

**Mountain Vista High School  
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 7, 2010  
Library Conference Room

X	Angelico, Michael	X	Jhaveri Shivani	N	Simmons, Jennifer
X	Cravens, Dixon	X	Johnson Steve	X	Thomas, Rich
X	DeShetler, Paula	X	Kerns-Lynch Deborah	X	White, Dana
X	Foard, Tisha	X	Morris, Vicky	X	Zynda-Otsuki, Priscilla
X	Froechtenigt, Margi	X	Mustin, Carolyn		
X	Heck, Scott	X	Kathy Nodland		
X	Hurlburt, Lynne	X	Rohlfing, Ron		

Guest: Darci Mohr, DCSD Legal Counsel

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

**Approval of Minutes** – Carolyn Mustin

The minutes from December 2009 were approved.

**Review of Norms** – Rich Thomas

- Begin and end on time (7:00 am – 8:15 am)
- Share the air
- Work with stated agenda items
- Be cautious about bringing personal agenda items to the meeting. (Have methods for “taking things offline” through sub-committees or by assigning an offline discussion with the appropriate person)
- Use an issue bin. (Document items on yellow stickies to be put into the issue bin for future discussion)

**Mid-year School Update** – Steve Johnson

- Mr. Johnson is searching for additional funds to support the tutoring program. There are currently 6 to 8 students paired with teachers.
- Discussed the upcoming 2010-2011 DCSD budgeting process. The district is anticipating a 6-8% decline in the annual budget or a potential \$25 million shortfall. More information is available on the DCSD website. MVHS is anticipating a potential \$200/student reduction in funding. These numbers are subject to change.
- On-going potential for CSAP changes in the future. Mr. Johnson believes that these changes could occur over a 3-5 year time-frame. CSAP has created a standardized curriculum both within the individual schools and statewide. Potential changes could

include "end of course exams by subject matter" and include subjects not currently part of the CSAP such as social studies.

### **Parent Survey – Steve Johnson**

- A school survey was distributed to SAC members. The survey will be sent out next year to students, parents and staff.
- SAC members were asked to review the parent and student surveys. Suggestions will be discussed at a future SAC meeting.

### **Open Forum**

- Margi Froechtenigt attended an informational meeting for a planned STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) charter school in Highlands Ranch. Discussion ensued around Colorado's statutory mandate that school districts are directed to partially fund charter schools on a per student basis.

### **Controlling School Event Alcohol Abuse** – Darci Mohr, DCSD Legal Counsel

- Ms. Mohr presented various statutory and case law surrounding the question of when can school officials perform a "search," specifically in matters of school event alcohol abuse.
- Discussed the legal concepts of *suspicionless search* versus *reasonable suspicion*. There is a lower legal standard when using reasonable suspicion. Considerations for the higher standard of suspicionless search (i.e., passive breathalyzer test prior to a dance) includes:
  - Random testing versus all
  - Providing ample notice
  - Reason and manner identified
  - What happens when there is a positive result
  - Providing a potential attendee the ability to decline the test without recourse
  - Privacy of the testing area
- Mr. Johnson will follow-up with Ms. Mohr on how and when to consider implementation in future school events

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

Submitted by Scott Heck

### **Future Meetings:**

February 4 @ 7:00 am                      Library Conference Room

DAC Regional Forum – open to the public  
Tuesday February 9, 2010 6:30PM at Rock Canyon HS