



# Monument Academy

## School Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Minutes May 18, 2020  
Zoom virtual meeting 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 1:04 pm
  - b. Attendance: Julie Seymour, Charlie Richardson, Janyse Skalla, Chris Dole, Laura Barrette, Michael Herbert, Brad Cheatwood, Cheryl Darnell; Absent- Melissa Billiard, Corrie Dunkerton
- II. **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from 4/23/20**
  - a. Cheryl motioned to approve minutes from 4/23/20; Laura seconded
- III. **Review and Approve Agenda**
  - a. Chris moved to approve agenda; Brad seconded
- IV. **Business**
  - a. **Board Update:** Chris Dole – big agenda item at last meeting was finances- bracing for up to 20% cuts- in first round of \$ state received, none allocated for education- Board has approved 10% decrease in budget- no staffing nor salaries will be reduced – capped salaries with no increases
  - b. **Reviewing End of Year Survey**
    - i. Chris- great that we had higher participation this time; noticed repeated comments from mid-year survey
    - ii. Charlie- hasn't seen much in big groups coming to his office for discipline issues
    - iii. Cheryl- hard to take some comments as “general” in a general survey when many are very specific and can likely be handled individually with student's teacher

- iv. Brad- clear evidence that what's being done should continue
- v. Janyse- pretty high percent of those who will recommend MA; communication on the rise; people still felt academics were strong, even with online learning; still seeing desire for more extracurricular activities & more lunch time; increasing science curriculum; character development
- vi. Chris- are we tracking 3, 4, 5 year trends with these surveys? Janyse said communication has improved a lot since concerns voiced last year- not sure about other past concerns
- vii. Janyse- what do we present to the Board from this survey?
  - 1. Brad- "Take a deep breath and pat yourselves on the back"- super positive – doesn't think anything majorly negative needs to be brought to the Board
  - 2. Chris – extracurricular and clubs can be explored further- not a negative, but opportunities to share what parents are asking for more of
  - 3. Chris verified that Board doesn't see the survey results – just what SAAC recommends/shares; Brad recommended that the Board look at the results; Chris said more effective for SAAC to give summary presentation to Board
- viii. Middle School Survey:
  - 1. Brad- very good across the board; Communication outline built by Julie is great and should be widely shared
  - 2. Cheryl brought up ESS- how challenging it must be online and hopefully ESS staff are getting the support they need to provide the kids what they need
    - a. Julie confirmed that teachers are getting support and resources and improving on throughout the summer- Jessica Coote is doing phenomenal job
    - b. Julie discussed crisis learning vs. online hybrid- increasing live learning opportunities
  - 3. Sending Corrie's summaries to Board
  - 4. Sending thank you to parents for participating in survey
  - 5. Julie questioned for clarification- what is the exact concern with communication? Is the communication there but students and/or parents don't know how to receive it/navigate Canvas, etc.?
  - 6. Cheryl shared that NWEA MapSkills was extremely successful in Mr. Hutto's class- awesome growth shown; Chris noted that Board discussed it, too
    - a. Janyse- utilize NWEA MapSkills next year? Julie confirmed that NWEA test will be given earlier next year (Aug) and opportunities for teachers to continue to learn/explore/utilize MapSkills

V. Meeting adjourned 2:20 pm