

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

Wednesday, November 10, 2010
MVHS Library Conference Room

X	Cravens, Dixon	N	Hurlburt, Lynne	N	Nodland, Kathy
N	DeShetler, Paula	X	Jhaveri, Shivani	X	Thomas, Rich
X	Froechtenigt, Margi	X	Johnson, Steve	N	White, Dana
N	Heck, Scott	X	Mires, Whitney	X	Zynda-Otsuki, Priscilla
N	Hargett, Jake	X	Morris, Vicky		
X	Hitchingham, Michael	X	Mustin, Carolyn		

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

DAC Fall Forum - Vicky Morris

- Dr. Fagan spoke at the forum about her philosophy on education. She feels that we will have to shift our teaching methods to accommodate students who are "digital natives." More focus will be on doing and creating versus routine work and memorization.
- Dr. Fagan's personal philosophy on leadership values follows PEAC (peak). P for personalization, E for empowerment, A for accountability, and C for collaboration.
- Her short term goals are hiring for key district positions, and creating a 3 year plan. Rich Thomas passed out a new superintendent's organizational chart for the SAC members.
- Regarding choice, Dr. Fagan says that every school is a choice, but we will have to do a better job marketing to the community. Schools must answer the key question "what is it like to learn here?"
- After Dr. Fagan's presentation, SAC representatives broke into groups where they discussed key issues for improvement in various school. One common theme was writing.

Principal Selection Discussion - Carolyn Mustin, Rich Thomas

- There are three options we discussed: 1) Hire immediately; 2) Appoint an interim principal to manage the school while the search is conducted for a new principal; and 3) some other option.
- After discussion, it was decided that our group would recommend appointing an interim principal while searching for a new principal.
- Steve said that Dixon Cravens, Carolyn Mustin, and Shivani Jhaveri would represent our group at a meeting later that day with Dan McMinimee.

School Voucher Discussion - Steve Johnson

- Articles over the weekend in the Denver Post newspaper were obviously leaked by opponents of the voucher idea.
- Argument for vouchers is that it would provide more "choice" and would allow district to keep 25% of per pupil funding for those students attending private schools.
- Private schools, to qualify for vouchers, would have to agree to certain responsibilities such as CSAP testing, special ed, etc.
- We will continue disseminating information to SAC members on this important issue. Also, Carolyn & Dixon will ask Ted Vail and Michelle Grissom from MRMS to speak at our December meeting. Ted (a parent) and Michelle (a teacher) are members of the School Choice task force.

STEM Committee Meeting Summary - Margi Froechtenigt

- Margi reviewed the STEM curriculum path and course selections that are being proposed.
- Margi feels that it is very oriented towards mechanical engineering.
- Everyone agreed that it is a good beginning, and will evolve over time. Margi suggested that we make sure we are aligned with what universities (such as CU Boulder and School of Mines) want their engineering students to have in high school.
- There will be a public meeting on November 15th to introduce the STEM program. Carolyn and others felt that the invitation should be extended to all parents in our feeder. Even if they are not interested in attending the meeting, it builds awareness that Mountain Vista has an offering that is comparable or better than the proposed STEM charter school.

AP Honors Night - Steve Johnson

- AP Honors night was held on November 4th at Mountain Vista.
- Best attendance to date.
- Lots of questions about open enrollment were asked. Open enrollment is from December 1 to January 15th. Even though our school is "at or near capacity" Steve will take applications to keep our options open.

The meeting was adjourned at **8:05 am**. *Respectfully submitted by Dana White.*