

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

Thursday, January 6, 2011, 2010
MVHS Library Conference Room

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

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

Other Attendees: Robert Peterson, Assistant Principal
Rob Ceglie, Dean of Students
Pat McCabe, Athletic Director

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)

Introduction of Interim Principal, Edna Doherty – Alan Long

- Timeline presented for selection process.
- So far, all has gone well

Celebrations – Alan Long

- The Eagle Eye Newspaper won 12 awards, both staff and individual, and placed 3rd overall.
- The Aerie Yearbook won three awards and Mark Newton won the Journalism Educator’s Association Merit Award.
- The Mountain Vista Poms Team won their 3rd consecutive State Title.
- The Apple Award nominee for MVHS is Brad Shore – AP Biology.

- Ellie McGee – is now National Board Certified. This is a very difficult certification to achieve.

Overview of Theatre, Mass Media Video – Jeremy Goldson, Theater Dept. Chair

- Postponed – Mr. Goldson could not make it. Will reschedule for next month.

Math Together – Tutoring Update – Rich Thomas

- Brian Lamb presented overview of program at October SAC meeting.
- Mountain Vista has been the most successful with this program in the district. A high percentage of the tutors and tutees want to continue the program.
- MVHS/MRMS – only high school/middle school asked to continue this semester.

School Update – Alan Long, Rob Ceglie, Pat McCabe

- Community Service Letter – Mr. McCabe presented the idea of a Community Service Letter for students. 100 hours over four years would be required for 1st letter. It does not cost anything. ThunderRidge awards Community Service letters and it has been very successful. Is it worthwhile? The general opinion is that it is, as anything that motivates kids to do more community service is a good thing!
- AP/Special Course Presentations on 1/12 – Held @ 7:45 in 13 minute increments. This is for kids only; parents should encourage their students to take AP courses. The school day will start later @ 8:55am that day. It is a goal to increase enrollment in AP courses across the board, and to provide students with realistic expectations for the courses and the work required.
- School Selector Tool – It is on the website and is a quick snapshot of all DCSD schools and what they have to offer. Included are quotes from students, descriptions of what it feels like to work in the district, etc.
- STEM Update – Nothing new reported; they are still moving forward. Vista's STEM classes will be clearly marked in the catalogue; we don't want to lose any kids to STEM school. We will have the classes, but we have to market them to the feeder community!
- Hiring Process for New Principal - Applications will be screened to the top six applicants by Jan. 31. District-level interviews are set for Feb. 18. School level interviews are set for Feb. 28. Finalists will be interviewed March 7-8, with site visitations, if necessary, March 9-11. A new principal is expected to be announced on or before March 14. He/she will officially begin July 1.
- Budget Issues – We all agreed that we need to keep extra security/in-school detention employee; which is paid for out of SAC funds. We also need to wait until we see what budgeting looks like for next year before we make any further decisions.

Roses for Charity/HERO Week – Jake Hergett

- Week long fundraiser to benefit Roses for Charity (supports orphans of AIDS in Zimbabwe). Starts the first week in February and usually raises \$2,000-\$3,000. Sponsored by Student Leadership every year. Mr. Vista is first event on January 31st.

Future Meetings:

DAC Regional Forum – February 8th, 2011, 6:30-8:30 @ Mountain Ridge Middle School.

The next SAC meeting will be Thursday, February 3rd in the library.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:15am. *Respectfully submitted by Dana L. White*