

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

Thursday, April 1, 2010
MVHS 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		
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)

Principal’s Update – Steve Johnson

- Superintendent search update – a sole candidate was identified and will undergo a final approval process. The candidate is Dr. Elizabeth Celania-Fagen from the Tucson Unified School District
- There is an opening on the Douglas County Board of Education as Ryan Stewart resigned.
- DCSD and MVHS Budget Reduction Process
 - 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). Part of this money will be used to fund the In-School Supervision Officer
- Creation of STEM School Advisory Panel at MVHS
 - Mr. Johnson held preliminary brainstorming meetings with staff to discuss scope, process and reasons for providing a STEM curriculum.
 - Considering additional involvement from the community. Efforts will be coordinated with Mountain Ridge Middle School.
 - Margi Froechtenigt will represent the SAC on STEM Advisory Panel. She is also going to follow-up on a Lockheed tutoring program at MVHS.

Gifted and Talented Students Feeder – David Larsen (guest speaker)

- Mr. Larsen covers the MVHS feeder for gifted and talented students. He works with over 400 students between K-12. He identifies and facilitates the unique needs of these students.
- Mr. Larsen explained how the learning styles of these students are unique and require differentiation in the way they are taught. He works to create three-way communication and action plans between student, teacher and parents.

AP/Honors Classes – Summer Homework – Group Discussion

- The group had a discussion regarding the appropriate amount of summer homework for AP and Honors students. Is it assigned as busy work or really part of required coursework in order to complete the required material?
- The SAC student members shared their experiences along with the teachers. The students generally agreed that homework was required over the summer due to coursework. The teachers believed that the assigned work was purposeful and required content for the AP testing.

MVHS Parent/Staff/Student Surveys – Rich Thomas

- Rich reviewed the format of the upcoming surveys and they were approved for distribution.

Parent Communication and Website Improvements – Steve Johnson

- The MVHS website is in the process of being retooled and updated.
- Mr. Newton (Journalism and Yearbook Teacher) will provide oversight to the website.
- Budget communication plan will be forthcoming

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

Respectfully submitted by Scott Heck

Future Meetings:

May 6, 2010 @ 7:00 am

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