



Monument Academy

School Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Meeting Minutes from:

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Multi-Purpose Room 1:20 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. and/or Zoom

Charlie Richardson	MA Elementary Principal
Laura Barrette	MA Elementary Assistant Principal
Jennifer Ralph	SAAC Chair
Jamie Harding	SAAC Vice Chair
Jilinda Dygert	SAAC Secretary
Chris Dole	MA Board Liaison
Britany Blair	Teacher Representative
Kim Stoltenberg	PTO President
TBA	Member at Large

I. Introduction and Attendance

- a. Jamie called the meeting to order at 1:33pm
- b. Members present: Charlie Richardson, Laura Barrette, Jamie Harding (virtual), Jilinda Dygert (virtual), Chris Dole, Britany Blair, and Kim Stoltenberg (virtual)
- c. Members absent: Jennifer Ralph

II. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2021

- a. Kim motioned to approve the minutes.
- b. Brittany seconded the motion.
- c. Jamie approved the March 2021 meeting minutes.

III. Review and Approve Agenda

- a. Jilinda suggested edit: Change date from March 8, 2021 to March 9, 2021
- b. Kim motioned to approve the agenda with the edit of the date to March 9, 2021.
- c. Brittany seconded the motion with the edit.

- d. Jamie approved the March 2021 meeting agenda with the edit of the date.

IV. Business

a. February DAAC Report- Britany (10 minutes)

- a. The February meeting was mostly dedicated to reviewing the UIP for the district schools.
 - i. Laura Barrette presented the UIP for MA West campus.
 - ii. Julie Seymour presented the UIP for MA East campus.
- b. It seems that most schools are moving to reach gaps in reading or ELA or in some cases Math.
 - i. Most schools are using similar methods.
- c. Discussion to finalize plans for full in-person attendance was had.
- d. Chromebooks will be implemented for student use at LPMS.
- e. Confirmation that CMAS testing will happen was given.
 - i. Testing throughout the District will begin in April and go into May.
 - ii. Dates for MA will be posted on the website and communicated to families.

b. School Board Report – Chris Dole (15 minutes)

- a. Meeting held on February 11, 2021.
- b. Mark gave a treasurer report that recapped the budget cuts that we acquired due to the COVID situation, correlating that to next year and the growth that we are looking for.
 - i. Looking to fill 250 more seats over and above what our current pupil count is today.
 - ii. Spread across both campuses we need 150 new students in the elementary school and 100 new students in the high school some of which will be allocated to 10th grade seats that were not available this year – so far we have 29 intents of enrollment for the 2021-2022 sophomore class.
 - 1. Current activities going on to attract new students:
 - a. In elementary - Kindergarten round-up
 - b. Transitioning elementary students to MS/HS building – Scoop on 6th grade
 - c. High school - taco night
 - iii. Biggest question is how to grow our HS successfully?
 - 1. Current solution plan is to increase the pipeline - if we increase elementary and middle school student counts, those students will hopefully continue on up through the grades to fill MA High School seats.

- iv. PPR increase to \$900 per student. Official number is a percentage (11%) about \$800 per student.
- c. Mr. Richardson gave Ms. Barrette kudos for her work on the UIP.
- d. Several meetings have been had with the county regarding the Highway 105 update. These conversations will continue to develop.
- e. MS/HS report:
 - i. MS SAAC survey results – overwhelmingly positive perception of the East campus.
 - ii. School tours are ongoing.
 - iii. UIP was completed and presented to DAAC.
 - iv. Focus Team has been established to determine what sports will be offered for 2021-2022 school year. Announcements will be made at the upcoming Board meeting.
 - v. Looking into concurrent or dual enrollment; two options
 - 1. Aligning with Pike’s Peak Community College for courses in which our students can receive college credit.
 - 2. Possibility of MA teachers to earn appropriate accreditation to teach those courses on MA campus.
 - 3. Different costs: \$1500 per student per class to send them to PPCC and about \$50 per student per class if MA can get the proper title and authority for our own teachers to teach here at MA.
- f. COO report:
 - i. CDE has an upcoming site visit this week with the school for grant compliance checks.
- g. Governance committee has been busy reviewing several policies. Changes were necessary in terms of how we refer to the different titles of executives at MA. Policies that were discussed and reviewed:
 - i. 1500 a, b, & c
 - ii. 1511
 - iii. 1512
 - iv. 1513
 - v. 1514 – was split into two sections a & b. Policy for b is still under development.
- h. January 14, 2021 minutes were approved.
- i. March meeting was confirmed for Thursday, March 11, 2021. Chris then listed off topics that will be discussed in the upcoming board meetings.

c. Further review of Mid-Year Survey (10 minutes)

- a. What are our recommendations generated from the survey results?
Create an action plan for those recommendation: what do we want to change & how do we propose those changes be made?
 - i. Overall survey results were fairly excellent.
 - ii. Areas to improve on were usually followed by..."Well but Covid..."
 - iii. If we, as a committee, we want to acknowledge to a higher level one of the concerns that came out of the survey we should focus on the ability to implement extracurricular activities at the start of the 2021-2022 school year as this was the area of most concern for parents.
 1. Currently Mrs. Collier is running a book club on 2 afternoons per week. About 12 students total are participating.
 2. Mrs. Blair will be hosting Camp Invention this summer.
 3. Going forward into next year, Mr. Richardson would like to see something happen with science, and math. Perhaps we could bring back the chess club too as that has been a strong program for MA in the past.
 - a. Science club could be from an outside entity, parents would have to pay a little extra for.
 - b. Math club has been run by a teacher in the past.
 - c. Chess club was run by a parent.
 4. We would still need to see some COVID restrictions lifted to be able to run extracurricular activities to the full extent.
- b. Chris proposed we follow-up stating we acknowledged the top concern – that of the school’s ability to implement extracurricular activities – stating that the school is already addressing it as policies and procedures that dictate such operations allow for them to do so.
 - i. Communicate that we feel school leadership wants these activities to resume and are doing everything in their power, based on the restrictions that have been put in place, to get such activities up and running.
 - ii. Jamie will draft the letter. Jilinda will assist as necessary.
 1. To families through Lynx news.

2. Have student council come up with an idea to gauge student interests.
3. Letter to board.
4. End-of-the-year survey question to gauge parent interest in sponsoring/hosting new activities for next year.

d. UIP Discussion- (25 minutes)

- a. Questions about UIP:
 - i. Jamie wondered if there is an equal emphasis on supporting the below-standard students as there is for the above-standard students.
 1. Long answer short – yes, we have a myriad of mechanisms in place to support average, high, and struggling students.
 - ii. Kim wondered if Laura is looking for any feedback from us on a specific area in the UIP?
 1. Laura - Do you see any spelling or grammatical errors?
 2. SAAC did not.
- b. Approval of UIP is not necessary. Scratch from agenda.

e. Other topics

- a. Open Discussion
 - i. PTO is looking for new positions.
 - ii. Camp Invention announcement on FB.

V. Next meeting is April 6, 2021 at 1:20pm (virtual or in-person attendance).

- a. Chris motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Kim seconded the motion.
- c. Jamie adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm.