

CVHS School Accountability Committee

9/28/17

Present: Suzie McKenna, Gina Claus, Deidre Christensen, Nola DeKeyrel, Christian Phelps, Rex Corr, Debbie Gentry, Amy Graziano, Patrick Simpson, Julia Green

Guests: Norris Croom, Mandy Malson

Call to order at 6:32 p.m.

Motion was made to adopt the minutes from August. Moved, seconded and approved.

Bylaw changes from DAC. [Link to SAC Bylaws 2/21/17](#). Work for consensus model and if consensus can't be made the committee would defer to Rogers Rules of Order. We will look at elections in the later part of this school year. Bylaws were adopted by the committee and signed by Christian Phelps. Nola asked about our community member and Rex will follow up with her to see if she will be available to attend.

DAC Update:

- There is currently a SAC handbook and a committee working on revisions with ideas on how to get parent engagement.
- There is a DAC forum on 10/26 from 6-9:00 p.m. Location of that meeting to follow. Safety and wellness is the agenda.
- Long range planning is looking for members if you are interested.
- District has a priority survey to fill out.
- DAC bylaws will be changing. Charter review team will be revisited in the bylaws.
- DAC budget session mini forum. Thirty-four people were in attendance. There were district representatives and sixteen parents. With the election coming up, they will need a lot more parents.

Class schedule update & Impact of schedule:

- We have 160 more students than last year.
- Electives:
 - No courses were cut due to small registration numbers because of the policy.
 - Because of enrollment growth we were able to maintain most of our elective staffing with only a .5 cut in P.E., .5 cut in Business and .2 cut in Engineering.
 - Art did experience a full 1.0 position cut, but all levels of classes are still offered.

➤ Off hours:

	Fall 2017	Fall 2016
1 st Period	185	100
2 nd Period	147	76
3 rd Period	271	131
4 th Period	247	177
	850 (174 10 th graders)	484 (43 10 th graders)

➤ Impact of off hours:

- Hallways have remained clear with designated areas to be
- Library is quiet and full
- Commons is social area
- 1st and 4th hour fairly empty
- No increase in discipline behaviors so far – attendance is actually better!
 - 1st and 4th hour periods are fairly empty, either by staying home or going home early
 - no increase in discipline behaviors so far
 - We have shifted our deans positions with one handling attendance and one discipline. This helped with our attendance. Library is more of a more academic area. Christian

asked if we need more furniture in the library to address this issue. We will certainly look at that in the future. Right now we don't see a need.

➤ **Class Sizes**

- No clear negative impact from the policy change. The reduced demand seems to have absorbed the decreased funding.
- Tough to nail down impact, as we were under our funded enrollment last year and 50-70 kids over our funded enrollment this year. This throws off class averages by the 1-3 students we might have seen impacting.
- Classes are also impacted by rounding staff and section numbers up or down to make it all fit from year to year. We can't hire a .2 science teacher, but sometimes we still need all the kids to be in a science class. Some years we have 105 kids who want Calc and we need to make four small sections instead of three big ones.

We started the year with 2164 and we are currently at 2146. That original number decreased after cleaning up the rolls. Rex is looking at the data to see the shifts and where students went. The district is putting together a strong GED program. Last year we were 34 under our projections and had to pay that back to the district. We won't have to do that this year.

Christian asked if there was classroom space for community involvement classes. We are currently using every space we have. On long range planning and capital reserve, our F pod is still at the top of the list. If a bond and mill levy is passed next year, we should see that built. The question was asked if the charters will help with the community impact and make it so no building needs to be done. Rex didn't know that answer.

The average class size had no clear negative impact from the policy changes. The reduced demand seems to have absorbed the decreased funding.

Classes are also impacted by rounding staff and section numbers. 28 – 32 is our target number in classes. Will we keep the same policy next year? Yes, we will continue. This policy keeps us in line with other high schools. If we got more money, we could offer more.

Testing results:

SAT								
Year	Tested	Overall Mean Score	Met both benchmarks	Reading & Writing	ELA benchmark	Math	Math benchmark	
Spring *2017	448	1048.1	47%	530.6	73%	517.6	48%	
District avg. 2017	4697	1086.9	56%	547.3	78%	539.6	59%	*SAT redesigned 2016-17
State avg. 2017	60978	1015	38%	513.4	61%	500.9	41%	
PSAT								
Year	Tested	Overall Mean Score	Met both benchmarks	Reading & Writing	ELA benchmark	Math	Math benchmark	
CV Spring 2016	431	976	50%	493	78%	483	52%	
CV Spring 2017	571	986	53%	499.8	82%	485.2	56%	
District avg. 2017	4873	1004.9	56%	506.7	81%	498.2	58%	

State avg. 2017	58,117	948	41%	478	61%	469	41%	
ACT								
Class of	Tested	Composite	English	Math	Reading	Science		
CV 2015	443	21.8	21.3	21.1	22.4	22		
CV 2016	442	21.8	21.4	20.9	22.2	22.2		
CV 2017	434	22.2	21.9	21.2	22.7	22.5		Green= non-cohort achievement growth
State 2017	59,259	20.8	20.1	20.3	21.2	20.9		

The district has found teachers can make \$18,000 higher salary in CCSD. Salary is a primary concern if the mill levy passes. The board passed suspending differentiated pay for certified staff. The evaluation system is in place to address senate bill 191. They are working on the process and will make changes. Will the software be less time consuming? Not at the moment.

