

**Mountain Vista High School
School Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 12, 2013
MVHS Library Conference Room

X	Dixon Cravens	N	Alan Long	X	Paa Adu
N	Margi Froechtenigt	N	Christine Harris	X	Laura Mutton
N	Lisa Cohen	X	Schehera McKasson	X	Mike Weaver
X	Curt Coffman	X	Nicole Kowalski	-	Vicky Morris
X	Dana White	X	Connie Ingram		
N	Priscilla Zynda-Otsuki	N	Carolyn Mustin		

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

Welcome and Introductions – Dixon Cravens

Review of Norms – Dixon Cravens

- 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.

Principal's Report – Mike Weaver

- **Start of School Year**
 - Student Charis Swartley has been approached about being on SAC and will accept
 - Transition of SAC over past three years has been good
 - Great first month of this school year-energetic and positive atmosphere
- **Enrollment**
 - As of yesterday, there are 2106 students at MVHS. We are budgeted for 2076. Open enrollment was shut down last week, and 12 students were turned away (the most ever).
 - Vista will see \$52,000 returned to the school from the district (approximately \$25.00/student)
- **Staff Changes**
 - Seven new Classified and 19 new Certified positions added for this school year. Five new positions were added to allow all students to take the classes they want.

- Four retirements including Corrie Hitchens, Assistant Principal who left for a position at Chatfield High School. Two deans were added to replace Ms. Hitchens.
 - Every morning the Deans have to question students with too many unexcused absences, thus the need for more people in this position.
 - Eight people voluntarily left for various reasons, i.e. re-location, being hired by other schools, and retirements. Four of the eight people who voluntarily left Vista retired from teaching.
 - Vista has a very stable, veteran staff that is overall “very happy”. However, other districts are hovering over DCSD’s teachers.
- **Homecoming**
 - The Dance is scheduled for Friday, September 27th. There are events scheduled all week: pod decorating, Dodge ball, Powder Puff game with a Tailgate party and the football game with Douglas County High School on Thursday, September 26th.

SAC Elections for 2013/2014 – Dixon Cravens

- **Current Membership**
 - 10 people are running for four (4) voting positions, replacing Dana White, Margie Froechtenigt, Carolyn Mustin and Lisa Cohen. Though there are four open positions, SAC would like to add five new people (Debi DeLoney is no longer a parent at Vista and will need to be replaced). Online election open through Monday, September 16th.
- **Timeline for Election & First Meeting**
 - Online election open through Monday, September 16th.
 - October 10th will be the first meeting with new members
- **Election of Officers**
 - Open positions: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Recorder, DAC Liaison, PTO/Booster Rep.
 - We need a new Business Representative, as Priscilla Zynda-Otsuki will not be returning.

Stem Lab Update – Mike Weaver

- Nothing new to discuss today, as nothing is going on at the moment. The TSA (Technology Student Association) students will present at the October Meeting.

SAC Responsibilities & Process – Mike Weaver, Dixon Cravens

- Calendar of Responsibilities-What we discuss in our meetings and what is being updated by the District.
- New By-Laws in process
- DAC can give input into Principal Evaluations
- Get revised SAC information and meeting minutes on the Vista website as soon as possible.

School Improvement Process – Mike Weaver

- Because of Vista's high performance rating, we are able to do what we want with the UIP/SIP. We can select a one or three year span of time to look at.
 - Planning
 - Assessment
 - Instruction
 - Culture Climate
 - Professionalism
 - Student Growth Component (will be effective for the 2014/15 school year and will be the other 50% of the Teacher Evaluation Process)
 - Teacher's students as a whole
 - Targeted (subgroup of students)
 - Team targeted (within the department)
 - School overall (100% based on growth summary)
- One-year span – IEP kids have not been growing as they should
- Three-year span – SSN kids are not scoring well in Math
- UIP update will be on every SAC meeting agenda

Open Forum

- On 9/26 in the Vista library there will be a forum on Amendment 66 (School Funding Initiative) that will be on the ballot in November.
- Freshmen Seminar – data came back positive for last year. Those kids targeted coming out of MRMS are performing fairly well.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:20am

Respectfully submitted by Dana White

Future Meetings:

SAC meeting will now be held on the second Thursday of every month. The next SAC meeting will be on October 10, 2013 in the library.

DAC Meetings (held in BOE Room, 620 Wilcox Street Castle Rock, 6:30-8:30pm):

DAC Rep and SAC chair must attend; all SAC members encouraged to attend.

- October 8, 2013
- November 12, 2013
- December 10, 2013