

Mountain Ridge Middle School Accountability Committee (SAC)
Meeting Minutes September 22, 2017 (8:30am -10:00am)
Next Meeting: November 3rd

Present: Brian Wright (AP), Kim McClendon (Principal's Asst), Joe Woyte, (Co-Chair & DAC Rep), Kimberley Taylor-Beer (PSB Rep), Diane Eid (PSB Rep), Courtney Smith (PAWS Rep), Tiana Clark (DAC Rep- AIES), Edward Derby (DAC Rep), Susan Casmer, Kristen Miles, Reatha Butler, Cris Hardin (teacher rep), Terry De La O-Kunkel (community rep)

1. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance: Joe Woyte

2. Review of August minutes and approval.

3. Principal's Report – Assistant Principal Brian Wright

- Parking lot construction was supposed to be finished today, still getting loose threads tied up. Will be planting 4-5 trees. Will also be repainting lines in existing parking lot.
- Electronic marquee is in and power will be run to it sometime in October. It will be web based entry of the messaged to be run.
- High Trails (for 6th graders) Oct 2-5 and Oct 10-13
- Brian and Jeff will be sleeping on the roof soon as the PAWS fundraiser reached its goal.
- COGAT testing is finishing up for 6th grade. Kids who qualify (95% or higher) from COGAT will take ITBS test, administered by Christine Draper to determine if they may be identified for TAG program.
- Cris Hardin, Librarian/Digital Learning Coach (teacher rep) BYOD program is under her umbrella of responsibility. She teaches the teachers how to provide support to their students. If a student is using a laptop/tablet at school, they have to log into school WIFI which is filtered for appropriate content. If a parent allows a student to use a phone with a data plan, they may be able to access anything on the internet. Phones are not the preferred device.

4. DAC Report: Joe Woyte

- Accreditation – Ed Derby and Joe Woyte will be on subcommittee & DAC meeting Nov 14 will be extended.
- Building Project Update- most of major construction projects are at only 1-5% completion.
- Charter School Application -active application for Summit Academy charter school. DAC sub-committee has been formed to review, determine if all of the application elements have been met. Oct 5 – subcommittee will present to the Board. Board will vote on Oct 19 for charter approval.
- Finance/District Budget & Impact Aid – budget subcommittee introductory overview. Tutorial over CDE website. Subcommittee work will ramp up in January to determine where needs are. The approval of the bond has changed needs. Tom Gregory did an annual budget overview. His slides are available on the website and are very informative. Impact Aid forms – hoping for 100% return. Oct 2, due Oct 25. Very important to funding of D20 to get returned (difference of \$2 million in funding). D20 is 177th out of 178 districts in per pupil funding in the state.
- Sept 27 -Middle School next to Chinook elementary had ground breaking.

5. PAWS Report: Courtney Smith

- Made \$435 Chick Fil A fundraising week!
- Still getting final numbers on the main cookie dough/magazine fundraising totals.
- Oct 16th is Kona Ice and Dunk Tank., Nov 7th, magician will perform- as fundraising prize.

6. Parent Sounding Board Report: Kimberley Taylor Beer

- First meeting was Sept 6. Next meeting is Oct 4. (First Wednesdays except for Dec)
- Dr. Hatchell discussed teacher shortage and how standards of pay have not held up in the next generation.
- Tech and Trade classes to be emphasized in both middle and high school.
- New boundaries discussed within D20. Outer bounds have not changed, but inside boundaries are shifting, based on the building/opening of each of the new schools currently under construction.
- October count is coming up and very important to D20 funding.
- Fair campaign practices discussed.
- State assessments, going away from PARCC but not away from Pearson. D20 did better than state average on PSAT.
- Board of Education elections are coming up. 3 of the 5 seats are open. 5 candidates running. Candidate forums Oct 16 EAC 6:30-8:30pm and 10/16 at Eagle View 6:30pm-8:30pm. Next BOE meetings Oct 5 & 19.
- For more detailed notes from PSB meetings, see the district website (usually a month delayed)

7. Open Forum for questions / discussion: Joe Woyte

- Index Cards, something that DAC does is put out index cards at each meeting and if anyone has questions, or if there are issues that need further investigation, members fill them out to be answered at the next meeting. Joe would investigate.
- Grizzly TV Weather Preview – might be fun for SAC to watch at the next meeting to see what one of the electives at MRMS involves.
- "Bring a Friend" – encourage SAC members to bring interested parents with them to an upcoming SAC or PAWS meeting.