9/29. She would like to showcase this special celebration. This will be a celebration of achievement for students.

Teachers have set a school goal of 100% growth this year for all students.

SCC dates for the remainder of the year.

October

December

February

April