**Mountain Vista High School**

 School Accountability Committee (SAC) Minutes

Wednesday, 21 September 2022

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| X | Rob Ceglie (Principal) | X | Lindsey Jaffe (Asst. Principal) | X | MacKenzie Boeckmann (Teacher) |
| X | Maren Sheesley (Sr. student) | X |  Evan McDermott (Jr. student) | X | Kristen DeBeer (Recorder) |
| X | Diane Faut (Vice Chair) | X | Dixon Cravens (Commun rep) | X | Kelly Pointer (DAC rep) |
| X | Jamie Olson (new member) | X | Eddie Pena (new member) | X | Susie Morella |
| X | Heather Clark | X | Kiff Rasmussen | X | Stuart Sinclair |
| X | Karen Wendling | X | Kim Cox (librarian) |  |  |

**Welcome & Introductions, Bylaws, Officer Elections: Rob Ceglie, Principal**

* Introductions of meeting attendees.
* Bylaws and purpose of SAC:
	+ Advisory committee (oversight, budget, etc.)
	+ Not for discussion of individual teachers or students/personal situations
	+ Bylaws state only Principal, teacher and one other voting member can be employed by the district or be a family member of someone employed by the district. Stuart’s wife is a teacher, so he is the third voting member. Dixon’s daughter was recently hired as a social worker by DCSD, so we need Margi Froechtenigt (or someone new) to serve as voting community member.
* Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Recorder
	+ Chair: meets with Mr. Ceglie a week prior to set the agenda, presides over SAC meetings (1 year term – can be reelected).
	+ Vice Chair: participates in agenda-setting, presides over meetings in absence of Chair (1 year term – can be reelected).
	+ Recorder: records meeting minutes and shares with SAC prior to subsequent meeting, keeps a file of committee business, and assures compliance with bylaws.
* 2022-23 Voting Members and Elected Officers:
* Principal/Admin (Mr. Ceglie)
* Teacher Rep (Mrs. MacKenzie Boeckmann – math dept.)
* Chair (Kristen DeBeer)
* Vice Chair (Kiff Rasmussen)
* Recorder (Diane Faut)
* Community Rep (Margi Froechtenigt)
* Additional voting members:
	+ Jen Levinson (absent)
	+ Stuart Sinclair
	+ Jamie Olson (newly elected member)
	+ Eddie Pena (newly elected member)
* DAC Liaison (Kelly Pointer\*) \*Note: Kelly is a non-voting member on SAC

**Principal’s Report: Rob Ceglie, Principal**

1. **6 Week Report/Update**
* Students and staff came back strong this year – feels like a “relief” from previous years.
	+ High energy/involvement (hundreds of kids doing hundreds of things)
	+ Good attendance at events (even higher than before COVID: packed home games, crowds at volleyball, fall play was very well attended)
	+ More classroom engagement
	+ Staff in a much better place – focused on moving forward (moved from “can’t do” to “can do”)
* New bell schedule for 2022-23 has been an improvement overall.
	+ Delayed start time 11 minutes (7:34-7:45) resulting in significant decrease in traffic/chaos during drop-off and fewer late students (hundreds were late last year); still not perfect.
	+ Teacher Office Hours (M/T/F) 7:30-7:45: increased opportunities for students to get help from teachers; don’t have to wait until Thursday unless they need longer time to make-up a test.
	+ Increased Professional Learning Community (PLC) time for teachers from 20 minutes per week to an hour (30 mins W/T); time to talk with peers about best practices and coordinate instruction with other teachers in the same subject area (i.e., geometry).
		- Vista has emerged as a leader in the district for PLCs
		- New disciplines are collaborating (music/performance)
		- Helps fix gaps in learning/unify instruction
		- Peer support for teachers; no longer operating as islands
	+ Eagle Time is combo of advisement and old SOAR.
		- Advisement: 30-35 mins check-in – restructured this year. Last year attendance was very low (30-40%) but it has increased significantly with new structure.
			* Soph/juniors: more choice around interest areas (i.e., crochet, cleaning up around the school, etc.)
				+ Juniors will choose their senior advisement class next year with friends.
				+ Some groups (GT, Sources of Strength) stayed together for function.
			* Seniors have special topics (future planning, graduation, etc.)
			* Freshmen were assigned a class to learn the ropes (chosen by teachers)
		- Wanted kids back in the building more consistently (around the same start time every day). SOAR wasn’t being used by many kids who needed it.
	+ Lunch timing – teachers no longer letting students out early so all students arriving at the same time (question about long lunch lines: response was that lunch is faster this year because it is no longer free).
* Staff Initiatives
	+ PLCs (see above) – time and resources – seeing great things happening.
	+ Attendance – not a “new” attendance policy; just enforcement of state law
		- Pre-COVID ~50,000 unexcused absences
		- Trying to get kids back in the classroom
			* Schedule changes
			* Policy enforcement (no more early releases from class – even 5 minutes a day is weeks over the course of the year – keep instruction going)
		- 6-week attendance report is moving in the right direction (unexcused absences down ~37%)
	+ SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) – new staff committee designing PD for 2nd semester to interject good practices into classrooms.
1. **2022 Bond/Mill Update**
* School board voted to put Bond/MLO on the ballot this November (mail-in ballots starting 1st week of October).
* Can’t use the building to campaign but SAC can express support.
* Tax increase comes out to $1 per week per $100,000 of home value.
	+ Bond is for infrastructure (building) improvements. Improvements at MVHS would include:
		- New safety and securing enhancements
		- Replace heating and cooling system
		- New intercom system
		- Replace flooring/carpeting (hallways were replaced in 2020 but classrooms still have original)
		- Theater lighting/sound system
	+ Mill Levy Override is for salary increases for teachers and staff. Cherry Creek is currently paying teachers $18,000 more on average; this has created a recruiting issue for MVHS and other DCSD schools. These increases would be retroactive to beginning of this school year:
		- Teachers 9% increase
		- Classified staff 9% increase (security, admins/secretaries, custodial)
		- Admin 6% increase

