



## MRMS SAC Meeting

December 18, 2019

**Attendees:** Brian Singleton, Maria Novilla, Kelly Pointer, Jennifer Giles, Ryan West, Brooke Stark, Troy McGill, Kirk Harris, Susie Morella, Sharon Kolleth, Jerry Thomsen, Karen Wendling

### Introduction and Approval of Minutes:

- Established enough voting members for quorum
- Motion to approve October meeting notes by Maria Novilla; seconded by Ryan West

**Staff Update:** (notes provided by MRMS teacher rep Maria Novilla)

- **Sports:**
  - Basketball - 8th grade girls A team won...2nd year in a row; 7th grade girls basketball started last week
  - Students are signing up to coach unified basketball
  - District wrestling tournament Thursday, December 19th
- **Arts:**
  - Festival of the Arts was a success; choir was Tuesday, supported by interact club
  - New mural in the gym
  - Band/orchestra concert last week, choir concert 12/16.
  - Lots of plants sold for performing arts fundraiser. Raises about \$5,000 for those departments.
  - Thespian Conference in Downtown Denver! Superior Ratings qualify students for the National Conference in June and several MRMS students received superior ratings.
- **Clubs:**
  - Interact club working with an artist on painting bathroom wall in PE area in addition to their normal service projects (food for shelters, visiting nursing home, etc.)
  - Interact Club - Elf movie with NJHS and Toy Drive 5 HUGE boxes of toys and over \$600!
  - Painting Project quote
  - Toy Drive and count happening today
- NJHS Collected Coats
- Debate Team events - Out our Flannel and Frost tournament won 1st Place and went undefeated. We also had a ton of the tournament's Top Speakers!

**DAC Report:**

- November meeting: See attached notes
- December meeting:
  - New secondary teacher rep, Amy Joiner, from TRHS; Susan Meek new Board member
  - BOE report:
    - School recognition
    - Board certified election results and elected BOE officers
    - Survey for school boundaries out to community--Please Respond!!
    - Budget Survey sent out to all SAC
    - SACPIE--looking for rep for Congressional District 6 (HR area)
    - Winter Forum--February 11th (6:00-10:00pm) at Rock Canyon HS; SAC Committees have option to have their own meeting at Rock Canyon prior to Forum
    - Special DAC meeting on January 28th to go over UIP plan

**DAC Budget Questionnaire:**

- Each person present at the SAC meeting completed exercise to rank these six areas in order of importance; group then had a discussion and taking into consideration the feedback that was provided, came up with the following priority list:
  1. Aligned Curriculum
  2. Recruitment and Retention of Employees
  3. Health/Safety/Social Emotional Support for Students
  4. Equitable distribution of Resources
  5. Positive/Supportive Culture
  6. Post-Graduation Preparation
- Kelly Pointer will submit our ranking/priorities to the DAC via its form

**Principal's Report:**

- Concerns about pay for security personnel
- Introduction to Sara Curto...new assistant principal
- Looking at "bring your own device" or "purchase a device" to subsidize needs for technology in school
- Looking to set up volunteer system for library (like we do for school store)
- Darcy Deano was put forward by school for Apple Award
- Soft release--MRMS has a plan now for how to handle that; Mr. Singleton will talk about that more later
- Strategic Plan--handout given; this will be what is provided for UIP
- Budget will be discussed next meeting

**Open Forum & Questions:**

- Group member asked about improving communication to parents when field trips are running behind--Mr. Singleton is looking into that
- Grading: Mr. Singleton explained that the tool the staff has to use is standards based, but the grading system of 1-4 doesn't translate. Committee on campus is working to inform parents that grades don't correlate to percentages...it's about "the student knows and understands at the level they need to...or they don't." Standards based curriculum is geared towards a level of understanding...not task based. (i.e. "if I do this amount of work, I get this grade.")
- Question from group member about Parent Portal--grades were not available this last week because teachers were inputting grades; but since parents couldn't see grades/missing assignments, it was difficult to help their students--Mr. Singleton will look into what is happening on PP and ensure teachers are communicating to parents the last day for grades to be accepted
- Concern was brought up by group member that the communication to parents is not consistent between pods--Mr. Singleton will look into this issue

## DAC Update

November 2019

*Provided by Kirk Harris--DAC Representative*

- The Winter Forum is coming up on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at Rock Canyon High School! Please plan to attend with your SACs. Further information will be coming out soon.
- Director Ciancio-Schor discussed the Board of Education's work updating district policies and procedures. They are seeking comments from the community. Please provide yours via [this link](#) on the district website. Since the district is run under a policy governance model, policies guide in all decision-making processes.
- Director Ciancio-Schor also discussed the new strategic plan. Right now, they are working on overviews of each element of the plan (the "whats"), and soon they'll be getting to how each element is accomplished. Be on the lookout for a survey or two!
- Check out the new updates to the [SAC page](#) on the district website. Don't see something you're looking for? Please share your thoughts, the district is looking for feedback.
- Dr. Deanne Kirby attended the meeting to give an update on the CITE and LEAD Focus Group, which deals with licensed educator evaluations. There was a recent staff survey, the results of which should be out soon. The Focus Group is currently examining language and considering how to make meaningful shifts in the CITE Rubric to match the 2020 Colorado Academic Standards language, as well as working on a "Reflection and Coaching Guide" for use with the rubric.
- The membership committee nominated Amy Joyner, a teacher from ThunderRidge High School, to fill the secondary teacher opening. The DAC voted to move her nomination forward to the Board of Education, and she was approved at last night's meeting.
- DCSD CFO Scott Smith and Director of Budget Colleen Doane presented [School Finance 101](#) as it relates to the 2020-2021 academic year. One of the themes in the new strategic plan is the equitable distribution of resources across all DCSD schools. The projected increase from the state for 2020-2021 is one of the smallest increases in years.
- The DAC is responsible to provide input to the Board of Education regarding the spending of school district monies. To that end, DAC's Budget Subcommittee has developed a survey that will be coming out soon. Keep an eye out for it!
- Our table topic this month was DCSD's DRAFT Internal Complaint Resolution Process. Ted Knight and Dr. Carrie Stephenson led the discussion of the draft,

which is modelled after what is used in other school districts and is intended to support parent engagement. They gathered a wide variety of comments on the draft that they will take back to the committee working on it.

- *Next meeting on TUESDAY, December 10 at 6:30 in the Board Room at 620 Wilcox Street in Castle Rock.*