

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

Thursday, December 3, 2009  
Library Conference Room

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

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

**Other Attendees:**

- Kathy Nodland, Parent

**Approval of Minutes** – Carolyn Mustin

The minutes from November 2009 were approved.

**Review of Norms** – Rich Thomas

Rich Thomas reviewed the norms for SAC meetings. They include:

- 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)

**Election of New Officers & Voting Member**

- Dave Peters stepped down as the Chairman due to personal reasons. Dave will remain as a voting member.
- Carolyn Mustin elected as new Chairman and Margi Froechtenigt replaced Carolyn as Vice-Chair. This left a voting member seat available.
- Ron Rohlfing was elected as a voting member.

## **School Improvement Planning ("SIP") and Action Plan Assessment Process** –

Vicky Morris

- The SIP documents MVHS plans for closing the achievement gap as determined by DCSD.
- Vicky reviewed the updated SIP goals that she and Mr. Johnson worked on together. MVHS is meeting the SIP goals in areas of critical thinking, student proficiency and growth, and attendance. There are no areas lacking or negative trends toward goal achievement
- Vicky also stated that MVHS is in compliance with the related annual SIP reporting with DCSD

## **AP/Honors Night – Steve Johnson**

- MVHS held an AP/Honors night with area 8<sup>th</sup> grader feeder schools to introduce MVHS's AP/Honors curriculum and philosophy.
- Feeder schools included Mountain Ridge, Cherry Hills and Platte River. The presentation was lead by both MVHS staff and students
- The presentation and discussion focused on the school's efforts to provide flexibility in the coursework offered thus allowing students the ability to concentrate in core study areas at higher learning levels without the program rigidity of an International Baccalaureate program. For example, a student can choose A/P classes in the Sciences and Mathematics, but continue normal course progression in English.
- 61% of current seniors have taken at least 1 A/P course during their high school years.
- Carolyn suggested that MVHS consider placing a banner in the school denoting all the major colleges that kids have been accepted to

## **Social Studies Curriculum Update – Deborah Kerns-Lynch**

- Ms. Lynch reviewed the Social Studies department and noted that the new DCSD graduation standards reduced the Social Studies requirement by 0.5 credits.
- The Social Studies department is adding an AP Human Geography class. Ms. Lynch believes that there is a need for such a class, which will be available to freshman. Ms. Foard agreed that she sees motivated and capable students in her Freshman Honors English classes.
- Ms. Lynch's goal is to provide students the ability to take 4 years of A/P Social Sciences courses
- Typical Social Studies student tract would include:
  - Freshman – Ancient Civ/World Geography
  - Sophomore – Elective year (A/P Euro History, Modern Euro History, Colorado History)

- Junior – US History or A/P US History
- Senior – 0.5 credit (Government class)

### **Safety and Traffic Flow Update – Steve Johnson**

- George Gardner, Lead Security Officer, joined the meeting to discuss safety and traffic flow

#### Safety

- Mr. Gardner passed out a sample weekly incident report that is maintained by the security department. There have been no major incidents during this school year. Mr. Gardner attributed this positive report to the respectful students and the longer lunch period which allows the students to relax and interact casually.
- The open campus policy is also working well with no major incidences.
- The SAC funded 1 new security position in 2009/2010 for a total of 4 staff (1 more than any other DCSD high school).

#### Traffic Flow

- Mr. Gardner stated that he continues to foresee challenging traffic flow this year. Student safety is his primary concern
- Patience and courtesy is the key to success. Mr. Gardner had the unfortunate event to issue a citation to an unruly parent. This is a last resort option.
- The West Lot is the preferred drop-off and pick-up point. Mr. Gardner, with DCSD's aid, is looking into alternative traffic patterns to enhance safety and traffic flow.
- If the East Lot is used, drop off students on the curb side only. Do not use the left lane and allow the students to walk in front of vehicles. There have been several close calls in the mornings.

### **Open Forum**

- No items were brought forward

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

Submitted by Scott Heck

### **Future Meetings:**

January 7 @ 7:00 am                      Library Conference Room

DAC monthly meetings – open to the public – Wilcox Building, BOE Room  
 Tuesday January 12, 2010 at 6:30PM