

2023-2024
Ranch View Middle School
School Accountability Committee

Date: January 22, 2024

Time: 4:30-5:45 pm

Location: RVMS Library

Minutes:

- ❖ Meeting Logistics-Christie Hurt (10 minutes)
 - Introductions & Quorum- SAC Members present: Christie Hurt, Rebecca Goodenow, Lucas Kruse, Erin Kylo, Craig Moody, Dan Gomer, Jenny Parks (quorum met)
 - Other non-SAC members present: Heather Burkhardt (RVMS Librarian), Kelly Allen (TRHS SAC), Alicia Stemmerman, Jen Letheby, Erin Turley
 - Approve Prior Minutes- Approved and posted on SAC google site
 - Celebrations-Erin Kylo
 - 1st Semester Update (How did the first semester wrap up?)- Ended well
 - 2nd Semester Update (How is the second semester starting off?)- Going well
 - Several transfers from BFA and Stem
 - 7th girls basketball came in 2nd in district tournament
 - Fundraising Dollars \$96,531.00
 - Teacher/staff wish lists have been submitted on how to spend the money- some ideas are: Flex seating in pod areas, updating some desks/chairs in classrooms, Library and ELA books, some white board desks for math classrooms, art stools, athletic tent, new gym floor, new window blinds for front office, student computers, parking lot resurfaced.
 - Turkey Trot- 8 Tundra were the winners- went well
 - Pod Wars Update- going well- 7 Arctic in 1st place currently
 - Points in Jan will be given for assembly competition, spelling bee, and winter clothing drive for migrant families (NJHS putting on)
 - Points in Feb will be given for spring musical attendance, Grizzly Gives events and a positive behavior participation (i.e. attendance, cell phone usage, etc)
 - RVMS and District Spelling Bee- Top 3 winners at RVMS- David, Graham and Emily- all will go to District Competition on Feb 3
 - Winter Instrumental and Choir Concert- New director put on 2 concerts in Dec- doing really well leading kids and music program
 - Passport to Excellence November 2023- had lower attendance than when done in Jan in years past (by about 100 people). Will go back to Jan for this event next year since able to advertise/promote to 6th grade parents and tied with registration process beginning for 7th grade.

- Will continue with coffee talks in Nov, Jan and Feb (see below)
- ❖ New Business-Erin Kylo (40 minutes)
 - Heather Burkhardt, Librarian: 3 Books presented to SAC as part of the district approval process to add to approved district lists (25 up for approval at March 1 Board meeting): Heather explained the 14 step district process and RVMS's role in these 3 books (The Dark is Rising, Harriet Tubman, & Freedom Walkers)
 - Open Enrollment Numbers -Projected Enrollment 820- district had projected 867, but Erin submitted 820 based upon 6th grade feeder enrollment and other factors.
 - Updates on 2024-2025 School Year
 - ThunderRidge 8th Grade Parent Night Jan. 23 5:30pm
 - 8th graders go over to TRHS tomorrow for enrollment process
 - Coffee Talks -January 22 (today- had 40 in attendance), February 7
 - Presentation on RVMS by Erin with Q&A
 - 6th grade Registration Elementary School Visits
 - Erin went to each feeder last semester
 - Counselors went back this month to get 6th graders registered
 - Staffing Updates
 - Vacancies-EA and Night time Custodian openings (still)
 - Retirements- 4 confirmed at end of this year
 - Next year staffing- will begin talking with staff and doing surveys soon so hiring can hopefully occur March-April
 - School-wide changes for next school year (Curriculum)
 - RVMS has been piloting ELA curriculum "Study Syncs"- current feedback has not been rigorous enough for Advanced students or potentially not preparing for high school expectations (i.e. reading full novel versus reading excerpts only in this curriculum)- Idea is to streamline across the district for Tier 1 MTSS- Board will evaluate feedback and decide how/if to proceed with this curriculum or not.
 - District and State Assessments Update (Winter and Spring)
 - Testing Window- CMAS will be April 1 & 2 (ELA); April 9 & 10 (Math) and April 15 & 16 (Science)
 - Pod Visits and Potential Parent Meeting (for those that are wanting to opt out) and emails going out to encourage participation and decrease opting out of CMAS testing
 - i-Ready spring dates TBD
 - School-Wide Happenings
 - ❖ Valentine's Dance- Feb 9 from 4-5:30pm
 - ❖ Parent Teacher Conferences Feb. 13 3:30-7:30pm (Invite Only & Open House)

- ❖ Grizzly Gives Week- March 4-12- RVMS will be partnering in fundraising and putting on some of our own events as well as partnering/attending TRHS events.
- ❖ Spring Musical March 7, 8, 9
- ❖ Last Day of 3rd Quarter March 15
- ❖ Spring Break March 18-22
- ❖ Belize Trip-March 16-23- 1st time to offer this-Jed Palmar leading
- ❖ TRHS Athletic Night-April 3
- ❖ Choir Feeder Concert-April 24
- ❖ Washington DC/NYC trip- May 26-31- 80 students going

- ❖ Standing Reports (20 minutes)
 - Teacher Report-Craig Moody-
 - Student Government planning Valentine's Dance and Grizzly Gives week events;
 - Congratulations to Mr Felix and Ms Boyd for Apple Award Nominations this year;
 - 8th grade boys basketball just started;
 - Feb 16- DCSD Women and Girls in Sports luncheon- PE teachers nominated several RVMS girls for this honor
 - District Accountability Committee- No report given
 - PTS Organization (PIT Crew) Report- Rep not present- Erin spoke on behalf of PIT Crew-
 - Friday meeting (1/26); Chili bar for staff lunch this Friday (1/26); planning a coffee truck for teachers and other great events to support staff; Stu Gov organizing Valentine's for sell this year instead of PIT Crew
 - Community Report- Jenny Parks- owner of Board and Brush-
 - Buzz in the area is appreciation for RVMS Community Day of Service that was done last fall and overall positive reputation for RVMS
 - Special Report from TRHS SAC- Kelly Allen-
 - Their goal as a SAC is to connect more with feeder SACS and schools to increase more parent connection and excitement for and connection to TRHS and TRHS feeder community. Kelly presented some ideas they have on how to do this and asked for our feedback on these ideas and other ideas we have in this area. She will report the discussion back to TRHS SAC.

- ❖ Principal's Wrap-Up-Erin Kylo (1 minute)- None

- ❖ Open forum for guests -Chair (5 minutes)
 - 3 minute max for community members
 - Q: What is RVMS homework policy? It seems there are inconsistencies between pods/teachers
 - A: There is not a set school-wide policy on homework- up to teacher and mostly based upon if a student doesn't finish work at school during given times (i.e.

block days with longer periods, 2 enrichment days/week, etc). Erin will discuss more with department chairs on if more consistency should be given .

Next meeting: May 6, 2024 RVMS Library