

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

Thursday October 7, 2010
MVHS Library Conference Room

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

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)

Math Together Tutoring Program – Brian Lamb

- Only middle school/high school tutoring program ***in the nation.***
- Funded by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to close gaps in math deficiencies – started in May of 2010. It is a one-shot deal, one-time grant, though it is possible to reapply.
- 18 tutors at MVHS; 7th hour in the school day. Tutors earn ½ Elective Credit. Allows tutors to take responsibility and gain leadership skills. Tutors learn the lesson and teach it the next day.

Overview of Marketing Classes & DECA – Sheri Bryant

- Largest student organization in Colorado. Brennan Boehne, Western Regional VP for DECA graduated from MVHS in 2010.
- There are 305 students in DECA @ MVHS. Those students each took a 100 question product knowledge test to find out their placement within the group.
- MVHS has nine team championship trophies to date.
- Historically, DECA has run Taste of Vista, including concession stands and designing and production of school spirit wear. Both were a huge success.

Safety and Traffic Update – Kevin Cromwell & George Gardner

- Overall, no big problems so far this Fall. Security is being more stringent on who comes and goes from the building.
- There have not been many fights this year, and those that occur tend to be started by females.
- There continue to be issues at Red Tail Park, i.e. smoking both cigarettes and pot.
- Breathalyzers definitely have improved behavior at dances. No major issues at Homecoming 2010.

Celebrations – Steve Johnson

- CO Court of Appeals @ MVHS
 - Taking place on 11/13; limited number of people can attend.
 - Real cases will be presented; students can learn actual things about the law
- Mountain Vista Feeder Choir Festival
 - Awesome, warm day!
 - Showcased talent from all feeder schools, as well as MRMS and MVHS. The general message was to “stay involved”!
- Homecoming 2010
 - Great week...seniors won the Powder Puff Game!
 - Unfortunately no bonfire due to fire restrictions, but it may be scheduled later in the year.
 - At the conference on student dances, Mountain Vista was deemed one of the best.

School Update – Steve Johnson

- A proposal was submitted for a new STEM Physics class. The proposal was sent out to SAC members for their input.
- Other courses that will be used as part of the STEM program already exist at Mountain Vista, but need to be identified as STEM courses.
- The STEM program will have internship opportunities, and will hopefully include a capstone project for seniors. For example, a student may choose to build a robot as their capstone project.
- A brochure will be developed that will include information about the STEM program at MVHS, and will list STEM courses and opportunities.
- As part of the AP/Honors night, a separate session on STEM offerings will be presented for interested students and parents. Mountain Vista will reach out to MRMS as well as 6th grade parents in our feeder to invite them to attend this session. Other STEM informational meetings may be planned throughout the year.
- Douglas County is planning on hiring a STEM coordinator.
- Margi said that Lockheed Martin has programs and will explore the possibility of Lockheed Martin getting involved in our school as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m. Respectfully submitted by Dana White.

Future Meetings:

MVHS SAC: November 4, 2010 @ 7:00 a.m. - Library Conference Room