**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](mailto: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