

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

Thursday, August 12, 2010
MVHS Library Conference Room

	Cravens, Dixon	N	Jhaveri Shivani	N	Simmons, Jennifer
X	DeShetler, Paula	X	Johnson Steve	X	Thomas, Rich
N	Froechtenigt, Margi	N	Morris, Vicky	X	White, Dana
X	Heck, Scott	X	Mustin, Carolyn	X	Zynda-Otsuki, Priscilla
N	Hurlburt, Lynne	X	Kathy Nodland		

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

Review of Norms – Rich Thomas

- 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)

Upcoming SAC Elections – Steve Johnson and Rich Thomas

- There is an open seat on the SAC for a voting member to replace Ron Rohlfig’s position. The member will serve a two year term. The school is actively soliciting applications.
- Voting will take at Back-to-School night on August 26 as well by online ballots.

School/District Update – Steve Johnson

- Class of 2011 graduation is booked for Red Rocks on May 19, 2011 at 2:00 PM. There will be an additional fee for the facility use. The fee is to be determined at a later date.
- Student enrollment is higher than projected at 2,050.
- The school is working to improve its communication with students, parents, and the community by enhancing its website during the school year. Mr. Newton will be leading this project with support from the students and staff.

- Feedback from this year's online registration was positive with no major issues encountered.
- Key staff changes:
 - Ms. Schuster is temporarily filling in the vacant Dean position until December. She will return to the Social Studies department in the second semester.
 - 2 new Mathematics department teachers joined MVHS this year – Mr. Oosterhouse (DCHS) and Ms. Sprigg (MRMS).
 - Ms. Dannen is the new Sign Language staff member.
- The district's new Superintendent is in place. Dr. Elizabeth Celania-Fagen is from the Tucson Unified School District.

DCSD Changes – Steve Johnson

- The state has made changes to the school accreditation process. Included are major changes to the teacher evaluation process.
- The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is transitioning to a "Unified Improvement Plan." The changes are designed to align better with the new accreditation process.
- Teacher evaluations will be updated in 2011. Guidelines and key metrics are still in development.

Test Results – Steve Johnson

- Our CSAP testing results showed growth over the prior year.
- Composite ACT scores improved to 23.
- Passing grade test scores for Advanced Placement exams increased to 78% from 74% in the prior year.
- Mr. Johnson was proud of the improvements and noted it was a collective effort between teachers, students and parents.

STEM School Advisory Panel – Steve Johnson

- The SAC agreed to address topic at a future meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m. Respectfully submitted by Scott Heck

Future Meetings:

MVHS SAC: September 2, 2010 @ 7:00 AM - Library Conference Room

District Advisory Council Meeting: September 14, 2010, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - Wilcox Building

DAC Regional Forum: October 26, 2010, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - Cresthill Middle School