

Mountain Vista High School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 5, 2009
LCM Conference Room

X	Angelico, Michael	X	Johnson, Ingrid	X	Rohlfing, Ron
X	Brodsky, Wendy	X	Johnson, Steve	X	Simmons, Jennifer
N	Cravens, Dixon	X	Miller, Sarah	X	Thomas, Rich
N	DeShetler, Paula	X	Morris, Vicky	X	Zynda-Otsuki, Priscilla
X	Foard, Tisha	X	Mustin, Carolyn		
X	Froechtenight, Margi	X	Peters, Dave		

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

Other Attendees:

- Heidi Schuster-Beckman – NHS Sponsor/Leadership Co-Sponsor
- Alexandra Johnson – Student/NHS Member
- George Gardner – MVHS Security

Approval of Minutes – Jennifer Simmons

The minutes from January, 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.)

School Security Update - George Gardner, Security

George Gardner gave us an update on security issues at MVHS.

- Since the beginning of the school year, many thefts have occurred from the boys and girls athletic and PE locker rooms. Specifically, many iPods and cell phones have been stolen. Items were most often taken from unlocked lockers and from backpacks that were left unsecured in the locker rooms.
- Beginning in November 2008, the Security Department started taking a more proactive stance on the locker room thefts. They began routinely checking and locking the open and unlocked room doors, thus preventing students who were not in a gym class from entering the locker rooms.
- Since initiating this new routine in the locker rooms, there have only been 3 thefts since November. Of the 3 thefts, 2 were questionable.
- George Gardner also shared the security report for the last week of January so that we could see an example of the types of incidents that occur at our school. Overall, Mountain Vista has a very low incident of security-related problems.
- Due to budget cuts next year, we will be losing 2 security officers. There will be 3 security officers at Mountain Vista next year.

Update on Reading Buddy Program at Highline Elementary – Heidi Schuster-Beckman (Social Science Chair, National Honor Society Sponsor, Leadership Co-Sponsor) and Alexandra Johnson (student and NHS Member)

Ms. Schuster-Beckman and Alexandra Johnson gave us an update on the success they have experienced with their "adopted" school, Highline Elementary. This is a joint effort between the National Honor Society and MVHS Leadership, however other students are also involved.

- Implemented a Reading Buddy Program (2nd and 4th Mondays of each month)
 - 120 elementary kids are in the program
 - On the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, approximately 55 Mountain Vista students get on a bus and are driven to the school in Aurora
 - Our students spend approximately one hour with their buddies, reading, doing homework, talking and bonding
 - The Denver food bank provides snacks
- MVHS held a school-wide coat drive, and approximately 15 large bags of coats, hats, and gloves were distributed to Highline Elementary kids and their families
- HERO week also benefited Highline Elementary – Approximately \$3,000 was raised for this school
 - 10 Highline ~~Elementary~~Elementary kids came to MVHS during HERO week
 - Our Leadership students also went to Highline Elementary and spent a day with their kids
- Would like to hold a carnival in April for Highline Elementary and the community
- In addition, part of the \$3,000 will be used to buy supplies for families (diapers, school supplies, etc.) Families will be able to come in and "shop" for what they need.

Next year, NHS and Leadership would like to continue adopting a school, but at this point it is unclear whether it will be Highline (which is a Cherry Creek School) or a school within Douglas County (if there is sufficient need).

Update on Budget, School Schedules, Open Campus, Graduation Requirements - Steve Johnson, Principal

Steve Johnson informed us that the budget reduction process is ongoing. There are many different scenarios being discussed. Steve emphasized that a lot of thought is going into this process, and decisions will be made within the coming months.

Steve reviewed some possible changes at the high school level, including:

- Open Campus – some version of this (open periods, lunches) – allows for “flexible scheduling”
- Graduation requirement change (25.5 to 24.0) – fewer classes, fewer teachers
 - Will go into effect for current freshman
 - ½ credit reduction in public speaking
 - ½ credit reduction in electives
- Transportation Reductions
 - Buses will be shared with middle schools - will eliminate 1 of 4 bus routes
 - Schools will most likely have slightly different start times to eliminate some traffic congestion
- District level Cuts
 - Many Reductions (10 million of 30 million from central office)
 - 45 positions in Learning Services alone
 - TOSAs (teachers on special assignments), etc.
 - Director-level positions
 - Reassignments
 - Retirements
- Potential Schedule Alterations
 - Draft of possible schedule
 - MVHS, HRHS, RCHS, co-oped classes
 - 1-7 periods will remain standard, however, there will an addition of a “O” and “8” period, which results in a 9 period day
 - Freshman will take 7 ~~classes~~ classes no open-campus ~~priviledges~~ privileges
 - Sophomores – may take 6 classes (may have open period for studying)
 - Juniors and Seniors – may take 11 between two years
 - 0 and 8 periods may allow classes to be offered that wouldn’t be otherwise
 - 2 lunches (50 minutes long)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am. The next meeting will take place on March 5, 2009 at 7:00 am in the Staff Lounge.

Submitted by: Carolyn Mustin on February 5, 2009.

▪ **MVHS SAC Meetings:**

March 5 @ 7:00 am	Lounge
April 2 @ 7:00 am	LMC Conference Room
May 7 @ 7:00 am	LMC Conference Room

▪ **Board of Education Meetings – Wilcox Building, BOE Room**

February 17, 2009 @ 5:00 pm

▪ **DAC monthly meetings – open to the public – Wilcox Building, BOE Room**

Tuesday March 10, 2009

Tuesday April 14, 2009

Tuesday May 12, 2009