

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

Thursday, June 4, 2009  
MVHS Media Center

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

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

**Approval of May 2009 Minutes - Jennifer Simmons**

**2009 Graduation Recap – Steve Johnson**

- Steve discussed this year’s graduation at Red Rocks. There were a few behavioral issues that need to be addressed next year to ensure a smooth ceremony.
- Ideas include withholding diplomas from students until after the ceremony (students would pick up at school?), holding meetings prior to graduation with parents/students to discuss appropriate behavior, etc.

**Bylaws/Membership/Elections - Steve Johnson, Jennifer Simmons**

- Article IV of the SAC Bylaws, Membership, states that the composition of voting members of the SAC shall consist of:
  1. The **school principal** or the principal’s designee;
  2. **One teacher** who provides instruction at the school
  3. **Three parents or legal guardians** of enrolled students and who are elected by vote of the parents and legal guardians of the students enrolled at the school;
  4. **One adult** designated by a recognized Parent-Teacher-Student organization; and
  5. **One businessperson** from the community, who is appointed by the school principal.
- A motion was made and approved to change the MVHS bylaws to reflect the following composition of voting members:
  1. The **school principal** or the principal’s designee;
  2. **Two teachers** who provides instruction at the school
  3. **Six parents or legal guardians** of enrolled students and who are elected by vote of the parents and legal guardians of the students enrolled at the school;
  4. **One adult** designated by a recognized Parent-Teacher-Student organization; and
  5. **One businessperson** from the community, who is appointed by the school principal.

- In addition, two MVHS students will serve as non-voting members.
- Although we will strive to have parent members who represent each of the 4 grade levels, this will not be a requirement in the bylaws.
- Existing SAC members will invite former MRMS SAC members and other potential members to attend the August SAC meeting. Elections will be held shortly after that meeting.

#### **SAC Override Funds Request - Steve Johnson**

- At the May SAC meeting, Steve discussed the possibility of funding additional T1 lines from the SAC funds. After meeting with technical team, it was determined that T1 lines will not help us out at MVHS. The problem lies between Wilcox and the data center. This summer the district will be working on this problem, so we will wait to see if the situation improves.
- Netbooks – The district is currently testing various netbooks, so we will also put the purchase of netbooks on hold. We will revisit this funding request in the fall.
- There may be a need for additional seating for lunches.
- Security - Z. Martinez will be utilized to handle in-house detention. SAC funds will be used to hire the 5<sup>th</sup> security guard (funding for this position was lost in the district budget cuts).

#### **Highline Elementary/Reading Buddy Program Update - Ingrid Johnson**

- The program required a lot of startup time in the fall. The bi-weekly bus trips to Highline Elementary in Aurora started after Christmas.
- Approximately 120 kids were helped by MVHS student volunteers with reading and mentoring.
- Although the program started with NHS and Leadership, other organizations got involved (Heroes week, the coat drive, carnival, etc.),
- Steve Johnson will ask Heidi Schuster to come back to a SAC meeting in the fall so that we can get an update on the status of the program for 2009-2010.

#### **Hiring Assistant Principal Update - Steve Johnson**

- Assistant Principal Brad Farrier is leaving to go to Cherry Creek High School.
- There are currently 2 finalists among the AP candidates. Each candidate brings different skills and experiences. References are being checked, and a decision will be made soon.

#### **SIP Goals - Steve Johnson**

- SIP Goals for 2009-2010 will include:
  - Student Responsibility
  - Respect for diversity and civility
  - Critical Thinking
  - Student Achievement (measurable, common assessments, etc.)
  - These goals will be discussed further at a fall SAC meeting

### **2010 Graduation Update - Steve Johnson**

- Steve Johnson has heard from several parents about their desire to keep Red Rocks as the graduation venue. There are plans to poll next year's seniors (through Naviance) about their preferred location.
- Graduation currently costs MVHS approximately \$20,000. Costs include Red Rocks fee (\$8,500), diplomas, covers, robes, etc.
- The DCSD Board of Education recently approved \$30 per student graduation fee. This will give MVHS \$15,000 (approximately 500 students @ \$30 per person). We will need to discuss how to fund the additional \$5,000 if we want to keep Red Rocks as the venue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Submitted by Carolyn Mustin on 6/30/09

### **Future Meetings:**

| August ~~6th-18th~~ at 7:00 a.m. - LMC Conference Room