**Novel going through District Process: Kim Cox, Librarian**

* Committee of parents/teachers/district readers are working to approve a new novel for MVHS (10th grade world lit class)
	+ SAC approval not required (just FYI)
	+ Novel is called “Patron Saints of Nothing” by Randy Ribay
		- Clean (YA audience)
		- Main character Jay, a HS senior, Filipino-American (biracial)
		- Cousin died – journey to find out what happened
		- Jay discovers his culture and learns about Filipino war on drugs
	+ Committee will present to board of education after reading for approval
		- Email Kim to get on her list of readers: kimberly.cox@dcsdk12.org

**Homecoming Details: Lindsey Jaffe, Assistant Principal (and student representatives)**

* Email with details going out this afternoon
* Theme: “A Night in Neverland” (Peter Pan) – dress-up days
* Weekly events
	+ Monday – Powder Puff
	+ Tuesday – Soccer
	+ Wednesday – Dodge Ball
	+ Thursday – Volleyball & Bonfire
	+ Friday – Football game (vs. Rock Canyon)
	+ Saturday – Dance at Denver Children’s Museum
* $30 wristband gets into every event except the football game.
	+ Football game requires advanced ticket purchase due to limited student seating. Tickets to the game are free with an activity card, $4 for students w/o an activity card and $6 for adults. The wristband will not get you into the game!
	+ Wristbands available for purchase on MySchoolBucks.com or with cash/check prior to the dance, or tickets to the dance can be purchased with cash/check at the door.

**Open Forum & Suggestion for Future SAC topics**

* Question about dress code: girls unfairly targeted?
* Clothing needs to be appropriate for school (girls: not revealing, boys: no logos for alcohol, etc.).
* District-wide policy
	+ No “bright line”
	+ Clothing cannot be a distraction during the school day (draws too much attention)
	+ MVHS holds conversations with students in privacy (students not called out in hallways, etc.)
* Charity volleyball game next Tuesday, benefitting breast cancer.
* DAC meeting tomorrow night; include DAC update on future SAC agendas.

**Important Dates:**

* **MVHS SAC Meetings (7:00am to 8:00am in the LMC conference room):**
* October - NO MEETING
* Wednesday, November 18, 2022
* December – NO MEETING
* Wednesday, January 18, 2023
* Wednesday, February 15, 2023
* March – NO MEETING
* Wednesday, April 19, 2023
* Wednesday, May 10, 2023 (2nd Weds due to Graduation on the 17th)
* **DAC Meetings, (held at 6:30 pm in Wilcox Board Room, Castle Rock)**: *DAC Liaison must attend; all SAC members encouraged to attend.*
* September 22, 2022
* October 27, 2022
* November 17, 2022
* December 15, 2022
* January 19, 2023
* February 16, 2023 (Winter Forum - Location TBD)
* March 23, 2023
* April 20, 2023
* May 11, 2023
* June 15, 2022