Mountain Vista High School
School Accountability Committee (SAC) Minutes

Wednesday, 21 April 2021

Virtual Meeting

X	Mark Johnson (Chair)	X	Mike Weaver (Principal)	X	Rob Ceglie (Asst. Principal)
X	Lindsey Jaffe (Asst. Principal)	X	Alan Long (Asst. Principal)	X	Rob Peterson (Asst. Principal)
X	Diane Faut (Vice Chair)	X	Kristen DeBeer (Recorder)	X	Nikki Kessler
X	Jeremy Anderson	X	Eric Rosel	X	Troy McGill
X	Dixon Cravens (by phone)	X	Kelly Pointer	X	Maci O'Grady
X	Vanessa Johnston	X		X	

Welcome & Minutes: Mark Johnson, SAC Chair

- Minutes from February meeting were approved.
- A question was asked about not receiving a copy of the budget overview in the approved minutes. Mr. Weaver will look into it and share something by email.

Principal's Report: Mike Weaver, Principal (a lot of info since our last meeting)

1. **Remote Learning is over for now**
   - Vista was tagged by CDPHE as an outbreak. Couldn't rule out transmissions in classes – 5 or more cohorts had "uncontrolled outbreaks" with 56-57 cases in a 3 week period, so Vista was shut down for 14 days to interrupt in-school transmissions. Kids are back in the building as of today!
   - 15-18 year old variant was a concern, but kids typically had mild symptoms.
   - Even though DC commission voted to move away from restrictions, schools still fall under state-mandated guidelines (not "wide-open" like Douglas County).
2. **COVID Prom aka "CoPro" (Lindsey Jaffe)**
   - 450+ kids attended. They were "smiling through their masks" and grateful to have prom.
   - Weather was worrisome but kids made the most of snow as a backdrop. Many photo-ops, gifts, and a toast with Mr. Weaver were highlights. Not traditional but a great night.
   - Complied with restrictions – no more than 75 ppl at a time so kids rolled through. Kids were required to have temps taken.
3. **AP Testing (Rob Peterson)**
   - 800+ students registered for 1,300+ exams in 29 subject areas.
   - Difficult to find location – St. Andrew UMC was past location but unwilling to host so many students this year. Two new locations – Lone Tree Hub (former Lone Tree library) and Hilton Garden Inn by AMC Theater.
   - Testing starts on May 3 for in-person exams. Also a digital/at-home option in June.
   - Kids are worried they are not prepared given the school year, but Mr. Weaver emphasized the important thing is the experience of taking the AP class and expects kids will do pretty well.
4. **State Testing**
   - TCHD wouldn't allow testing during quarantine period, so testing is next week 27th-29th SAT/PSAT (mornings only). Not ideal to be back in person only 3-4 days and then test for 3 days, but it's the last shot at the SAT (last state make-up day).
   - May 18 is an SAT testing date, but that test is not on site at Vista, and requires students to sign up and pay, so the only school-day test option is next week.
5. **Calendar of Events**
   - Too comprehensive to list – see Vista website.
   - Virtual senior meetings next week. Senior newsletter went out yesterday.
   - End of year Season C sports happening now – volleyball team is currently #1.
   - Season D sports start at the end of the week and run through June this year.

- Not much time left this school year! Seniors have 13 days left, less 3 testing days is ten days, so with block days, only 8 regular class periods left. Underclasses only have 21 days total, less 3 for testing and 1 for graduation, makes 17 regular class days.
- Trying to make graduation for seniors "quarantine proof" by moving finals for seniors to the 10th and 11th, meaning exposure those days would still allow return for graduation on 19th after 8 days with a negative test.
- Senior awards/cording ceremony on May 17th. The "medical math" means seniors exposed would still be within 48 hour exposure window to graduate on 19th. Doing everything possible to prevent seniors from missing graduation.

6. Celebrations
- Huge showings in competitive academic co-curriculars.
- TSA crushed it with 1st or 2nd place in many categories (19 groups took 1st). In a normal year, we would have run away with the state title. Kudos to the Allisons for their hard work.
- Poms won the 5A Jazz state title (it's their 9th or 10th state championship).
- On May 6th Mr. Weaver will award the admin scholarship that SAC voted to approve to senior Noelle Martin, who has overcome many obstacles in her life. She is headed to Belmont University to study theater and music with a music education minor, and will perform at graduation.

7. Wish Week (Lindsey Jaffe)
- Focus is on seniors. Underclasses won't be able to attend everything but will be able to participate in many events, including granting the wish, which will take place in the halls of Vista (can't do an all-school assembly under current restrictions).
- Wish kid is almost 5, she's a twin, her name is Rynn. She has congenital heart disease. Her wish is to meet Spiderman.
- Dress up days every day, events every night, including some HoCo events (powder puff) and popular Wish Week events (Vista Idol). All are subject to change at any time and will be live-streamed if students want to participate virtually.
- Signups for tracking/tracing, masks, and social distancing required at all in-person events.
- Online students welcome to attend. There will be special day/time for them to pick up tshirts.
- Senior sunrise event with food/music and yearbook distribution also in the works. Students will participate in their cars.

