

**Mountain Vista High School
School Accountability Committee**

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 9, 2014
MVHS Library Conference Room

X	Jeremy Anderson	X	Sarah Baca	X	Natalie Barnard
X	Rob Ceglie	N	Curt Coffman	X	Dixon Cravens
X	Angie Driggs	X	Jordan Faraci	X	Michele Finley
X	Margi Froechtenigt	X	Connie Ingram	X	Melissa Harris
X	Kristen Kidd	X	Nicole Kowalski	X	Alan Long
X	Schehera McKasson	X	Lisa Medina	X	Nicole Merschel
X	Carolyn Mustin	N	Laura Mutton	X	Hanne Schauer
X	Charis Swartley	X	Mike Weaver	N	Dana White
X	John Hettich - guest	X	Corey Wise- Dir. of HS		

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

Welcome and Introductions – Jeremy Anderson

* SAC Vice Chair Jeremy Anderson ran the meeting, Laura Mutton was out of town

Review of Norms – Jeremy Anderson

- 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.

Social Studies Department Update – John Hettich

- Jeremy introduced Social Studies department co-chair John Hettich for a report
- John is in his 2d year at MVHS - he says the dept. has 5 new teachers (15 total) with "seriously good ideas" for engaging students. For ex. some students are involved in an assignment to create a "Reconstruction Era Newspaper," others are involved in holding mock political party conventions, etc.-- trying to come up with creative, collaborative ways to spark critical thinking and communication in learning.
- **AP courses** offered include: Art History, Economics, Euro, Human Geography, Psychology, U.S. History and World History

- Concurrent enrollment courses in partnership with **Arapahoe Community College** include: Intro to Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology
- **Regular classes** offered include: Ancient Civilizations, Economics, Social Studies, Sociology, Psychology, Government, U.S. Government, Modern Europe, Colorado History, U.S. History, World History, History of East Asia, World Geography, World Religions and World Civilizations

SAC Folder Update & Non-Voting Members - Jeremy Anderson

- * Jeremy noted all should have SAC folders now, helpful in keeping notes organized
- * New SAC non-voting parent members were welcomed: Sarah Baca and Lisa Medina

Principal's Report – Mike Weaver

- **Start of School Year:** Mike says Freshman Seminar has gone “way better than expected” on Thursday mornings- 50 teacher are involved and loving it- “it’s been fabulous” and 99.9% feedback on schedule has been positive
- SOAR is not being fully utilized by all students, particularly Freshman who seem to prefer to socialize during this time-- Hanna Schauer asked if a letter could be sent to Freshmen parents asking them to encourage students to make good use of the time-- Mike likes the idea and feels once students go they get it- and it has “helped a ton with traffic flow” in hallways-- Connie Ingram expressed gratitude on behalf of her student who started the year with enterovirus and missed classes. SOAR is helping with catch up.
- **In sports:** Mike mentioned the Varsity Football Homecoming game against Fruita tonight- followed by a game against Regis next week. Great season so far.
 - New volleyball coach is doing well
 - Boys soccer ranked 5th
 - Boys tennis sending 8 players to the state tournament today
 - Girls field hockey is having a good season
 - Cross Country has 180 kids- winning at all levels
 - Boys golf has 3 state qualifiers (most ever)
 - About 70% of the school’s coaches are “in the building”
- **Student Parking Update:**
 - Looked into creating a gravel lot but there is no money in the capital improvement budget for that kind of project-- bid came in at \$95,000!
- **Homecoming Update:**
 - Bonfire was too big for Mike’s liking, but everyone enjoyed it and stayed safe
 - Juniors won the Powder Puff game
 - Lot of fun activities including Dodgeball, soccer, band/orchestra performances
 - Dance happening Friday night
- **Wizard of Oz** a smashing success:

- Charis reported that there were 5 sold out shows- a lot of positive feedback and support, production was put together in just 8 weeks and included area Elementary school students as Munchkins
- **Freshman play** planned for end of November: "The Young and The Murdered"

Strategic Plan Update – Mike Weaver

- **2014-17 DCSD** Strategic Plan presented to staff during September 26th PLC Day
- The 4 components are:
Safety
Choice
World Class Education
Systems Performance
- Mike sent copies of the district's summary around and gave SAC members about 10 minutes to discuss, suggesting we pair up and talk about 1 of the 4 initiatives for group discussion
- Margi and Melissa were sitting near Alan Long and had a discussion about how teachers strive to "improve daily." He says Staff Development helps and working in teams allows teachers to check in with each other for advice.
- Dixon and Carolyn discussed the concept of World Class Education and agreed they like how MVHS approaches this ill-defined goal with its broad curriculum offerings
- Visitor Corey Wise, DCSD's Director of High Schools, stated that he believes each school defines what world class education means
- Mike described the strategic plan as a living document and invited SAC members to email any additional suggestions to him

UIP Update – Mike Weaver

- Our Unified Improvement Plan is based largely off TCAP school performance framework which was above State and District averages in all 9 areas-- although our Free and Reduced Lunch students continue to struggle with showing adequate yearly growth
- Vista's School Composite ACT score from the mandatory state test Juniors took in April was 23.8, which is in the top 10% in the State (state average 20.6)
- 600 plus kids are taking AP courses; 575 kids took 937 AP Exams last year and 75% got a 3.0 or better
- There was a question about how to track MVHS graduates to see how many earn college degrees-- Mike says Naviance can help but there's really not a great system. Some FB information is available too.

DAC Report – Hanne Schauer

- Hanne reported that the October meeting has been moved from the 14th to **October 28th** to avoid holding a meeting during fall break. DAC hopes to have its 3 voting parent vacancies and a voting secondary teacher position filled by then. **On the Agenda:**

Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget, long-range planning committee and Capital Needs presentation with **CFO Bonnie Betz and Dir. of Budget Scott Smith.**

- The November 11 meeting will be held at Cimarron Middle School from 6:30-8:30 pm. They are looking to change the format of all DAC meetings to be more interactive versus the traditional fall and spring forums. More details on the November meeting agenda will be provided on the [DAC website](#)
- Check out the new [DAC Facebook Page](#) set up to promote DAC meetings and provide online collaboration between DAC, SACs and community members.
- Input Welcome! If you have topics you would like DAC to discuss send them an email: dcsddac@gmail.com They plan to send out a **survey** to SACs for input later this fall.

Open Forum

- A request for information on Psychological Safety at MVHS was put forth- Mike will ask Wendy Strait and counselors to give a presentation at the November 13 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:40 a.m.

Submitted by Kristen Kidd

Future Public Meetings:

MVHS SAC meetings are held at 7 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month in the Library Conference Room.

November 13, 2014
December 11, 2014
January 15, 2015
February 12, 2015
March 12, 2015
April 9, 2015
May 14, 2015

District Accountability Committee meetings are held monthly on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Wilcox Board Room in Castle Rock.

October 28, 2014
November 11, 2014 Cimarron MS (Fall Forum)
December 9, 2014
January 13, 2015
February 10, 2015
March 10, 2015
April 14, 2015
May 12, 2015
June 9, 2015

Board of Education meetings are held monthly at 7pm in the Wilcox Board Room in Castle Rock.

November 18, 2014
December 11, 2014
January 20, 2015
February 17, 2015
March 17, 2015

April 21, 2015
May 14, 2015
June 2, 2015
June 16, 2015