

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

Thursday, April 7, 2011
MVHS Library Conference Room

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

Other guests:

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)

Celebrations – Alan Long and Edna Doherty

- Mountain Vista High School earned the John Irwin School of Excellence Award for 2010/2011
- Congratulations to Shivani Jhaveri...she is going to Berkeley!
- Katherine Koch received a \$2500.00 National Merit Scholarship.
- Brian Shin has earned the Boettcher Scholarship. He is the first Boettcher Scholarship recipient from Mountain Vista.
- Jason Vigil had a perfect score on his ACT!

School Update – Alan Long, Edna Doherty

- SAC – All voting member’s terms are expiring with the exception of Dixon Cravens and Paula DeShetler (Dixon’s term expires in 2012, and Paula is an appointed position). According to the bylaws, existing voting members are eligible to run in the election for one more two-year term. Carolyn can run again as a voting member, but is not eligible to serve as Chair again, since she has already served two years in that position. More information on SAC elections will be given at next meeting.
- Mike Weaver, current principal at Bear Canyon Elementary, has been named the new principal for Mountain Vista High School. Mike will attend our May SAC meeting on Thursday, May 5th.
- Prom is Saturday night April 9th. Graduation is at Red Rocks Amphitheater on May 19th @ 2:00 pm.
- STEM and Course Offerings Update-
 - Significant enrollment gains in most classes.
 - Science/Technology class – not enough interest (17 students) so won’t be offered next year.
 - Tech Program grew by leaps and bounds. All classes gained enrollment.
 - Mountain Vista lost seven students to STEM for next year; MRMS lost 15.
 - There is concern about a second open enrollment date scheduled right before school. Vista could lose more kids and have to return money to the district.
 - CHOICE – 20% of students are changing schools in DCSD
- Technology Update-
 - Goal is to have a Single User Initiative – students and staff can walk in our building, open their laptop and start working. 29 Access Points will cost \$29,000.
 - The system will monitor individual computers when logged in and update as necessary.
 - There was a motion and second to approve \$60,000 in SAC Funds to pay for: one security position (in-school detention and hall monitoring); and the installation of access points. The motion was passed!
 - Another long-term goal is to phase out textbooks in favor of e-books, and post class notes online.

District and MVHS Financial Picture for 2011/12 – Alan Long, Edna Doherty

- The Black Budget was approved for the District for next year.
- Mountain Vista losing the equivalent of five FTEs.
- The District is losing \$465.00 per student or \$27.6 million; MVHS will lose \$100.00 per student or \$203,100.
- A Bond & Mil Levy initiative is being discussed – would cost the average homeowner \$7.50/month.
- There was a discussion and explanation of a model where teachers move from teaching five of seven classes to six of eight, with no additional compensation. The classes will remain small, but there will be more teaching time. Students may be able to graduate in 3 years, which isn't necessarily a good thing. Highlands Ranch HS may move to this system. There are no current plans for MVHS to adopt this schedule for 2011-12, but it may be a possibility if the Bond and Mil Levy is not adopted.
- There is a new temporary School Resource Officer that MVHS will share with MRMS through the end of the current school year – Rick Kiesow. The position will be posted for the next school year.

Future Meetings:

The next SAC meeting will be Thursday, May 5th in the library.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Dana L. White