

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

Thursday, November 1, 2012
MVHS Library Conference Room

X	Debi DeLoney		Alan Long	X	Paa Adu
X	Dixon Cravens	X	Christine Harris	N	Dana White
X	Lisa Cohen	X	Staci Stech	X	Mike Weaver
X	Curt Coffman	X	Michelle Gallagher	X	Vicki Morris
X	Margi Froechtenigt	X	Emily Wagner		Laura Mutton
N	Paula DeShetler	X	Carolyn Mustin		

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

Review of Norms – SAC Chair

- 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.

Math Department Presentation – Penny Jones, Department Chair

The Math Department distributed pamphlets of MVHS Math AP and Math Course to the 8th grades at MRMS. Vista has one of the few Calc classes in the District. Ninth grade math assignments are based on 8th grade assessments. Money from grants (Federal) could create new positions for the high school.

Algebra II at Vista may not be the same as Algebra II at Rock Canyon. Vista is working on a committee to tighten this up. We are trying to get all the titles the same and course descriptions to match. Vista is one of three schools that offer Calc 3 AP. Vista has the most dedicated teacher's she's ever been involved with. (she has experience at 5 other schools).

Honors Program: Very Fine! 2014 or 2015 will have new standardized tests (PARC). Ninety Seven percent of the class passes the AP. We currently have 2 times more kids taking AP Classes than before. We have three times more passing them than before.

Algebra I has the strongest PLC Program. Linear Algebra will be starting in the 8th grade. The school is having good transitional discussions to ensure better transitions to high school math. Math standards keep changing in Middle School. Math coaches help teachers who are struggling with standardization and help them. Gretchen Hazelwood is currently a math coach and there is one opening for another. Money for the coaches came from a grant; hoping they continue this grant.

Principal's Report – Mike Weaver

• **Celebrations & Successes**

Tennis Update: Vista had several 4th place finishes in State Tournament; 8th as a Team in the 5A Division. League Champs.

Boys Soccer: Ended up with 13 and 6 record. We have lost some kids off our school team. Three of our top Vista players didn't get to play due to the new rules with Club Teams.

Girls Volleyball: Came in 3rd in the League. Going to Regional's

Girls Cross Country: Took 4th in the state.

Boys Cross Country: Took 1st in State. Coach Jonathan Dalby has a model program for our Boys and Girls Cross Country and does a phenomenal job with them.

• **Academic Awards**

Academic Award Night has not been well-attended in the past so we tried giving out the letters during a daytime assembly. We have a 30 minute informal presentation by announcing the names; students receive pins and certificates. Awarding of the letter for a GPA of 3.75 or above is now based on a student's cumulative GPA during a given academic year, vs. cumulative over all of the years as has been done in the past.

• **Update to the Community**

Communication to the Community will be going out soon and will include three parts: Academics and Achievement; Fall Athletics; and the current State of the Building.

Current head count for students this year is 2061. We have almost 21K we have to return back to the District based on monies received per student. We built our budget number with a contingency of about 40 kids so we will be ok. The District will also be giving back some money from the bonds, etc.

• **Freshman Seminar**

Some mixed feelings; it is definitely a work in progress. We have heard positives and negatives. Some kids aren't taking it seriously, it's a loose structure. We are trying to find some common ground, but some are getting homework done during this time. We may be revisiting SOAR.

Small groups are working well; a lot of students are getting tons of instruction. Some of the teachers love it; some of them think it's not enough to do on a daily basis. Some teachers want it to be more of a curriculum focused. We will see about continuing the program next year. There are no grades given, it is a pass/fail class. Will know soon whether they will receive 0.25 credits as an elective; it's up to the District for that decision.

School View Review of Data – Mike Weaver

School View today was only giving us a look at a three-year view as opposed to separate one-year and two-year views. 2012 TCAP results have been loaded in School View. Our total three-year performance plan score is 84.97% (exceeds the threshold of 60% for a Performance School.)

- 93.8% in Academic Achievement
- 75.0% in Academic Growth
- 63.3% in Growth Gaps
- 100% in Post Secondary/Work Force Readiness

We do not meet Math Standards for Students with Disabilities. This year's UIP will focus on this. We did make growth in Reading and Writing with this group, however.

School View is a National Database, but you have to go to the Colorado Growth Model to get to the Colorado results. You have to go into "Search", and find your school name...Vista's is blue and it's high and right in the quadrant (which is good!). When you click on this it will give you numbers for our school. On this site you can see what's going on at every school. School View is a way for anyone to look online to see what's going on. Core National

Standards are starting to work on national alignment of standards. We need a core set of standards across the country for kids across the board.

Sen. Michael Johnson, author of Senate Bill 191, came to the school to speak with the Eagles Nest Students. Senate Bill 191 is the Teacher's Bill that is transforming education.

It was noted that the SAC money is still there; we will be given leeway on how we want to spend the money as we get closer to the budget time.

DAC Fall Forum – Lisa Cohen

The DAC Fall Forum was held on October 24th. The subject for the first part was how to have an effective SAC; Mike Weaver was on the panel. It looks like only about 25% of the DAC reps are showing up for these meetings. It was noted that the Feeder Meetings we used to have at MRMS were more effective and useful than the current DAC meetings.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:30am.
Respectfully submitted by Debi DeLoney

Future Meetings:

Next SAC meeting will be held on December 6th @ 7:00am in the Library. There will not be a January SAC meeting.

Important Dates:

DAC Meetings (held in Wilcox Board Room, Castle Rock): *DAC Rep and SAC chair must attend; all SAC members encouraged to attend.*

- November 13, 2012
- December 11, 2012
- January 8, 2013