

**Mountain Vista High School  
School Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, April 10, 2014  
**MVHS Library Conference Room**

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

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

**Welcome and Introductions – Laura Mutton**

- Problem with opening March Meeting Minutes. Approval delayed until May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Blaine Haskell, Business and Technology – in attendance and checking in with SAC
- SAC Membership for school year 14/15
  - Dixon Cravens – term limited
  - Nicole Merschel – completing one year term
  - Curt Coffman – term limited

**Principal’s Report – Mike Weaver**

- **Celebrations and Successes**
  - Paa Adu, Senior Student SAC Representative is @ MIT today. Channel 9 might be doing a story on him. He was accepted to seven Ivy League colleges.
  - Julie Newman, Senior scored a perfect 36 on the ACT. She is a National Merit Scholarship winner and has been accepted to 10 schools.
  - FBLA – sending the most students ever to State
  - DECA and Mock Trial state competitions were also held.
  - TSA – many State champions
  - Kim Cox had many medal winners with Interior Design
  - Theater – *The Curious Savage* is at the end of April
  - Music – *Goldust* is May 8, 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>

- **TCAP**
  - TCAP is done and it went well. 32 students did not complete booklets and there were 16 parent refusals
  - TCAP will probably look different next year
  
- **Spring Preview**
  - Budgets
  - Preps
  - Postings – 19 positions have been posted
  - There is a senior meeting on Friday to go over community service graduation requirements.
  - Spring Sports – a lot of MVHS teams are getting attention
    - Baseball team is 10-1
    - Lacrosse team is 6<sup>th</sup> in the state
  
- **Graduation**
  - Graduation packets will be handed out tomorrow after the Senior meeting.
  - Graduation is May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm at Red Rocks. There are contingency plans in place for graduation should weather not permit the ceremony. Red Rocks has the final say on cancellation
    - Shea Stadium is contingency #1
    - MVHS Gym is contingency #2

### **5 of 7 Schedule Change Update – Mike Weaver**

- Hiring – 19 positions posted for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade positions; many are one year only contracts. A science teacher is being added for growth.
- One teacher is moving to another school; three offers to current one year only FTEs have been accepted for next year.
- Two new counseling positions will be filled.
- There have been a tremendous amount of applicants for all openings; most positions will be filled by the end of May.
- All Highlands Ranch schools are on board with 5 of 7.
- Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays – all seven classes, approximately 52 minutes each. There will be two late start days for all but freshmen. For those students who want to take eight classes, counselors will work to make it happen.
- There has been some pushback from students on the new schedule, most from those kids that have been forced to drop an elective. One parent was very upset and voiced their concern.

### **Approval of SAC Funds – Laura Mutton**

- SAC funds from the district total \$60.00 per student to MVHS for a total of \$129,000. SAC approved the use of \$30,000 for the addition of a fifth security guard.
- Nicole resigned and a new person will start next week, keeping the current total of security guards at four. The current security guards are funded through Safety and Security.
- In the past two years, SAC has approved the use of \$100,00 for the new STEM Lab at Vista. SAC was also asked to approve the use of \$70,000 to fund an additional Business Technology FTE to teach in the new lab.
- All motions for the use of SAC funds approved and passed (8 - yes, 0 - no, 2 absent).

### **After Prom Update – Dana White, Chair of After Prom 2014**

- Flocking raised \$10,000 this year. An additional \$1000.00 was donated to After Prom from the parents of the now defunct Inline Skate Club. Huge thank you to all the parents who were involved with flocking!
- Everything is in place. Many volunteers are needed for the night of to make the event successful. Dana urged freshmen and sophomore parents to sign up to help, as their kids will be juniors and seniors very soon.
- After Prom hours are 11:30pm-3:00am.

### **DAC Update – Hanne Shauer**

- School Safety and the Code of Conduct were discussed by Rob Ross and Dan McMinimee.
- Expulsions – Under Colorado law Douglas County schools do not have to accept an expelled student.
- Counselor to Student Ratio – the district is undecided whether or not to change this.
- Substitute teachers – do not have keys or cards and must rely on teachers for safety.
- SB193 – requires new parent liaison. Position is currently being hired.
- All SAC elections should be held in May so any training for new reps can be in August/September. Training can be very helpful. It was decided that MVHS will hold SAC elections before the first September meeting to increase participation and include new families.

### **Open Forum**

No concerns

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:00 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Dana L. White*

**Future Meetings:**

SAC meetings will be held on the second Thursday of every month. The next SAC meeting will be on May 8, 2014 in the Library Conference Room.

**DAC Meetings (held in Board Room, 620 Wilcox Street Castle Rock, 6:30-8:30 p.m.):** *DAC Rep must attend; all SAC members encouraged to attend.*

- May 13, 2014
- June 10, 2014