



Monument Academy

School Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Minutes February 24, 2020
Administration Conference Room 1:00 pm

Charlie Richardson	Elementary School Dean
Julie Seymour	Middle School Dean
Janyse Skalla	SAAC Chair
Corrie Dunkerton	SAAC Vice Chair
Chris Dole	MA School Board Liaison
Laura Barrette	Elementary School Teacher Representative
Michael Herbert	Middle School Teacher Representative
Brad Cheatwood	Parent; MA PTO President
Melissa Billiard	Public Member
Cheryl Darnell	Parent; SAAC Secretary

- I. Introductions and Attendance
 - a. Janyse called meeting to order at 1:08 pm
 - b. Attendance: Charlie Richardson, Janyse Skalla, Corrie Dunkerton, Chris Dole (via phone), Laura Barrette, Michael Herbert, Brad Cheatwood, Melissa Billiard, Cheryl Darnell, Absent- Julie Seymour
- II. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from 12/9/19 and 1/27/20
 - a. Brad motioned to approve minutes from 12/9/19 & 1/27/20 and Corrie seconded
- III. Review and Approve Agenda
 - a. Cheryl moved to approve agenda; Laura seconded
- IV. Business
 - a. Board updates from Chris Dole: Feb 13, 2020 Board mtg
 - i. swore in Susan Byrd
 - ii. Tiffany Upchurch attended from D38 Board- good relationship with D38 board right now
 - iii. Julie updated elem and middle
 - iv. Dr. Herrera- spoke on fundamentals of values at MA
 - v. 2/10/20- Mark McWilliams & Christianna gave update on MA to D38 board
 - vi. Concerning more time for lunch in elementary
 1. Chris encouraged to have parents remind students of good behavior & wise use of time

- 2. Charlie mentioned kids can ask for more time to finish eating lunch
 - vii. Gave SAAC minutes from Jan mtg
 - viii. Will be announcing process for 2 new board spots opening in July—Christianna asserted that COO shouldn't control the hiring of the board—will move solely into the board's hands
 - ix. Board wants COO and admin to recognize students/teachers/performances at board mtgs
 - x. 2020/21 Calendar decided- start about 2 weeks later due to construction timeline (but still on time and under budget)
 - xi. Dress code- final tweaks need to be made, specifically on elem- will vote on in March
 - xii. Board requested Mark & COO to look into creating Committee for Teacher Pay
 - xiii. Next bd mtg March 12
 - b. DAAC Update: Laura & Janyse
 - i. Working on school start times- community involvement
 - ii. Community Events- one at MA rescheduled for this Thursday
 - iii. District G/T coordinator talked about qualifications & what district is doing for G/T students
 - iv. Curriculum- cycle through every 5 years looking at different options— can review at Big Red- discussing/pushing digital curriculum- didn't specify devices- provides more differentiation
 - v. Survey based on district communication
 - vi. Social/emotional learning- depression most common – El Paso has more suicides than Jefferson County (but military factor)
 - vii. Next DAAC mtg April 14
- V. Discussing Survey Results- Corrie
 - a. Condensed info and looked at percentages of who answered survey
 - b. Overall positive
 - c. Based on low numbers (not a good sampling); SAAC hesitates to make recs for any major changes
 - d. Submit to board with cover page acknowledging what we've discussed here in DAAC (see a-e); Board forward on to admin
 - e. Charlie will make sure board and admin look at it for action as needed based on their background knowledge
 - f. Brad motioned to remove individual comments from bottom of Corrie's summary so doesn't appear as "recommendation" from SAAC to Board; Michael seconded
- VI. Focus Groups- Corrie
 - a. Focus Group Format- Corrie met with Julie to better understand focus groups
 - b. Corrie recommended tabling focus groups until next year because it requires a lot of time/work, and the biggest issues brought up in survey ("clubs" and "lunchroom issues") are actively being addressed
 - c. Perhaps use results of first survey to design end of year survey which could then drive focus groups next year
 - d. Julie looking at growth mindset research this spring
 - e. Brad recommended a group to focus on increasing survey participation

- f. Voted to table focus groups until next year- MA will be different next year, inevitably creating new positives & concerns
 - g. Chris- proposed looking at focus groups after next year's fall survey
 - h. Brad motioned to table the focus groups; Corrie seconded

- VII. **National Standards, Goals, & Indicators for Family-School Partnerships**
Purpose: Discuss each standard. What are we doing well? Where can we improve? Recommendations to the Board.
 - a. Janyse handed out inventory – SAAC discussed first three standards
 - i. Standard 1 area of improvement: make volunteer opportunities clearly known; link on website—evaluate by rate of increase in volunteers
 - ii. Standard 2 area of improvement: increase return rate of surveys, shorten survey and advertise it more—evaluate by rate of increase in survey participation
 - iii. Standard 3 area of improvement: including family feedback in achievement discussions, provide more “forward-facing” information for parents, including info from events to families unable to attend and after school learning opportunities; Charlie recommended increasing marketing—evaluate by parent feedback & info made visible

- VIII. **Next SAAC Meeting Monday, 3/16/20 at 1:00 pm in Administration Conference Room**
 - a. Future items:
 - i. Review and Approve Uniform Improvement Plan
 - ii. Remaining 3 National Standards, Goals, and Indicators for Family-School Partnerships
 - 1. Purpose: Discuss each standard. What are we doing well? Where can we improve? Recommendations to the Board.
 - iii. End of the Year Survey Plan

- IX. Meeting adjourned 2:38 pm