

BUSD Board Report

2020-2021 Bishop Union High School



August 2020

2019-2020 LCAP Goals

Goal 1: Prepare students with the skills to excel in college and career.

Goal 2: Increase the quality of instruction for all students by deepening implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

Goal 3: Ensure all student populations achieve annual measurable academic growth.

Goal 4: Implement a plan to increase students' sense of feeling safe and connected at school.

Enrollment

9th Grade-184 10th Grade-154 11th Grade-168 12th Grade-138

Total 654

Staffing

BUHS added four new teachers this Fall (one was hired on Tuesday August 18).

April Nichols: SPED Resource Teacher

Joann Garbarini: ELA and Social Studies

Ryan Mills: Band

Zoe Kingsbury: Visual Arts (hired 8/18 and already teaching!!!)

WASC

A virtual WASC Accreditation will take place September 27- 30

Textbook/Chromebook Distribution

On Monday August 17 and Tuesday August 18, BUHS staff and teachers distributed Chromebooks, textbooks, and other necessary materials to our students in a drive-through manner. The process went smoothly except for the wind events that took place each afternoon causing a scramble to prevent the pop-up tents from going airborne. Rough estimate is that 95% of our students took part in the distribution and were ready to go on Wednesday provided internet access was in place for them. We distributed another dozen or so on Wednesday throughout the day.

First day...

The first day went very well with minor hiccups primarily related to technology but overall feedback on instruction from parents and students was very, very positive. Department PLCs are taking place on Friday August 21 to review what is working and what is not and then a Leadership Meeting on Tuesday August 25 to develop an action plan on what we can change/improve on to make the Distance Learning process as accessible and effective as possible. Master schedule adjustments are ongoing to ensure class sizes are as balanced as possible for when we return to in-seat instruction.

Tech Issues

The ICSOS/BUSD Tech Team has been doing an outstanding job trying to find solutions to the connectivity issues that have arisen in the last two days. In the Spring, BUHS students and families requested a total of five hotspots. This week alone that number is over 50. We were able to provide about 25 and then created a waiting list that currently has 32 students/families. As of this morning (Friday 8/21), we received an additional 18 that will be distributed as soon as families have been contacted and can come to the school for pickup. It also appears that there are students who will not be able to get internet access through hotspots due to lack of cell service where they live. IT is looking into how those issues can be addressed but in the meantime we will have to go back to a “packet” distribution process.

Shout outs!!!

Shawna Kane: For tackling the enormous job of managing the move to the A/B Hybrid Block schedule in AERIES at the high school and supporting other sites along the way. I cannot thank her enough!

Jose Rojas: Has moved into the Groundskeeping position at the high school and has the campus looking amazing!!!

Jordan Rose: For stepping up into the Dean position and being instrumental in assisting in the coordination of the distribution days, troubleshooting student tech issues, and generally just grabbing the bull by the horns with little need for guidance!

Zoe Kingsbury: Hired on a Tuesday, teaching class on Wednesday... say no more.

All Staff / Teachers: For making the two distribution days so successful and smooth.

Tech team: For tirelessly busting their butts (mostly shorthanded) to address all the district needs.

Good news / Bad news

Good news: These are pictures of Toby Robinson and Amelia Marcuson (Class of 2020) who were Intro to Wildland fire students and were hired by USFS and are fighting fires NOW! Austin Chinzi, Max Torres, and Ian Murphy are all also working for the USFS and were in the same class.

Bad news: The USFS may not be able to support their people teaching the class for us again, especially if we remain on DL. We're doing what we can to try to keep it!