The ABC meeting is right before this one. ABC ran successful fundraising with a color run at Stomp. They are also selling CV Popsockets for phones. ABC is helping fund Link Crew and give scholarships at the end of the year. There will be no Shindig this year. They try to support academic and technology for the school.

Cheri Albers is still working on the website and thinks they are about 2 to 3 weeks from being done. Both RCHS and Arapahoe have a new setup and are more user friendly. We are moving in that direction.

Results from survey:

Did you watch the videos in the agenda? Yes

Have they had a collaborative conversation? Yes

Collaborative with feeder area? No

SAC if a charter school? No

1. Capital infrastructure – 3 (does the F-pod take care of this)
2. Mental health – 4
3. Safety – 6 – we increased our numbers and that came out of our SBB.
4. SBB - 2
5. Staff and teacher compensation – 1
6. Technology - 5
7. Transportation – 7 (doesn't live at the district level – it comes out of our budget) how many students use transportation.

This survey information will be sent to the SAC board for approval.

Question was asked which board will be looking at this information? We do not know.

The question was asked whether this is aggregate data or will it be what this high school specifically needs. They will look at feeder and level.

Feedback on parent/teacher conference night:

- Patrick reported looking at last years conferences, he felt like our numbers were declining. Arena style conferences were done in the past and we wanted to get more parents in and so we eliminated the scheduling. He received about 70 responses from teachers and most were positive. 65% saw more than 24 families and that was the max on the old schedule. Could numbers be pulled to look at core

classes vs electives? He didn't have those numbers but will look at that in the future. Teachers saw 30% D & F students came. Walking around the freshman honor humanities classes saw longer lines. Math II was also long. Parents liked to be able to stop by to see some teachers that weren't busy. A lot of students came this time. Patrick learned to put veteran teachers next to new teachers. Next time he plans to separate the humanities teachers a little more. He had them in the corners and it looked like the lines were longer.

Our truancy numbers are higher than the other schools. We are pretty close to DCHS because of the same community. Truancy is defined 10% of any given school year and 20% is habitually. We are looking at our truancy numbers and we are better than last year. But in the Castle Rock region we see higher numbers and that's a concern for Rex. Our mental health team serve 80% with IEP's and 20% serve the general population. We currently have 1.4 school psychologists and 1.0 social worker. Rex doesn't feel we are staffed correctly for mental health. This is a non-discretionary position. Budget is due in January but the FTE is about 92% of the budget. So classes need to be done before budget can be decided.

Parking:

Patrick looked at our evacuations and we need to do everything in our power to keep our students safe. The decision was made to take out some parking spaces in the back in case of emergencies, for students to stand away from the building. Most of our students go out the back and we have a hard time getting the students away from the building. Because of the numbers, they were standing in the drive-through where emergency vehicles might be using. We eliminated 31 spaces in the very back lot. There has been a request from the Castle Rock PD to make those parking spaces again. Students are parking in the neighborhood and they are getting complaints from them. But parking on the streets is legal. The HOA doesn't allow the parking on the street but there are no "no parking" signs. The students are charged \$50 to park in the lot and is only open to juniors and seniors. Parking in the neighborhood is free. Safety is Rex's biggest concern. From his perspective, he wants to politely decline that request. There are a few parking spots that have been added to Sabercat Way that are also free. This is public access and not part of our property. To get signs or change the HOA rules, they would need to have original home owners vote on a change to the covenants. That is impossible to do. We have been gathering data to see if we could sell more spaces to see if there is any time we have more spaces available. This group stands behind not opening up the spaces in the back lot for safety reasons. The number of spaces will not make a difference. Nola asked why we couldn't sell all the parking tags we want and then first come first serve. That would not work with our community. The expectation is that when you purchase a tag, you are expected to have a space. Could they paint their spaces? You wouldn't be able to have others use that space. We have over sold some because we don't have everyone here at the same time. 613 and sold 627 and have people on a waiting list.

After cold weather graduations in outdoor venues, the district wanted to identify an indoor venue to house all nine graduations. For all of our graduations, we have shared the venue with three high schools at Red Rocks, HRHS, MVHS and CVHS. A survey was sent by all three schools to our freshmen and sophomores. Our communities wanted to keep it at Red Rocks. We will come back together with the other schools for more information. At an indoor venue, there would be tickets issued.

Christian mentioned to Julia Green, our new staff representative, if she ever wanted to give a teacher report, please let Rex or Christian know.

Consensus was made to cancel the October 26th meeting due to the DAC Forum and move our meeting to November 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.