

## MONARCH PK-8 SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (SAC)

### Meeting Agenda

Thursday, Sep 18th, 2025

8:15am to 9:30am

Welcome and Introductions (8:15 - 8:20) – Danielle

Principal Update (8:20-8:40) – Julie Garcia

- New Principal Introduction - First Impressions  
--She is blown away by the amazing community. Getting to know everyone via conversations. Really great place and community for bettering our kids. Committed to being transparent, providing avenues via coffee and conversations, and others. Spent a lot of time discussing data and what we want from her. Looking at the school performance framework that ratings are going down and we are working to change that.
- Back to School update in general- The staff is wonderful and open to feedback to get better.
- School Year Priorities-. This is our year to focus on the strategic plan of what are we doing, what do our parents need, and how do we get our kids there. Introducing Rock 1= positive classroom environment. Feedback by October 1<sup>st</sup> has happened already. Ali Graham is working on that. Rock 2= universal instruction to focus on students' needs.
- Questions for SAC group- what feels important from SAC is, what are the parents needing. What are we missing? Last year 16% of families opted out of state testing so how do we work together so we get the data we need to improve? Needs our perspective of guidance of what has worked in the past from PTO, FET, SAC. Surveys are getting the pulse of students. Rated on academic achievement, academic growth and participation. We were below the 95% participation of past years and wondering why. Is it lack of getting parents to understand how important it is and they are not making the students to do them due to lack of information? It is a way to hold school and teachers accountable.  
---- discussing what happened in the past to bring students in via candy or celebrations for the whole student body. Working to bring a more cohesive and not disjointed approach to bring kids in. PTO is trying to bring committees together and Principle has ideas of how to be more effective. Plugging in room parents as well and word of mouth. SAC is where to focus on opportunities of growth in the school.

- Testing is a priority as focuses on communication and inclusivity so will have that be a theme.
- culture and family surveys are another avenue. Budget is October and culture survey is early spring.
- do assessments come out periodically. Depends on testing.
- safety is another topic to discuss. In the past has been not as attended as could/should be. PTO wants to include safety in their meetings to bring people together and make it more accessible so we can integrate and discuss the safety issues.

#### Committee Updates (8:40-9:00)

1. FET Introduction - Luz
  - Family's and Educators Together- Our school is one school where it is held in English and interpreted, where in other schools is all in Spanish. It is a space for parents to come and be welcomed to the community. They need time to process new language and culture
  - how can SAC and PTO help? Simply smile and say hello to the new family. Want to have families mentor other families.
  - meets every two months 5:30-7. Have 4 teachers this year because have 81 linguistically diverse families with 35 languages represented.
2. PTO update—have strong professional board this year hitting a lot of goals. Last year raised \$37,000 but had up to \$100,000 worth of wants. K-8 needs are diverse. Set goal of \$31,000 and are at \$30k as of yesterday. Fall fest is celebration of the challenge. Needs 100 volunteers to pull it off.
  - Each month community night, meet up, and events for parents to come together and connect. Working with student governments. Virtual for now to bring in speakers and can connect parents with what is happening. Looking for ways to bring community together so we have a shared goal.
3. DAC update – Chris
  - District Accountability Committee. One representative per school to bring along with district. Different groups for budget, collaboration, communication. Meeting is first Tuesday of every month.
  - Policy priorities for DAC. 1). Have consistent communication between DAC and SAC 2). Increasing family partnerships cohesiveness 3). Advise on UIP for all of BVSD 4). Budget via surveys which are improved upon each year 5). Advise on board policies that are years old, etc. technology in past and this year homework policy and religion in schools.
  - limited funding this year so superintendent and board looking at policies and grants.

4. DPC update – Rock was rep last year and now need someone to go to them. District Parent Counsel. More parent feedback and not so much budget with DAC. DPC very open to parents voicing their opinions. Having someone there is valuable to SAC so we know topics coming up with them. More the voice of the families which is how those topics get to SAC who then speaks with the principle. Meets once a month in the evening. Whoever is that rep needs to be in SAC too.
5. SAC Positions/Roles – Danielle is chair. Asking for others who want to be next year. Needs back up note taker too.

Request for future agenda items (9:00 - 9:15) – Danielle

Always will be principle and parents updates. Then will have 20-30 minutes to talk about topics. Communication needs, community priorities, specific school budget, systemic bullying, climate of trashing bathrooms/lunch rooms/ destruction of doors are topics to be discussed. Culture of learning is being discussed and technology issues within the school is important to address early. Also create a link of website for parents to know everywhere they can volunteer and help around the school.

- CMAS Updates
- ADL or Kindness Club- was in former years and when/do we bring it back. Have to have staff to sponsor for it to be ADL. Could kindness club be absorbed into PBIS points?
- DAC Budget Survey - When?

Open Forum for questions (9:15 - 9:30) - Julie / Danielle

Julie was asked what was her favorite moment so far and she celebrated learning names of many students.... such great kids and staff. Wanting to know each one and is always walking around getting to know them.

--Second grade wanting coffee about the Para for 2/3 classes and has a 4 hour Para coming to the classes which will help out. Will find out more tomorrow about applicants. Wants to be intentional so can support the teachers who are doing a fantastic job so far at getting in the groove. Need help with District Leadership Academy. Have to sign up by today.

Future Meeting Dates - 8:15 the 3rd Thursday of every month (skip December) :

- September 18th
- October 16th
- November 20st
- January 15th
- February 19th
- March 12th (2nd Thurs)

- April 16th
- May 14th (2nd Thurs)