

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

Thursday, March 4, 2010
MVHS Library Conference Room

N	Angelico, Michael	X	Jhaveri Shivani	N	Simmons, Jennifer
X	Cravens, Dixon	X	Johnson Steve	X	Thomas, Rich
N	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		
N	Heck, Scott	X	Kathy Nodland		
X	Hurlburt, Lynne	X	Rohlfing, Ron		

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

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)

DAC Forum Summary – Vicky Morris and Dana White

The District Advisory Committee Regional Forum was held on Tuesday, February 9th @ Rock Canyon High School.

- Superintendent search continues – a search firm has been hired to facilitate the process. Former superintendent Rick O’Connell works for the firm. They are developing a leadership profile to get a feel for what is desired and what this person will look like. The best person for the job is desired, not traditional or non-traditional.
- Project Peak (Parents Engaged in the Advancement of Kids) was presented. It is a task force that was formed in the spring of 2008 as an answer to the lack of parent involvement in schools. The pilot program has been at Roxborough Primary and Intermediate school. The program is closely tied to state initiatives and is working well. For more information, visit the website at www.roxelem.org and look under **Parent Links**.

- Survey results from the MVHS/TRHS feeder area were presented and the Feeder Based Budget Model was discussed in detail. Breakout sessions by feeder and recommendations for the upcoming Board of Education Meeting were suggested.

Budget Reduction Process – Steve Johnson

- 9.3 FTEs (including teachers and admin) will lose their jobs @ MVHS. This is based on a \$250.00 per student reduction in funds. That number may increase.
- Only one staff member will be lost through attrition.
- Some part-time positions will be cut, but those people can re-apply for other jobs in the district, if there are any.
- Core offerings should not be affected, but class sizes will increase.
- SAC will receive \$119,000 in 2010/2011 (\$60.00 per student)

STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math) School Update – Steve Johnson

- Application to open the STEM charter high school for the 2010/2011 school year was withdrawn, due to lower than expected enrollment numbers. Currently, STEM is marketing to K-8 charter and home-schooled kids.
- There are plenty of Vista grads in engineering schools and were well prepared. We need to better communicate to existing and incoming parents the programs that we currently have in that field. We also need to do a better job at presenting to parents what kids should be concentrating on in high school, however we cannot compete on size if a smaller school is what a child needs.
- Times have changed; high schools need to do a better job at marketing who we are and what we have to offer. Board members NEED to hear from parents. We have to influence students at a very early age.
- As an alternative to opening more charter schools, we should be infusing existing schools with better offerings. Connections with companies such as Lockheed and Raytheon should be utilized for donations.

Ways to Improve School Communication – Carolyn Mustin

- Website NEEDS to be re-designed – in its current state it is very static and boring!
- Students have expressed an interest in re-designing website. Mr. Newton (Journalism & Yearbook) will supervise this effort.
- Better marketing to 9th grade parents on how to get involved in volunteer opportunities; you should have to OPT OUT if you don't want to receive emails about volunteer opportunities, not OPT IN!

- Ways to improve website...
 - Upcoming events listed
 - Announcements displayed
 - Awards being won
 - Alumni involvement
 - ACT/SAT scores/achievements
 - Colleges that MVHS students are attending

MVHS Parent/Staff/Student Surveys – Rich Thomas

- How does it look?
- Are there redundancies?
- Some questions need to be re-worded and re-written.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dana White on March 18, 2010

Future Meetings:

April 1, 2010 @ 7:00 am

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