

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

Thursday, October 15, 2009
Library Conference Room

X	Angelico, Michael	X	Hurlburt, Lynne	X	Peters, Dave
N	Cravens, Dixon	X	Jhaveri Shivani	X	Rohlfing, Ron
N	DeShetler, Paula	X	Johnson Steve	N	Simmons, Jennifer
X	Foard, Tisha	X	Kerns-Lynch Deborah	X	Thomas, Rich
N	Froechtenigt, Margi	X	Morris, Vicky	X	White, Dana
X	Heck, Scott	X	Mustin, Carolyn	X	Zynda-Otsuki, Priscilla

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

Other Attendees:

- Kathy Nodland, Parent
- Lisa Flanigan, MRMS SAC

Approval of Minutes – Dave Peters

The minutes from October 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.)

Welcome – New SAC Members – Dave Peters

- Shivani Jhaveri - Student
- Deb Kerns Lynch - Teacher

DAC Update – Dana White

- DCSD remains focused on the End statements and delivering a high quality education to all students.
- Terry Killin (DOS), Clay Ablan and Lisa Phillips spoke on district’s Three Learning Goals and current year’s initiatives (see Learning Services page on district website)

- What's Working, What's Not Session

Working:

- Rtl
- Open Campus
- Positive attitude and support from staff and parents
- Transportation

Not Working

- Bandwith
- Meeting needs of students above and below proficiency
- Transportation, i.e. MVHS/MRMS congestion specifically.

SIP Update – Steve Johnson

Steve provided an overview of issues that need to be addressed:

- Working with kids who are struggling prior to testing – within each department
- Goal is to have all kids proficient
- Improve attendance rates – the flu has had a major impact this year
- Exploration of teachers being used as paid tutors

Invited Guest – Amy Branstetter, Douglas County Engineer III

Amy Branstetter, an engineer with Douglas County gave an overview of the decision to remove the Flashing School Zone signs on Wildcat in front of MRMS/MVHS.

- Issue was jumpstarted with studies at RVMS/TRHS – where the flashers were located and what effect they were having on school traffic. Decision was made to remove the flashers from the high school but keep them at the middle school.
- The whole premise for removal or maintenance of the flashers is based on whether or not areas where kids are crossing busy streets are “controlled” intersections or not, i.e. is there a traffic signal. It is the county’s feeling that since speeds at a controlled intersection would be 0 when the light is red, there is no need to slow people down in advance of the signal, as they would be slowing down anyways.
- Flashers not removed as a cost cutting measure, rather DCSD wants to set a standard district wide.
- Many people voiced frustrations; why not leave one additional safeguard in place?
- End result: educate kids on how to cross the street; educate parents on where to park to wait for kids after school; signal timing can be adjusted if people complain.
- Ron Rohlfing has plans to form a task force to write a letter to the superintendent about this issue.

Computer Lab Cost Estimate – Steve Johnson

- Workspace needs to be converted to house computer labs
- HVAC and wiring must be changed
- \$17,800 cost on the high end
- Add 30 computers @ \$1,000 each
- Work with staff that would be affected

- \$50,000 Total – money to come SAC funds

Control School Event Alcohol Abuse - Steve Johnson

- How to combat this problem at school functions
- Before/after Homecoming, many parents were called
- A passive breathalyzer for kids attending function is being explored
- Considered a serious enough problem that it needs to be pursued.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Submitted by Dana White on 10/28/09

Future Meetings:

November 5th @ 7:00 am Library Conference Room

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

Tuesday November 10, 2009

Tuesday January 12, 2010