

**Banning Lewis Academy**  
**School Accountability Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes**  
Monday, April 12th, 2021 at 6:00PM BLPA Media Center and Zoom

Join Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/5770398962?pwd=NWFLNWY5ZGgxRkxQYVRKZzV3V21BQT09>

**Call Meeting to Order:** 6:02 PM

**1. Roll Call**

1.1. In attendance:

Guin Leeder, chair, middle/high school parent representative, DAAC representative  
Corey Gamboa, secretary, elementary/high school parent representative  
Rick Dahlman, BLPA principal representative,  
Jordan Voltz, BLRA principal representative  
Laura Estevez, BLRA elementary school representative  
Nicole Teti, BLRA elementary school representative  
Kendra England, BLPA high school representative  
Kolten Sanders, high school student

1.2. On Zoom:

Mark Carlson, BLRA elementary school representative  
Wendy Gearhart, BLRA elementary school representative  
Chris Hannaway, elementary/high school parent representative  
Leigh Sabey, PTO representative  
Hector Falcon, high school parent representative

1.3. Not in attendance:

Kati Lusk, co-chair, elementary parent representative  
Mercy Kibet, high school student  
Colton Walker, high school student

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Request to add Kolten Sanders to #4 Special Guest. Kendra motioned to approve changes to the meeting agenda. Jordan seconded the motion. All approved.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting:** February 8, 2021. Nicole motioned to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Laura seconded the motion. All approved.

**4. Special Guests:** Kolten Sanders, BLPA student, reinstatement of Student Government

4.1. Kolten is a student voice from the 11<sup>th</sup> grade class. Student government was suspended in the Spring semester of 2020 due to COVID-19 and closure of in-person schooling. Now is a good time to reinstate student government with COVID cases going down, vaccinations becoming readily available, in-person schooling resuming, and other clubs in the school starting to meet again. The committee admits to having no real authority for reinstating the student government, but we will advocate for the students and request the administration reinstate.

Kolten would like to have elections by the end of the Spring semester 2021 and get a constitution together by the beginning of the Fall semester 2021.

Kolten drafted a letter to Dr. Wiggins. This letter was passed on to Kendra England. There will need to be a staff advisor and an official go ahead from Dr. Wiggins. Also the House system has been disbanded so the student government will need to be created. SAC Committee wishes to advocate to the administration of the middle school and high school to make earnest effort to reinstate student government immediately so that they may achieve limited tasks before the end of the year (elections and start of a constitution). Guin made the motion to work with Rick to make an advocacy email for reinstatement of student government. Laura seconded the motion. All approved.

**5. Subcommittee Reports: None**

**6. Discussion Items**

6.1. Standardized testing updates (Principal and teacher representatives from BLRA and BLPA). BLRA is in the final week of CMAS testing. The State approved a reduced test

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load. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade did ELA, 4<sup>th</sup> grade did math, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade did ELA. Everything is going well. Performance metrics next year will be a little different to evaluate given the reduced testing. Middle school is planning on testing over the next 4 days in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and they will be taking the full testing. Progress monitoring with Star Renaissance 360 will be much more reliable for student performance at the middle school. At the elementary level we use Dibels for student performance. We are adding a program Think Cerca for the reading and writing ability which will be a better tool for monitoring comprehension and essay writing. We will keep implementing this program for next year. High school is administering PSATs and SATs this week.

6.2. MLO Expenditures (Rick Dahlman)

6.2.1. MLO 3B: We will be requesting to refresh and refurbish for failing HVAC units at BLRA: Inducer (\$583) Fan (\$2314) Motor (\$943) Damper (\$2320) and Backflow (\$2937.16) for a total of \$9097.16. Leaving an end of year balance of \$32,543.68. Jordan motioned to approve the expenditures. Nicole seconded the motion. All approved.

6.2.2. MLO 3A: We will be requesting Technology for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade hallway, adding new projectors (\$7,744.00) and for Concurrent Enrollment contract with PPCC classes (\$120,000) for our High School students taking college classes. This leaves an end of year balance of \$739,576.26. We expect to receive more money at the beginning of next year. We can anticipate close to \$400,000, depending on enrollment. Hector motioned to approve the expenditures. Kendra seconded the motion. All approved.

6.3. Remarks from March 2021 D49 District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) (Guin Leeder).

6.3.1. Meeting was attended by Zoom. Should be the last Zoom meeting. Next month's meeting will be in person. The February meeting D49 attendees were excited for the secondary schools to start reporting in person. Rick Van Warren (Board Member) update from the D49 Board. The last meeting was a work session looking at performance, primary literacy presentation. There will need to be a lot of work to get the students caught up after this COVID year, with a focus on elementary.

6.3.2. Election planning begins in district areas 1, 4, and 5. Three positions are available. Donna Garza commented on the election process. The term of office is 4 years. Paperwork can be submitted on or after August 4<sup>th</sup>, need 50+ signatures from registered voters to support candidacy and applications must be returned by August 27<sup>th</sup> for election day November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

6.3.3. Peter Hiltz, D49 CEO, gave updates for state testing. CMAS, PSAT, and SAT. D49 uses Star 360 broadly looking at performance feedback in absence of CMAS.

6.3.4. House Bill 21-1161 moved forward to change how we assess student performance. Reduced CMAS testing this year. Most colleges and universities have a 1-year waiver on SATs. This could possibly be extended.

6.3.5. Employee Wellness. Dr. Kim Boyd gave a run down of the many programs available to employees. May is a staff wellness survey. Coming in the Fall there will be a 5K Run/Walk, FitBit Challenge, BioMetric screening, membership for yoga, HeadSpace accounts, WellBeats online fitness streaming, April wellness challenge

6.3.6. Next DAAC meeting is next week. Guin will attend.

6.4. SAC Positions for 2021-2022 School Year (Guin Leeder)

Positions available: Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, and the DAAC representative (which is a 2-year position and includes a monthly DAAC meeting). We will vote in new members in August. Leigh offered to promote at the PTO meetings.

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6.5. SAC Meeting Dates for 2021-2022 School Year (Currently meeting the second Monday of every other month)  
August 16, 2021, October 11, 2021, December 13, 2021, February 7, 2022, April 11, 2022. Jordan motioned to approve dates for next year's meetings. Guin seconded the motion. All approved.

6.6. School Board openings. Elections coming soon. There are 2 openings.

**7. Action Items:**

7.1. Guin and Rick will work on an email to send to middle and high school administrations to advocate bringing back the student voice and governing body. (Complete, Dr Wiggins replied that they intend to pursue action on student government before the end of the school year)

7.2. Guin will send links to Leigh Sabey for SAC positions and descriptions so that she can promote at the PTO meeting.

7.3. Get RoundUp dates for BLRA and BLPA to have manned tables at both events to spread the word about the SAC.

7.4. Special Guests for next year's meetings: We should ask Rob Wilkinson for concurrent enrollment updates and any interested students from each level for any project updates.

**8. Adjournment: 7:09 PM**

Next meeting: August 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM.