

**Mountain Vista High School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 1, 2012
MVHS Library Conference Room

X	Lisa Cohen	N	Jake Hergett	X	Carolyn Mustin
X	Dixon Cravens	X	Christine Harris	X	Kathy Nodland
N	Curt Coffman	X	Russell Hatten	X	Emily Wagner
X	Debi DeLoney	X	Alan Long	X	Mike Weaver
X	Paula DeShetler	X	Cassi Meyers	X	Dana White
X	Margi Froechtenigt	X	Whitney Mires	X	Priscilla Zynda-Otsuki

Other guests:

- 1) Kara Shepherd
- 2) Laura Mutton

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

Welcome and Introductions – Dixon Cravens

- February minutes approved

Review of Norms – Alan Long

- Begin and end on time.
- Share the air.
- Be cautious about bringing personal agenda items to the meeting.
- Use the issue bin for items you'd like discussed.

Principals Report – Mike Weaver

- *Celebrations and Honors:*
 - MVHS Boys Basketball is doing awesome...in the "Great 8"
 - DECA-amazing showing @ State...36 State Finalists. Kaylie Heck won a State Seat for District 11!
 - Spring Assembly – Gold Key winners will be recognized, as will Vista's three National Merit finalists.
 - STEM enrollment – every 8th grade team will have a STEM class offered next year. There will be a STEM accreditation on graduate's diplomas.

- *Budget Update:*
 - There was a big meeting with all of the high school principals last week. The impact of "6 of 8" will be out by 3/2. On 3/5 the process will be explained. "6 of 8" creates way too many sections of classes so FTEs are automatically reduced; it looks good on paper but is a huge impact to teachers.
 - MVHS projected enrollment for 2012/2013 is 2073. All nine high schools in Douglas County will lose \$350.00 per pupil funding, which translates to \$750,000 for Vista. Vista must lose 10.23 FTEs (one FTE represents one full time employee).
 - The Homestead Act must not pass, and the State Growth Cap must be taken away; both of these things would negatively impact the Budget.
 - No reduction in Special Education-comes from a different pot.
- *Communications to Community:* Mike Weaver will send out explanations of 6 of 8 schedule and staff reductions in an email blast to the community.
- *Listening Tours:* held February 14th and were optional for staff. DCSD surveys were very negative...tours were an opportunity for teachers to speak out on what's working, what's not working, etc. No straight answers given.
- *CSAP/TCAP:* Still considered useful with good information to analyze on every level. They are being held March 6th-9th and March 13th-16th.
- Prom on April 14th: the location still has not been disclosed.

UIP Update – Mike Weaver

- "Freshman Success" Program: with "6 of 8", incoming freshmen will have an empty period during the day. This program will allow for a Study Hall and students will be assigned based on their CSAP scores from last year. Those that need extra help will get it; those that are doing well will still take part in program, just not as intense.

Disposition of SAC Funds – Mike Weaver

- Monies are included in the Site Based Budget. There is approximately \$120,000 in funds and a portion of it will go to continuing funding for security. Also will get \$29K credit for already installed computer access points, that the District will pay for.

School Autonomy Committee – Laura Mutton

- A group that has been formed to empower neighborhood schools to make more informed decisions, as well as level the playing field between public and charter institutions.
- The committee is looking at individual schools and how they purchase, as well as how policies are made. Charter schools can differ from site to site.

DAC Report - Lisa Cohen

- District surveys will be out soon. They can (and hopefully will) be customized school by school, however schools are not required to send them out.
- Transportation, safety and elementary school report cards grading were discussed at the February 28th DAC meeting.
- For the next DAC forum on April 10th, the SAC brought forward three items for discussion: 1) Competing for students, public vs. charter; 2) No Mountain Vista feeder representation on DAC Board and 3) Can feeders select their own DAC representatives?

Points of Pride for April Meeting – Dixon Cravens

- We all need to look at the website and come up with new Points of Pride. Email to Dixon before the next SAC meeting on April 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dana L. White

Future Meetings:

Next SAC meeting will be April 5, 2012 in the MVHS library at 7 am

Next DAC meeting will be April 10, 2012 in the Wilcox BD. Room, Castle Rock