

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

Thursday, December 1, 2011
MVHS Library Conference Room

X	Lisa Cohen	X	Jake Hergett	X	Carolyn Mustin
X	Dixon Cravens	X	Christine Harris	X	Kathy Nodland
N	Curt Coffman	X	Russell Hatten	X	Emily Wagner
	Debi DeLoney	X	Alan Long	X	Mike Weaver
X	Paula DeShetler	X	Cassi Meyers	N	Dana White
N	Margi Froechtenigt	X	Whitney Mires	N	Priscilla Zynda-Otsuki

Other guests:

- 1) Mr. Teddy Goldman – Art Department Chairman

X indicates attendance

N indicates pre-notification of absence

Review of Norms – Alan Long

- 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 – Mike Weaver

- Will send out semester celebrations to parents before Christmas break
- Annie Get Your Gun theater performance – 138 students involved
- Cross Country Teams – Boys 2nd in State, Girls 3rd in State, 4th in regional competition. Coach Dalby named Coach of Year by Denver Post.
- Emily Wagner – student rep. – Many school clubs are doing community service projects for the Holiday season

UIP Update - Alan Long

- No new information for this meeting

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Update - Mike Weaver

Recent focus has been on data collection and teacher development

- State content standards and these questions are part of evaluation process:
 1. What do kids need to know?
 2. How do we know if they know it?
 3. What should be done if they don't?
- Administrators have 28 teachers they evaluate including the walk through process
- Summary of data so far shows 64% of classrooms had an evident purpose, only 6% were off task and 38% had higher order critical thinking occurring during class
- Data will be presented at January 20th PLC presentation
- Process is intended to help teacher in their professional groups to be focused on constant improvement rather than being punitive.

Art Department Presentation – Mr. Teddy Goldman – Art Department Chairman

- Department has seven different course area options – Ceramics, Jewelry, Sculpture, Drawing, Painting, Photography and Graphic Arts
- Students also have opportunity to take AP art classes for college credit
- MVHS has one of two darkrooms in entire district
- Art department serves as an area for students to have a sense of community and develop art skill for career or personal use.

Principal's Report – Mike Weaver

- Budget and School impact models – as result of bond and millage ballot issue failure and state level budget cuts – district is looking at about \$ 24.9 million reduction in revenues
- DCSD is 8% of state's education budget for Pre-K thru 12.
- PERA is going up even with pay freeze. District reserves of \$11.7 million were used last year to stay in "black" budget.
- Budget process will begin with \$300/student reduction and go up from there as needed as budget numbers are refined.
- MVHS school day and periods of instruction could be changed to a 6 of 8 model from the current 5 of 7 model.
- Principal's meeting next week will finalize some of the budget and class period options.
- Next year's student body projected to be at 2060 for 2012-213 school year.

- Principals will also receive direction on guidelines for any staff reductions and keeping the “best teachers in the building”. Hiring decisions are based on District Guidelines which could change based on new budget reductions.
- March 17th is current deadline for school to turn in site based budget.

Graduation and District Calendar Update

- Graduation Dates are set:
 1. May 21st at Red Rocks
 2. Shea Stadium May 22nd if bad weather
 3. MVHS – May 22nd – in auditorium with possible video overflow in other rooms
- Tickets will be allocated per family as each venue permits
- District will present their calendar selections based on school, feeder area and survey results. Each feeder was to pick one conventional and one modified calendar.

DAC - Lisa Cohen, DAC Liaison

- December 6th, 2011
- January 10, 2012
- DAC rep. and SAC chair are required to attend
- All SAC members and interested parties are invited to attend.

Next Meeting

- February 2nd
- Another meeting prior to this may be called as budget figures are updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine J. Harris