Budget/Hiring: Mike Weaver, Principal
- Budget covered at last meeting. Mr. Weaver will get something out to SAC.
- Hiring has been difficult despite our goal to recruit and retain the best teachers on SAC priorities survey.
- The budget still doesn't offer enough for competitive pay (other districts can pay more). Some of our top pics have not accepted our offers. Still getting some great people. List of new teachers and roles they will fill coming in next couple of weeks.
- SAC focus: how to push from our community to our district to offer competitive pay.

Graduation: Mike Weaver, Principal
- Will be in-person on May 19th at 9am at Red Rocks! Everything is in line (barring weather).
- A few TBDs:
    - Bussing seniors to Red Rocks. Difficult without transportation to get all 567 seniors there at the same time, but district transportation may not be possible.
    - Number of people allowed at Red Rocks still uncertain. Last word was 2,500 plus grads which would allow at least 4 per graduate, but hoping to expand that if possible. Not sure of timeframe. There is another graduation meeting this Thursday. Students will be given a "worst case scenario" at the senior meeting next week.

Superintendent Update: Mike Weaver, Principal
- Corey Wise was selected as the final candidate, offered the position, and has accepted at Board of Education meeting last night.
- There were four final candidates and a 3-day interview process last week including kids and community.
- Mr. Weaver believes Mr. Wise is an excellent choice. He is a member of our community, his kids go to school in the district, and he has "done it all" so has internal knowledge and experience.

Summer Construction Update: Mike Weaver, Principal
- Starting soon! Staging for 2 projects on May 25, starting on May 26 (last day of teacher contact).
    - CTE group of projects (tech and engineering lab improvements)
    - District/Bond & Mill Levy projects (wiring, flooring, bathroom dividers, etc.)

Summer School Plan: Rob Ceglie, AP

- Trying to run as usual for credit recovery and kids who didn't perform well during school year.
- Couple of changes:
    - Through grants, the district will fund summer school for kids who need it because they are behind in credits or failed classes (parents won't have to pay as in prior years).
    - IEP kids with "unfinished learning" can attend summer school to extend their learning. (Mutually exclusive from ESY)
    - Kids still working on thresholds (they got a 52%) will have an opportunity to finish earning those credits.
- One session in June (4 weeks). Take July off.
- 18-month plan:
    - 1) assess kids based on the numbers (grades) and special circumstances
    - 2) invite those who are on the threshold to summer school to complete learning and earn credit
    - 3) offer a "bootcamp" week of July 26-30 with morning intensives for 3-4 days in English and math to catch up and get ready for coming school year
    - 4) provide interventions and resources for next year for any kid playing catch-up (not just those on IEPs)

UIP: Mike Weaver, Principal

- Completed and turned in 2nd week of April. Accepted by BOE and turned in to state (can access on CDE website).
- COVID goal added along with support and interventions over next 18 months.

Question/Answer Session: Mike Weaver, Principal

- Q: If kids are vaccinated, are they exempt from quarantine?
  A: Yes, for Pfizer and Moderna, they are exempt after 2 weeks past 2nd shot. J&J is off the board right now. Next year still uncertain in terms of colleges who may require vaccinations.
- Q: Are you encouraging kids to eat outside or go off campus for lunch to dilute concentration of kids in cafeteria while eating unmasked? And will there be more on-campus testing opportunities?
  A: We are encouraging students with ANY symptoms, however mild, to stay home. Yes, they may eat outside in the courtyard when it's sunny and dry. No current plans for testing events (TCHD set up the previous testing event at Vista). The district has access to testing for sports.
- Q: How can we share scientific-based information about the safety of vaccines for kids in this age group and prevent the spread of disinformation?
  A: Info comes from TCHD and has to be cleared from the DCSD Health and Wellness Dept. Vaccinations will be crucial to going back in August, so it's up to SACs and DAC to communicate what the start of next year needs to look like.

DAC Meeting *Kelly Pointer will forward notes from the last meeting*

- Next DAC meeting May 18 at 6:30pm (DAC also holds a June meeting on the 28th)

Open Forum & Suggestion for Future SAC topics

- Next meeting (Wed. May 12) – typically a brunch that serves as a thank you, but not sure that will work.
    - Agenda is usually a quick review and discussion of who's continuing
    - May include another Q&A if much happens between now and then
- Look for weekly communications from Mr. Weaver through the end of the year.

<u>Important Dates:</u>

- **MVHS SAC Meetings (Virtual – Google Meet 8:00am):**
    - Weds, May 12, 2021

- **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.*
- May 18, 2021 · June 28 2021