Mountain Vista High School
School Accountability Committee (SAC) Minutes

Wednesday, 2 December 2020

Virtual Meeting

X	Mark Johnson (Chair)	X	Mike Weaver (Principal)	X	Rob Ceglie (Asst. Principal)
X	Jeff Hoefs (Teacher)	X	Jonathan Dalby (Teacher)	X	Alan Long (Asst. Principal)
X	Kim Cox (Teacher)	X	Diane Faut (Vice Chair)	X	Kristen DeBeer (Recorder)
X	Zane Zakroff (Student)	X	Jennifer Levinson	X	Maci O'Grady
X	Vanessa Johnston	X	Dixon Cravens (Commun.)	X	Natalie Barnard (Teacher)
X	Jeremy Anderson	X	Josh Stockwell	X	Nikki Kessler
X	Kelly Pointer	X	Troy McGill		

Welcome & Minutes: Mark Johnson, SAC Chair
A vote to approve the minutes was held and passed unanimously.

Principal's Notes: Mike Weaver, Principal
- Mr. Weaver re-introduced the group.
- 8th Grade Academic Showcase held virtually (linked to MVHS website) with a recorded portion and live sessions for specialty areas. 130 people checked in in some form online (about half of prev years).
- Season A (CHSAA activities/athletics) were cancelled or shortened by CV: band/orchestra, cheer/pom, marching band, football, etc. Cross country got through state. Choir/orchestra/band went virtual. Senior nights done for many.
- National Merit (based on PSAT): 21 kids received commendations and will be honored. Five of those were semi-finalists and move on in scholarship contention.
- Finals Week (adjusted schedule): traditional way doesn't fit this year so drastic changes for what finals look like (not traditional tests). Classes will meet either M/T or W/R for 1.5 hours to conduct a finals activity (might be quiz/test/project). Second day is for follow-up. It was asked if kids have classes at different schools for finals at the same time what to do. Mr. Ceglie suggested talking to teachers.
- Dec 18th is second furlow day for district (school wrapped up by 17th).
- Schedule change for the next few weeks with synchronous T/R check-ins: it was asked why this change was made. Mr. Weaver explained that the district conducted a grade report showing that more students had Ds and Fs going into Thanksgiving break than previous years (6-10% more at MVHS, some schools had 20-30% more) so they were looking for ways to give kids more touch points with teachers and opportunities to get help. Mr. Ceglie said a lot of work was not getting done independently on asynchronous days. Different schools were already having more synchronous days. It was hard on teachers to repeat the same instruction two times back-to-back. The idea was to try it this way for a few weeks, but studies have shown that so much screen time is not good for kids, so they went with short check-ins rather than full classes on T/R. Mr. Weaver reported that a feedback method will be available before winter break (survey).
- 2nd Semester schedule – no idea yet what it will look like. Area superintendents met with CO Health Dept. and CDE to try and get a more equitable/aligned process state-wide. There is a meeting on December 28 to the decide what it will look like.
- Cross Country Regional: usually a SW regional in Arizona and a Nationals Championship for CC in Portland, OR – both cancelled this year. An independent "nationals" was run instead in Alabama last week. Vista team attended and girls team won 1st, boys team won 3rd.

No Place For Hate Update: Rob Ceglie, AP & Kim Cox, Teacher
- Origin and purpose: 2 years ago there was a groundswell to take a stand by some students in response to isolated incidents of inappropriate actions by kids. Vista signed on last year to form a No Place for Hate group with the goal to help kids learn/understand differences and a community value of

respect/tolerance. NPFH is sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League. Counseling and Admin chose 26 kids to start the program. Last year there were only two schools in the district but this year the district created a group at every school, so Vista is a Y2 school with higher expectations.

