

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

Thursday, August 18, 2009
MVHS Media Center

X	Angelico, Michael	X	Johnson, Steve	X	Thomas, Rich
	Brodsky, Wendy	X	Morris, Vicky		Zynda-Otsuki, Priscilla
X	Cravens, Dixon	X	Mustin, Carolyn		Guests:
X	DeShetler, Paula	X	Peters, Dave	X	Nodland, Kathy
X	Foard, Tisha	X	Rohlfing, Ron	X	Flanigan, Lisa
X	Froechtenigt, Margi	X	Simmons, Jennifer	X	Hurlburt, Lynne

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

Approval of June 2009 Minutes - Jennifer Simmons, Chair

Introductions - Steve Johnson, Principal

- Steve introduced this year's administrative staff:
 Rob Peterson – Assistant Principal
 Rob Ceglie – Administrative Dean
 Alan Long – Assistant Principal
 Pat McCabe – Administrative Dean
 Dave Mumper – Athletic Dean
 Corrie Hitchens – Assistant Principal

The deans are working attendance issues this year. With 5 unexcused absences, a student is in danger of losing credit for a course (or with 12 total absences whether excused or unexcused). Arriving at class >10 minutes late also counts as an unexcused absence. 3 unexcused tardies are equivalent to an unexcused absence. After school detentions are available. Zeric Martinez was funded to do in-school detention during lunch periods.

Bylaws - Jennifer Simmons

- The by-laws were approved with slight grammar corrections.

SAC meeting schedule - Jennifer Simmons

- This item was deferred to the next meeting so that the newly elected board members could determine the SAC meeting schedule.

SAC Election - Jennifer Simmons

- Last year, Carolyn Mustin and Margi Froechtenigt were elected to 3 year terms, and Dave Peters was elected to a 2 year term. With the revised by-laws, up to 3 additional parent representatives need to be elected at this year's elections. Ballots were to be submitted by Friday, August 19, with voting at back to school night 8/25.

Student Representatives: - Steve Johnson

- Our returning student representative is Senior Michael Angelico. Counselors are selecting nominees for a Junior representative.

Guest Speaker: - Steve Johnson

“State of MVHS address”

Traffic at the entrance to MRMS/MVHS

CSAP/ACT 2009 Results

School Goals & School Improvement Plan (SIP)

- State of the school: State reporting of school performance has changed this year (was Excellent, High, etc.). Now the state will look at student performance (proficient, partially proficient, advanced) and growth. Each year schools will want to end up in the upper right quadrant of the rating scale – indicating performance and growth. CSAP is just one data point in this evaluation. Currently, MVHS is in the upper right quadrant. The size of the circle reflects the number of students. We have 2000 students – so this is a large circle. (Thunder Ridge has >1700, Rock Canyon ~1600, HRHS ~1600 students.)
- ACT looks strong as well, for the last 2 years MVHS has had the highest ACT scores in the district. 22.7 last year, 23.2 in last week’s report.
- A few kids went from MRMS to Thunder Ridge for the IB program. On the Kathy Granas’ MRMS web page, there are thoughts on IB – for anyone who wants to explore that option.
- 76% of MVHS students in AP got 3s or better on their AP exams (just the students who took the test, the exam is optional). MVHS is going to expand the program. Overall it is good for students to experience the intensity of a college level exam.
- Tisha Foard described the Arapahoe Community College (ACC) college ready courses available. MVHS is offering 4 sections of ACC level English. It’s a guaranteed college credit at 90% of Colorado colleges. The courses are Introduction to Composition and Introduction to Literature. AP courses are more challenging, however, MVHS is making the ACC course harder than it would be at ACC – like an honors course (between regular English and AP).
- MVHS is looking at adding Junior ACC English courses, as well as ACC Biology. These ACC courses may be a good option for those who don’t want AP. Still brand new to counselors. For the ACC English courses, teachers must have a masters degree in Literature.
- School Goals – Look at Learning Services page on DC website. There are 3 broad goals: Responsible Citizens (ethics, etc.), Closing Gaps (10th grade writing has a gap between boys and girls, other areas as well (math and science), minority groups), Quality of liberal arts education. MVHS has action plans for these goals
- Traffic – Many parents have both MVHS and MRMS students. The school start times are 15 minutes apart, while the end times are 5 minutes apart. If a family has MVHS only students – they are asked to drop them off in the back of MVHS in the student parking lots. Buses have changed their routes so that they are mostly arriving from the West on Wildcat or straight across from the Summit View neighborhood. Michael reported that student parking doesn’t seem to be an issue. The school speed limit signs on Wildcat were removed by the county. Legally, these are not required for High Schools and Middle Schools, and they will be removed from the other High Schools around the county.

Nutrition Services - Rob Peterson, Assistant Principal

- Rob discussed the options that the school is providing to encourage students to stay on campus for lunch. There are 4 windows:

- Subway (franchise)
- Douglas County schools hot meals (~\$2.75)
- Salad Bar (not self assembly) and berry blend smoothies
- Crowfoot Valley Coffee and Dreyer's Ice Cream (the coffee shop will take advance orders).
- There will be three rotating pizza vendors (Dominos, Black Jacks, and Pizza Cafe).
- The intention is that profits will come back to the school.
- The school is working with DECA and the food companies – to have students work there and get job experience.
- For bad weather days, the school will go to 3 lunch periods instead of 2 – to keep students here. The campus will be closed, the school can decide on that day.

SAC Fund Expenditure: New Computer Lab Steve Johnson

- The school is looking at re-purposing the lower 500s teacher areas (social studies primarily) into a computer lab with 34 computers. Ventilation, computer drops and seating would have to be changed. This would be \$8-9 K in expenses for the changes plus the cost of the computers (up to \$50K total). This lab would be available to drop-ins and for students to be worked with who need extra help. After the costs are assessed, Steve will ask the SAC to approve funds for this.

Open Forum

- Locker assignments for freshmen had been provided, but students weren't allowed to go to them early in the morning - trying to contain people to the center of the school. All students should have locker assignments this week. Assignments are provided at Connect, but Connect groups haven't met yet.
- Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will be having class meetings this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Submitted by on Margi Froechtenigt on 9/6/09.

Future Meetings:

September 10th at 7:00 a.m. - LMC Conference Room