

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

Thursday, December 2, 2010, 2010
MVHS Library Conference Room

X	Cravens, Dixon	N	Hurlburt, Lynne	N	Nodland, Kathy
X	DeShetler, Paula	X	Jhaveri, Shivani	X	Thomas, Rich
X	Froechtenigt, Margi	X	Johnson, Steve	N	White, Dana
X	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

Review of Norms – Rich Thomas

- Begin and end on time
- 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)

Presentation by MRMS Teacher & Member of the Neighborhood School Autonomy Subcommittee of the DCSD School Choice Task Force – Michelle Grissom

(Committee Member)

- Ms. Grissom was a sub-committee member. The task force was created to address Option Certificates (i.e., school vouchers).
- The committee’s goal was to provide recommendations to the larger DCSD School Choice Task Force. Meetings started in the summer of 2010 and legal counsel was retained.
- Recommendations included the allowance of private schools to contract with the district provided they follow DCSD educational guidelines. The Option Certificate would have a \$4,800 value.
- The recommendations are now being evaluated by Dr. Fagen.

Presentation by MRMS Parent & Member of the Neighborhood School Autonomy Sub-Committee of the DCSD Task Force – Ted Vail

- The sub-committee's goal was to maximize choice within Douglas County and provide recommendations to the DCSD Task Force.
- Significant recommendations included:
 - 1) Create a standing committee of the Board of Education for school autonomy,
 - 2) Actively market DCSD offerings for educational choice,
 - 3) Create greater levels of empowerment for DCSD schools,
 - 4) Ensure ongoing financial and operational viability of DCSD schools before providing final approval for new schools in the county; and
 - 5) Develop a definition of school choice and market as a core district and community value.
- These recommendations were presented to the Board of Education. The BOE will decide on the next steps.

School Update – Steve Johnson

- Uniform Improvement Plan (UIP) presented by Alan Long. MVHS has met and/or exceeds the state standards. The school's goal is to improve on math scores for next year.
- IT – the wide-area network was updated over fall break. The loaner laptop carts are aging and the school is searching for funding resources and alternatives.
- Principal Hiring Timeline – Permanent position replacement process will begin in January 2011 and proceed through various qualification and interviewing stages through March 2011. The projected start date for the new principal is July 2011. Edna Doherty has been named the interim principal at Mountain Vista High School for the remainder of this school year. Doherty is a 36-year veteran Douglas County School District employee. Before retiring from DCSD last June, she was the principal at Douglas County High School for 20 years.
- STEM – Mr. Ceglie provided an update from the STEM meeting held on 11/17/10. There were approximately 120 attendees. The school continues to market STEM program opportunities.

Celebrations and Open Comments

- It was a sad good-bye to Mr. Johnson as he moves to the district office. Everyone on the committee was thankful for all his dedication to the school, student body, teachers, staff and parents.
- Vicky Morris shared that over 900 DCSD students are homeless. She's been working with local charities to provide hygiene bags for these students.

DAC Meeting – the next DAC meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2011, Wilcox Building at 6:30PM

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