- This year the group has gained momentum and has planned 5 school-wide activities (3 are required)
    1. Partner with Sand Creek Elem for virtual readings of kids' books on sensitive issues (Native American heritage, racial injustice).
    2. Art display: permanent mural about race and temporary exhibit in display space of student poetry, art, etc.
    3. Pronoun awareness week planned for first week back in-person: group has a button maker to produce pins with pronouns. Kids will wear their chosen pronouns at school.
    4. One school, one movie: a movie on the topic of racism will be chosen and shared for kids to watch on a designated weekend at home with their families.
    5. "Humans of Vista" slideshow of around 300 candid photos of students being their authentic selves (similar to Humans of New York).
- Social media (Instagram) page started: mvhs_noplace4hate
- Question was asked if the group is accepting new members. It was explained that the group started with 9-11 grade students to grow with the group through graduation, but that the goal is to bring kids in each year by recommendation/application process.

Bond/Mill Update: Mike Weaver, Principal

- Vestibules – looking at adding vestibules at building entrances.
- Security Adjustments – added special glass and screening to entry windows into vestibules.
- Z-Space – computer carts and VR goggles were just delivered to allow the CTE course in human physiology and anatomy to do virtual, hand-on, live, medical procedures (HOSA program).
- Construction – plans next summer for upgrades to restrooms, partitions, flooring and HVAC.

Covid Update: Mike Weaver, Principal

- MVHS ended up with 25-30 positive cases. Mr. Weaver pushed not to send the positive case emails every time but the district wanted transparency.
- The tipping point to go remote was when it spread between kids at school (in addition to cases caused by travel, etc.) and we had quarantined over 800 kids and 28 teachers.
- In all, 7 of 9 district high schools went remote before Thanksgiving, as well as 28 elementary schools.
- CDC recommended educators receive vaccines as part of Phase 2 so Mr. Weaver is hopeful that by next August we will have new things to look forward to.

DAC Meeting *Kelly Pointer attended and took notes*

- Introduction of new interim Superintendent, Cory Wise
- BOE Liason (Director Meek) report: No one wants to close the schools. There are many layers for decisions (Gov. Polis, State DOH, Tri-County HD) above the BOE. Using data to make decisions (dashboard) with transparency.
- Safety/security update from Rich Payne

Open Forum & Suggestion for Future SAC topics

- Mark Johnson asked SAC to email future agenda items to him.
- Reminder that Toys for Tots is continuing (order via Amazon or deliver to MVHS).
- Open Enrollment closed Dec 1: impacts site-based decision making. Dec 8 is deadline to offer spots at MVHS. Admin currently deciding how many to take.
- Planning for next year: counselors meeting with class of 2025 the first week of January to start registration process. First week of February we start building out schedules.
- Three topics were suggested (Mr. Weaver responded):
    1. Results of student survey conducted earlier this semester
       - Mr. Weaver: 643 kids responded, thinks he can share results by email
    2. How can struggling students get extra help?
       - Mr. Weaver: part of the Tues/Thurs check-ins is to allow for more time for individual help
    3. Grades are impacted negatively by current learning models
       - Mr. Weaver: the district discussed a "Covid Curve" at last night's BOE meeting. The greater concern is the "Covid Hangover" of achievement gaps that may last 2-3 years.

<u>Important Dates:</u>

- **MVHS SAC Meetings (Virtual – Google Meet 7:00am):**
  - Weds, December 2, 2020 (replacing 11/18/20 meeting)
  - Weds, January 20, 2020
  - Weds, February 17, 2021
  - March – NO MEETING
  - Weds, April 21, 2021
  - Weds, May 12, 2021

- **DAC Meetings, second Tuesday of every month (held at 6:30 pm in Wilcox Board Room, Castle Rock)**: *DAC Liaison must attend; all SAC members encouraged to attend. Please confirm these dates and location prior to attending.*
  - December 8, 2020
  - January 12, 2021
  - February 9, 2021
  - March 9, 2021
  - April 12, 2021
  - May 18, 2021
  - June 28 2021