



Monument Academy

School Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Minutes May 12, 2021
Zoom virtual meeting 1:00 pm

Julie Seymour	Middle School Principal
Corrie Dunkerton	SAAC Chair; Parent
Roby Roberson	SAAC Vice Chair
Misty McCuen	MA School Board Liaison
Cathy Edwards	Middle School Teacher Representative
Patty Foster	Public Member
Becky Lawrence	SAAC Secretary; PTO Member

- I. Introductions and Attendance
 - a. Corrie called meeting to order at 1:00pm
 - b. Attendance: Julie Seymour, Corrie Dunkerton, Roby Roberson, Misty McCuen, Becky Lawrence, and Patty Foster
- II. Minutes from April were corrected and approved via email
- III. Corrie presented the Agenda
- IV. Business
 - a. Corrie – End of the Year Survey results discussion
 - i. Middle School survey results
 1. Concerns noted: extra curricular, parents being able to navigate Canvas, teacher/parent communication, masking, IC and Canvas
 - a. Can the school communicate more about masking and restrictions/regulations so parents understand better what MA is implementing because of state/county regulations?
 - b. Can MA communicate how the systems (IC, Canvas) work together, how MA is using each vs. how the district is using them? Upon recommendation of SAAC 2 years ago, Julie Seymour created a document that is posted on the MA website and was sent out a couple times to parents this year that gives information about these platforms (<https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick->

[links/communication/](#)). Communication about these platforms was likely hindered this year due to not having an in-person parent night in the fall.

- c. Planning for starting clubs in MS and HS this fall; planning to resume many of the plans that were intended to be started in fall 2020.
 - d. Could MA get parents feedback for what would work best for them regarding communication?
 - i. Taking what was positive from this year, recording parent night and posting on Canvas home pages may be something to continue
 - ii. Texting and/or email; looking into only one family member being able to receive texts through Blackboard
 - e. Planning for online option that looks different for the fall for students who are not ready to return to in-person learning in the fall
 - f. Cathy Edwards commented on students and teachers being more resilient than anticipated in the fall
- ii. High School Survey
1. Comment from survey – let’s let parents know we’re awesome; Can MA do a digital ad campaign; parents are a powerful voice to promote MA; this will be discussed with Amy in marketing.
 2. Talking about inclusive culture/being kind, Random Acts of Kindness Foundation was brought recommended as an option to look at; Cathy Edwards shared what MA is doing with Sources of Strength – purpose is to create a positive culture on campus and catch kids who would “fall through the cracks”; 35 students with a variety of interests and strengths have been trained and staff and students are planning for the fall; Patty recommended involving students in tours and welcoming new families
 3. After school safety and security was discussed
 4. Growing the HS was discussed
 - a. Had a HS dance and it was a highlight to see the students and the joy they had in being together.
 - b. HS size tripling in fall
 5. Way the survey was sent out to parents this year was very successful and was recommended to continue
- b. Misty – board update
- i. Board has had several meetings, including a meeting with officials regarding COVID guidelines
 - ii. Agenda for next meeting has been posted online: policies to be review and voted on, COO update, 105 project
 - iii. Zoom has increased parent involvement in board meetings
- c. Corrie – Lessons learned
- i. 1 hour seemed like enough time except while reviewing the UIP

- ii. Need to look at timing of SAAC to occur before board meeting for recommendations to the board; aligning with board meetings is more important than aligning with DAAC meetings
- iii. Could SAAC do more to help administration at MA? This was discussed; no specific, additional ideas were expressed to add to SAAC's responsibilities.

d. Corrie –

- i. Will send out minutes and proposed letter to the board for the group to review over email
- ii. Thanked everyone for serving on SAAC

e. Meeting adjourned 2:05pm

(minutes taken by Corrie Dunkerton)