

**BRECKENRIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

The Breckenridge Independent School District Student Health Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the School Administration Building, 210 North Miller, Breckenridge, Texas.

The following committee members were present:

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| Shai Berry | Sue Brown | Debbie Mitchell |
| Barbara Collinsworth | Paula Chisholm | Pam Griffith |
| Kody Knight | April Lechner | Mary Ann Olson |
| Deanna Post | Robin Heidelberg | David Brownrigg |
| Linda Sims | | |

Those not present were as follows: Rob Durham, Tonya McKenzie

Non-Members present: Lisa Brownrigg, Jennings Teel

Welcome: Chairperson, Shai Berry, called the meeting to order and welcomed guest.

New Business:

Jennings Teel, BISD Superintendent, presented to the committee the 2009-2010 Board Goals which are...

- All campuses will be exemplary by 2014 school year
- Balanced budget by the end of this school year
- Average daily attendance at 96%
- Build new facilities and improve existing facilities
- Marketing BISD

As he explained each goal, he gave the committee information that made each a priority. He shared with the committee his commitment to this district and expressed his desire to work hard for the district but also for the community. He explained that we have a good academic foundation in place to be able to reach the exemplary status by 2014. This year we have four of the five campuses Recognized in 2009, and there is a good chance that two of the campuses will be Exemplary for 2010. The plan for the district is to have a balanced budget by the end of this year. One of the few ways that we can affect the budget/finance situation is to reach a 96% average daily attendance. The district is in good shape financially, especially compared to many other districts; however, state funding for education is not sufficient. Every district has to be aggressively working toward providing funding for our children's education. Maintaining a 96% Average Daily Attendance would bring in a significant amount of money to help operate. Everyone is working hard on student attendance not only for the funding but also to assure student success academically. If students are not in the

classroom, they are not learning. Mr. Teel invited the committee to visit the BISD website if they have not done so recently. The website is much improved and there are more people accessing the site today than in the past. He has had a positive feedback from the community concerning the school site. Finally, Mr. Teel spoke about BISD facilities. He expressed a concern about the outdated classrooms and concerns about instruction, security and limits on technology advancement, because of the age of our facilities. Most are fifty years old. A community steering committee has been formed to study the feasibility of constructing new facilities or renovating current facilities based on a needs assessment. If the steering committee determines that there is a need, they will make a recommendation to the BISD Board of Trustees and a bond will be called. Though he is new to the district, Mr. Teel feels that this is an important move for the children of BISD and for the District but also for the community. Updating facilities would affect student achievement, community growth and pride. For new industry as well as families planning a move to Breckenridge, the decision often hinges on school facilities and the education that we can offer.

Old Business:

Skateboard Park: Shai Berry updated to the committee on the Skate Park Project. She began by asking Skate Park Committee member David Brownrigg to take the floor and inform the committee of an offer made by Travis Armstrong, representative with Ingram Concrete. Mr. Armstrong offered a quote of 97.00 per yard of concrete. According to the measurements given to him, he estimated project requirements would call for around 75-80 yards of concrete putting the cost of concrete needed around 7,275.00 to 7,760.00 plus the purchase of steel rebar.

Prior to the meeting Shai Berry had contacted John Webb, Parks Manager for Tyler, Texas in an effort to gain additional information from another community with a functioning skate park. Mr. Webb offered to come speak to the committee to answer any questions if needed. Mrs. Berry obtained information about insurance requirements for the State of Texas. He explained insurance is not required because Texas has declared skateboarding a hazardous sport that riders assume all risks when deciding to skate. He offered insight on the community benefits that came with their own park. Mr. Webb can be reached by phone at 903-531-1370 or e-mail neyskate@hotmail.com.

Copies of a possible Skate Park design and a survey of possible Skate Park locations were handed out. The design requires a 44' x 90' concrete slab. Equipment cost estimates for design is 39,170.00. Design company, insurance requirements, concrete, equipment, installation, delivery, possible grants available, fund raising, maintenance, warranty, community benefits, and proposal for land were all discussed.

Backpack for Kids: The name given to the Backpack Program for BISD is Be-Fit Buddies. Paula Chisholm and Pam Griffith, program co-heads, provided the committee with an update. The program provides food to students who do not have food to eat over the weekend. They have breakfast and lunch at school but

may not eat dinner or have food through the weekend. The program is currently serving approximately 54 students but enough food is provided through the program to feed 60 students. The Food Bank of Abilene provides the food to the district free of charge for that number of students. They also provide backpacks to each child. Pam and Paula have several volunteers help them pack food on Thursday afternoons and deliver the backpacks to the campuses where they are distributed to the students on Friday. The students bring the backpacks back to school on Monday to again be filled and distributed the next Friday. Students take home such items as peanut butter, cereal, milk, fruit cups, fruit juice, healthy snacks, canned meats, etc. The volunteers are very excited about being involved in the program. We are glad to be able to bring the Backpack Program to our community.

Fitnessgram: Barbara Collinsworth informed the committee that it is time again to begin the physical assessments on students from grades 3-12. Those who will be involved are PE teachers and coaches. Once the assessment is complete, the information will be sent to Austin. Parents can find out about their student's results by contacting her or the school campus once the district receives them.

Wellness Project: Information on employee wellness will be sent out to the staff. All staff members are encouraged to participate according to Robin Heidelberg, wellness coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned.