Mountain Vista High School
School Accountability Committee (SAC) Minutes

Thursday, 13 May 2021 (11am)

Virtual Meeting

X	Mark Johnson (Chair)	X	Mike Weaver (Principal)	X	Rob Ceglie (Asst. Principal)
X	Alan Long (Asst. Principal)	X	Diane Faut (Vice Chair)	X	Kristen DeBeer (Recorder)
X	Jeff Hoefs (Teacher)	X	Vanessa Johnston	X	Nikki Kessler
X	Jeremy Anderson	X	Eric Rosel	X	Jen Levinson
X	Dixon Cravens (by phone)	X	Kelly Pointer	X	Maci O'Grady

Welcome & Minutes: Mark Johnson, SAC Chair

- Minutes from April meeting were approved.

Principal's Report: Mike Weaver, Principal

1. **Busy week last week!**
   - Fantastic Wish Week! Went as well as it could possibly have gone. Kudos to Lindsey Jaffee and student leadership, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Be A Good Person, and everyone involved. BAGP has a new store downtown – please support them.
   - Goldust was part of Wish Week this year. Kudos to Jordan Cash for the concert, despite not all choirs being able to rehearse together.
   - Band/Orchestra banquet was last night
   - Senior Sunset was also last night – several hundred seniors attended.
2. **Busy Next 7 Days!**
   - Stageflight Theater Ensemble performances
   - Cording ceremony and senior/department awards next Monday evening 6-8pm. Will be done together for 2 hours livestreamed (only students can attend because of limitations on indoor numbers). Ceremony includes about 400 kids plus dept. staff , totaling about 450 people.
   - Graduation is on for Wednesday, May 19 at 9am. Hoping for good weather. Vista has 561 grads plus 128 staff attending. Red Rocks has 2,828 capacity limit under current restrictions, which equates to 3.8 tickets per graduate (rounded up to 4). Other area HS have fewer grads (ex: HRHS has 401) so they each get more tickets under capacity restrictions. If capacity restrictions change before the 19th, ticket numbers can be adjusted (not anticipated).
   - Final exams for underclassmen begin next Friday. 8 contact days left!
3. **Season D Athletics**
   - Over 1,000 kids participating: Lacrosse, Baseball, Track & Field, Boys Swimming, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, Girls Golf
   - Volleyball – 1st round of state last night. First loss of the year, so didn't make today's final.
   - Season runs several weeks into June (possibly June 26 if in tournaments), which will overlap with construction at Vista.
4. **Perseverance Scholarship**
   - Noelle Martin awarded Vista's scholarship (approved by SAC) last Thurs morning at district ceremony at Legend HS.
   - Clip of her story is on DCSDK12 site – Mr. Weaver will send link to SAC.

Construction Update: Mike Weaver, Principal

- Construction staging begins on May 25th, and construction starts on May 26th – no time to waste.
  - CTE project: MVHS was identified as a STEM hub for improvements using 2018 bond money. Includes new engineering lab and other updates.
  - Wiring/switches upgrades on HVAC system already underway.
  - Redoing entire roof. Involves 2 crews, 6 staging locations. Roofing project runs June 1- Aug 1.
- Overlaps with Season D sports, summer school, and band camps/clubs/activities which begin early July.

Summer School: Rob Ceglie, AP

- Summer school for credit recovery being offered free to students for whom teachers/counselors recommend it as a supplemental extension.
    - Month of June, 3-4 hours per day for 4 weeks
    - Up to two classes are free due to an ESPERS grant
    - English/Math/Soc. Studies classes are in-person, everything else is online through Edgenuity

Hiring: Mike Weaver, Principal

- Several open positions due to retirements, moves out of state, time off for family reasons.
- Busy trying to fill positions. "Recruit and retain quality teachers" was high on SAC priority survey last fall, but as a district we are behind neighboring districts in compensation for veteran/experienced teachers (on par for new teachers), so having difficulty making experienced hires. Two cases where recent hires accepted positions and then got better offers from another district.
- State funding has been better than expected (not as low as last year's projections for cuts) but barely at pre-COVID levels.
- Some positives for the future: some pay increases, no furlough days, no additional benefits costs.

COVID Vaccinations: Mike Weaver, Principal

- Vista is strongly supporting that all kids who can, get vaccinated to avoid the pitfalls of this year.
- 93-94% of staff are fully vaccinated, as well as many of the older kids who were eligible. New CDC approval of Pfizer makes all HS kids eligible.
- Aurora Public Schools has already said they are requiring it for teachers and students to return to school next fall (assuming full approval by FDA).
- We won't back off of contact tracing next year, but don't know about masks yet.

SAC Next Year: Mike Weaver, Principal

- Two open positions on the ballot.
- Wait until beginning of year to announce openings/put out ballot, hold election. Nobody will respond to anything right now.

Additional SAC Topics and Question/Answer Session: Mike Weaver, Principal

- Q: Parent heard of two different situations in other schools where students were refusing to follow quarantine rules. Since we will still be contact tracing, will we have this problem next year?
  A: Not sure yet – things change quickly in the world right now. Possible changes to restrictions coming this summer (rumors about June 1). May be limited mandates by fall. Next year we will push that anyone with any symptoms of illness not come to school. Canvas makes it easier to access content/curriculum for absences. A lot of it hinges on vaccinations.
- Concerns on the radar for having missed so much time in school:
    - Junior class – left March 12, 2020 as sophomores. Now seniors and applying to college, but haven't been here consistently for 1 ½ years. Need retraining.
    - This year's freshman class had their first day of full-time school on March 22 – barely had time to figure out the normal schedule. So MVHS is planning to have an orientation for sophomores on the first day (Aug 9) in the afternoon. Normally first day is only freshmen – Mr. Weaver will be sending an email with announcements the last week of school.

<u>Important Dates:</u>

- **DAC Meetings, second Tuesday of every month (held at 6:30 pm in Wilcox Board Room, Castle Rock)**: *DAC Liaison <u>must</u> attend; all SAC members encouraged to attend. Please confirm these dates and location prior to attending.*
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