

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

Thursday, November 14, 2013  
MVHS Library Conference Room

X	Dixon Cravens	X	Alan Long	X	Paa Adu
X	Margi Froechtenigt	X	Nicole Merschel	-	Charis Beth Swartley
X	Mike Weaver	X	Schehera McKasson	X	Hanne Schauer
X	Curt Coffman	X	Nicole Kowalski	-	Rob Ceglie
-	Dana White	-	Connie Ingram	X	Angie Driggs
X	Laura Mutton	X	Carolyn Mustin	X	Jeremy Anderson
X	Kirsten Braun				

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

**Welcome and Introductions – Laura Mutton**

- Mike Weaver introduced Kirsten Braun, a teacher from Coyote Creek who is observing at MVHS for a few months while considering a move to Secondary teaching
- The 2013-2014 MVHS SAC Member List was circulated so phone numbers and email addresses could be corrected.

**Approval of SAC and DAC Bylaws – Laura Mutton**

- Laura Mutton outlined the proposed MVHS SAC Bylaws and a vote was taken to accept those changes. These changes essentially included:
  - Addition under Duties and Responsibilities that SAC must provide input and recommendations to DAC and District administration concerning Principal development plans and Principal evaluations
  - Stipulation that if the school does not have a PTS organization, a seventh parent or legal guardian is elected to the SAC (since Vista’s Bylaws already stated that six parents or legal guardians were voting members, in addition to the Principal, two teachers, PTS Adult, and Community Member)
  - Stipulation that no more than four voting members may be employed by the District (since Vista’s Bylaws already stated that two teacher reps and the Principal and one other could be District employees)
  - Minor wording changes to distribution and review of meeting minutes

**Principal’s Report – Mike Weaver**

- **Celebrations and Successes**
  - Congratulations to Julie Newman, who achieved a perfect composite ACT score. Over 1.75 million high school students take this test annually and less than 750 get a perfect score.

- Mark Newton and Journalism students attended the National Scholastic Press Association's (NSPA) Fall High School Journalism Convention in Boston. They accepted the NSPA Pacemaker Award, which is the highest award given at the high school level. They also were one of the finalists in the small magazine category. Five Vista students achieved recognition in the annual WriteOff competition, where participants are given a story and challenged to hand write an article in 70 minutes.
- Cheers and POMS both won Continental League Championships
- Vista Boys won the State High School Cross Country Championship; Vista Girls came in 5<sup>th</sup> in the State
- Girls Volleyball team tied for 5<sup>th</sup> in the State Tournament
- FBLA competed in the "Stock Market Challenge" at DU and did very well; overall Vista had 6 of the 50 teams that competed.
- Twenty-three students auditioned for the All State Choir
- **STEM Lab Update**
  - O&M Department will do STEM Lab infrastructure changes during Spring Break; will include cleaning the room, polishing concrete floors, utility drops, upgrading electrical and HVAC, removing the west dividing wall, installing sliding double door, etc.)
  - Room expenditures appear to be about \$20K less than expected, which will leave more funds for equipment
  - The STEM Lab space should be ready for classes by the end of this school year; equipment installation will take longer
- **Academic Showcase November 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - Advanced Placement and Honors Pathway information was presented to about 500 – 600 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students and their parents. A change from previous years was that the invitation was extended to all students, not just those most likely to participate in AP and Honors programs.
  - Six AP and Honors students shared their experiences
  - There was a STEM Certificate Pathway presentation
  - There were booths for Electives and Core Classes
- **State Election Results**
  - Election results were disappointing to many, including teachers and students
  - Mike met with the staff the morning after the election; there was no "core message" but a resolve to keep working as hard as we can for our students and a realization that there are things that can and cannot be controlled. Staff turnover, while high in the District, has remained relatively low at Vista.
  - Laura Mutton stated that both parents and teachers are upset about the election results. Parents have to have a voice at the table, and we need to ensure we measure results of what is going on in the District.

### **UIP Update – Mike Weaver**

- A template version of the UIP is due to the District by December 1st
- Mike reviewed the four main areas of the UIP template (Academic Achievement, Academic Growth, Academic Growth Gaps, and Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness). The template shows 2012-2013 Federal & State vs. MVHS results, based on TCAP/CSAP data.

- TCAP/CSAP will be replaced by PARCC testing metrics by the end of the 2014/2015 school year. Baselines will change which may give the impression that scores/achievement are dropping. This will require excellent communications to our parent community to explain what has changed.
- It was pointed out that we're halfway through the current school year before the UIP we're building is finalized. With this realization, UIP preparation does encourage administration & staff to think through how to improve processes. We will always do what we have to do to ensure our kids are successful year round.
- We briefly reviewed the SchoolView website, and how that data relates to the data that goes into the UIP. "High and right" on the bubble graph is the optimum, and MVHS is usually high and right. Areas where we fall short and can make progress are captured on the UIP.
- MVHS's UIP will target improved results for students with disabilities and improving growth in math. The former is being addressed during small freshmen seminar groups for identified students. Math curriculum is being realigned to improve results.

### **DAC Update – Hanne Schauer**

- Hanne Schauer attended the November 12<sup>th</sup> DAC meeting. Open enrollment was discussed at the meeting, as well as two new Charter Schools that are in the pipeline, including one in this Feeder. Approx. 400 new students have been enrolled in new Parent Portal accounts. A new DCSD website is coming, including a Frequently Asked Questions section.
- There was a discussion about School Calendars at the DAC meeting. The State minimum is 160 days of instruction but DCSD wants more. Schools get to choose the calendar they want to follow, but Vista is resisting pressure from the feeder elementary schools to use the "Modified" calendar due to after school and athletic activities.
- It was reiterated at the DAC meeting that SAC's are to make recommendations about individual site spending priorities. This will be an agenda item at the December SAC meeting.

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

After the meeting, Mr. Weaver conducted a tour of the new STEM Lab space.

*Respectfully submitted by Dixon Cravens*

### **Future Meetings:**

SAC meeting will usually be held on the second Thursday of every month. However, due to a previously scheduled event, the next SAC meeting will be on Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 in the library conference room.

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

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

- December 10, 2013
- January 14, 2014
- February 11, 2014
- March 11, 2014