

Academy Online High School

School Accountability Committee (SAC)

3/2/2017 9:00 am



Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Present: Elisa, Kathy, Lisa, Keisha, Cheryl, Nathan

Updates

- District Accountability Committee (DAC) (Elisa)
- The Village
- Extended Studies
- ACCESS Program
- Staffing for 2017-2018
- School Performance Framework Appeal Update
- Bond/Innovation Center Update
- Future SAC Meetings

-Elisa shared about the work of the DAC including recent discussion about a potential charter school trying to come to D20, budget priorities by strand, and an update on the bond activity including a presentation from security about updating cameras throughout the district.

-Village enrollment currently sits at 69 students. We are in the enrollment process for next year and have already received 42 applications. Last year at this point, we had 12 applications for comparison. We now have a waiting list for both 10th and 11th grade next year and currently have openings for 16 new 9th graders. We will have somewhere between 100-120 students at The Village next fall. We are currently problem solving additional space for the year. We are currently looking at curriculum options for next year and have a couple of good choices narrowed down.

-Ms. Reynolds had a baby boy last Friday. Jody Cameron is serving as our long term sub and has quickly integrated into our school/culture.

-Our new course proposals were approved by the school board and so we plan to offer the Career Explorations and Individual Projects next year.

-The Extended Studies program will be a bit smaller next year as we got staffing to only run 12 courses. We continue to think about creative ways to use this program to meet student needs across the district. We have been surveying high school principals to talk about the direction for this program and the needs they see in their building. Rampart is now interested in potentially using our curriculum for a small group of students in their building. Air Academy has already started this process.

-The Access program currently has 7 seniors, but only 4 are on track to graduate. Our graduation ceremony is shared with Aspen Valley and will take place May 17.

-We got our staffing allocation for next year and feel really good about the support from the district. We are planning to add an elective coordinator position, a .5 art teacher, and another .5 position (likely either math or foreign language) Our counselor will also be full time next year for the first time ever!

-As you know, we appealed our SPF rating with CDE based on the cut points for a high school vs a K-12 school. The state heard our appeal and ruled in our favor, so we are on a performance plan, not an improvement plan.

-State testing coming up: 9th grade PARCC 3/13-3/16. Don't make it a big deal, just a chance to show how amazing our school is. 10th will likely work from home. 10th will take PSAT 4/11 and 9th will likely work from home that day.

-Our work on the Innovation and Learning Center continues at a slow pace. Our team has visited several work places including Navaki, the Catalyst campus, Springs Studio for Educational Excellence and have some other site visits scheduled to dream about the new location. It will be a new build at Research and Black Forest and will be attached to the new elementary school.

	<p>We will share the building with Challenger Learning Center, Home School Academy, and Academy Calvert. There is still a lot of work to do on logistics. We did not get the space we were hoping to really expand our program, but may end up in a situation where we have waiting lists almost from the start.</p> <p>-Do you like the format of these meetings or would you like to see them go in a different direction? It was suggested to perhaps have a teacher join our committee in the future. We also briefly mentioned having student spotlight activities in the future to share about some of the happenings at The Village. A mention was also made to potentially invite a school board member to come at some point to better understand what is happening at our school.</p>
Open discussion	
<p>Next Meeting: May 4 at 9:00 am including a catered breakfast as a thank you for serving this year on the SAC.</p>	
<p>Additional Information</p>	