



## 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 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, meaning exposure those days would still allow return for graduation on 19<sup>th</sup> after 8 days with a negative test.
- Senior awards/cording ceremony on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The "medical math" means seniors exposed would still be within 48 hour exposure window to graduate on 19<sup>th</sup>. Doing everything possible to prevent seniors from missing graduation.

## **6. Celebrations**

- Huge showings in competitive academic co-curriculars.
- TSA crushed it with 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in many categories (19 groups took 1<sup>st</sup>). In a normal year, we would have run away with the state title. Kudos to the Allison's for their hard work.
- Poms won the 5A Jazz state title (it's their 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> state championship).
- On May 6<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Red Rocks! Everything is in line (barring weather).
- A few TBDs:
  - o 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.
  - o 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).
  - o CTE group of projects (tech and engineering lab improvements)
  - o District/Bond & Mill Levy projects (wiring, flooring, bathroom dividers, etc.)

