

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

Thursday, May 6, 2010
MVHS Library Conference Room

N	Angelico, Michael	N	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	N	Zynda-Otsuki, Priscilla
X	Froechtenigt, Margi	X	Mustin, Carolyn		
N	Heck, Scott	X	Kathy Nodland		
N	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)

Guest Speaker – Julie Sturgeon, MVHS Social Worker

- Social Norm Survey was presented – this year taken and discussed in science classes. It is not specific to MVHS, rather it is administered district-wide.
- Results of all four schools in Highland’s Ranch were presented. MVHS percentages were lower than the national average and lower than all four schools in Highlands Ranch on the issue of **drinking in the last 30 days**.
- Focus of survey is perception — if kids think that other kids are drinking, smoking, etc., they are more likely to as well. Opinions vary on whether or not scare tactics work, however posters seem to be getting the point across.
- At first, concern for our school pertained to drinking and driving; fortunately, that statistic went down this year. However, pot-related instances were up district-wide, as well as expulsions and suspensions. Attitudes are different towards marijuana now that medical usage is legal.

Results from Critical Thinking Survey – Rich Thomas

- A few representatives from each department make up the cadre. Survey was conducted between 2/24/10-3/11/10 on Thursdays. This was the first year.
- Random CONNECT classes were invited to participate. 700 students responded. Did not want individual classes singled out; it was a summary of all classes
- Seniors scored differently – higher instance of disagreement. Senioritis? More confident in giving truthful answers?
- It was suggested that this survey be looked at more closely for the SIP for next year, since Critical Thinking and Problem Solving are so important.

Senior Class/Graduation Update – Steve Johnson

- Use of breathalyzer at prom went quickly and smoothly. It is unfortunate that this measure was taken, but well worth it if it keeps kids out of the legal system.
- Graduation Contract for Seniors – diplomas will be held if individuals act up during the ceremony.
- Unclear as to future location of MVHS graduation ceremonies.

STEM Update – Steve Johnson

- A site visit by SAC was discussed. A proposal on how to market MVHS differently and define a pathway for kids who are interested in STEM will be put together. Sixth grade as well as middle school parents need to be educated in order to put kids on the correct pathway to STEM if interested.
- There will be some changes next year to existing classes – bigger things to come in the future.

Traffic Discussion – Steve Johnson

- An additional left-hand turn lane was added at Wildcat Reserve Parkway and Summit View Parkway.
- Though not officially announced, the re-instatement of the Heritage/Summit View shuttle was made public.

SIP Items for Next Year – Steve Johnson

- Critical Thinking
- STEM Addendum
- Revamping courses

SAC Membership for Next Year – Carolyn Mustin

- One voting member to be replaced for 2010/2011 school year
- Most voting member terms will expire the end of the 2010/2011 school year
- Incoming 9th grade parents need to be recruited and invited to meetings.

The possibility of meeting the first Thursday before the new school year was discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dana L. White