

Accreditation Task Force Report for College Council meeting of 10/19/2018

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Two weeks ago, Accreditation 2018 came to a thunderous close. October 1-4th, the ACCJC Visiting Team was here doing its' field research, conducting interviews, and coming to conclusions- based upon the findings presented in the ISER that was revealed to the Bakersfield Family in April of this year.

Thunderous is the word...

Go to this video link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ay1ktysp490vmi9/Accreditation%20report%202018.m4v>

At about 22:48 into it, the thunder will blow the speakers out if you have them up too loud.

NO RECOMMENDATIONS!

This is a tribute to *all* of the hard work by everyone who works at BC. We look forward to the final draft of ACCJC's report in early 2019. The Visiting Team had many laudatory statements in their presentation to us, as they wrapped it up with their own version of We Are, BC!

Liz and I were fortunate enough to be involved in the development of the ISER, which Nick took and fashioned into [what should be a case study in] effective identification of quality achievements in an accreditation report.

Over the past few weeks we have put a lot of attention on all of those who actively contributed to the Accreditation Task Force, to the research and rough drafts of the ISER sections, to the final drafting, editing, revisions, and formatting of the ISER, and to all of those who played an extensive role in coordinating the ACCJC Visiting Team's visit. The Visiting Team singled out some for their excellence also- as the intrinsic qualities of these individuals came out [Thanks Todd and Lesley, amongst others!].

Over a 120 people played an active role in 'making it happen' at BC this year.

Yet, The ISER is not what gained us the respect of the visiting team. Or, should I say, it was not the *only* thing that gained us the respect of the visiting team. It is more of what piqued their interest.

What earned us the respect of the visiting team is the commitment to students and higher education that they witnessed from *every* interaction with our BC family. What the ISER documented were the achievements of *all* of the BC family- whether they were engaged in the process of researching and writing it, or had no idea that this was unfolding.

What earned the respect of the visiting team was BC being, well, BC: our commitment to academic excellence, to student achievement, to student opportunities, to institutional collegial dialogue and transparent governance, to providing safe and effective educational spaces for minds to expand, and to providing career options for thousands upon thousands of Kern County residents

All of this done with a note of grace and humor. And, that is to be expected.

For, **We ARE, BC**

Thank you for helping achieve our successes this month, and every month- accreditation year or not. It is that year in, year out, commitment that shines through the ISER, and that captivated the Visiting Team.

Please share this positive news with the areas you represent.

Thank you,

VP Liz Rozell

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