

Castle View High School  
SAC Minutes

**Date:** 2/18/2021

**Time:** 6:30

**Attendance:** Elizabeth Dissel, Susie McKenna, Shelly Mares, Norris Croom, Kathleen Williams, Kris Defnet, Jennifer Harris, Catherine MacInnes, Jamie Lundvall, Rex Corr, Debbie Gentry

**Guest:** Amanda Malson, Assistant Principal/Dean of Students

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Minutes for January were approved.

Rex introduced Mandy Malson. Mandy has been a dean of students for the last four years until moved to an assistant principal's position this year. Mandy talked about attendance and discipline for the year. This year has been quite challenging. DCSD has been taking attendance and some districts have not made that a priority. Last year we couldn't reconcile with state law for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter because we were remote. State law monitors seat time. When a student was out remote, attendance showed ELNP (e-Learning not present) designation. This year Mandy was very vocal on getting rid of ELNP and we have eliminated it. We felt we knew where the students were and could get rid of that designation. But it still shows up for quarantined or self-quarantined students. We only have those two options. We feel we are getting the hang of attendance in the second semester. First semester was rough and attendance didn't show accurately. Rex talked about how conscientious some of our parents are and it's hard with some situations. Catherine asked about the two weeks correction rule. They were fixed and then it rolled back. Coaches are checking attendance and telling students to get them corrected. Usually absences coincide with non-engagement and grades. We ask that parents call in corrections within 48 hours. Teachers, attendance and administration can correct it within two weeks. Mandy will check on changes that are reverting back tomorrow.

Rex explained one of our deans, Jordan Ivey, moved to PHS as Athletic Director. We hired Stephanie Morris at the beginning of the year to fill Mandy's position. We split up Jordan's part of the alphabet between Mandy and Stephanie. How does this year's attendance get reported? CDE has said they won't be holding school's attendance against them for the 20-21 school year.

Last month Rex explained the new way the district is doing our site-based budget. Our enrollment number during October count was down to 2180. Right now, we're at 2200 and we thought we would have 2260. We had to pay money back to the district. Rex has seen projections for the next seven years and we drop by 100 students each year. By the year 2028 we could have less than 1600 students. These are our feeder students coming up and even with new construction there is a trend in young families not purchasing homes in Douglas County due to cost of living. Our budget priority is to maintain the programming we are providing our students now and how to maintain the same programming in the future. We still want to have comprehensive education. There was no new money when they recrafted the budget. There is a base for all students and then additional money for students who need extra help and resources. We will use carryover money to help with our operational budget. Suzie asked about some staffing changes made at semester. We had a dean, p.e. teacher, and ESL teacher leave at semester and have an engineering teacher leaving at quarter. These positions were covered with long term subs. The pool for openings is better at the end of the school year. We have two retirements, one in counseling and one in computer science; a reduction in moderate needs but an expansion in English and we have a couple of moderate needs teachers that can fill that need; Science is the same; Math has a teacher returning from leave. We want to keep the concurrent enrollment going strong and to teach at ACC, it requires a masters and 24 hours in the content. We haven't been able to give any incentive for this extra certification. Norris mentioned the growth is East. He mentioned townhomes which will go for \$1800 for a one bedroom and \$3400 for a 3 bedroom.

Covid Report: Rex said we have one staff member and six students test positive; quarantined four staff and 73 students; ten students quarantined by outside influence. Total student count is 89 and staff 5. Director Leung was in the school for a visit and he feels spring break might be a possibility for full return. This will be after most of our staff have been vaccinated. Both our teachers and students had a lot to share with Director Leung. He was very gracious, got into many classes and took lots of notes. We have 112 who have opted into remote learning at CV, 32 of which are athletes. Some of the quarantines we have had were teams from other schools and so even though they were out of school, they were still quarantined from athletics. In the fall the protocols were harder because it was all students in a classroom, the whole class were quarantined. Now it is more targeted and is more manageable. Staying open also depends on sub fill rate. There will still be some virtual component until the end of the year with students self-quarantined. There is a place on the district website to track all the data for every school. Now we only send letters to impacted families. Can students get a rapid test? Yes, but it has to be after day five and they can return on day seven. Community data is at 5.1% positivity or 140,000 people. We are very close to getting under 5%. Castle Rock has more cases than other parts of the county.

F-pod Update: Rex had a box walk and some of the classrooms are near completion. We are on schedule and in some areas, ahead of schedule. He is hoping we can shift out of four of the mobiles so they can get extra work done before summer. We converted a BHS computer lab to make two classrooms. Rex has one afternoon a week set aside for a tour with him. He's hoping to move in May, finalize in summer and ribbon cutting in August.

Teacher report: Shelly asked teachers about their mood since being back in the building. Rex has been doing a Coffee with Corr a couple of days a week for teachers to come in and talk. Mostly teachers are happy to have kids back in the building and being able to engage with them. She has heard from teachers expressing frustrations about coming back to the building. It's a change in working with the kids in class and remotely and remembering everything they have to do with technology. Shelly tells kids and parents to be patient and give each other some grace. Teachers want to be with kids. They didn't get into teaching if they didn't enjoy being there.

DAC: Kathleen attended the last DAC meeting and they talked about the superintendent search. The district is gathering opinions of what staff, parents and students are looking for in a superintendent. They talked about the recall but the paperwork was done wrong and it has to be resubmitted

ESSER 2 (Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Response) money could be about five million dollars. The state is looking at learning gaps to make sure that money goes to students that need it. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ESSER will go to schools with higher free and reduced lunch students.

DCSD is looking at an online option for next year, but it will be different than this year.

There was a discussion about aligning 2020 academic standards on CITE 6.

- remove 21st century skills and 4 C's language
- replace with Colorado Essential skills
- This will impact sections 3.3, 4.3 and 4.5

The first draft of the LEAD rubric is due in March.

ABC: Nola sent in her report: We had a virtual meeting last week. We're planning next Staff Appreciation event, as well as our Spring Virtual Fundraiser. We're working on getting our ABC site (link on CV website) updated with meeting minutes and dates. We will again be awarding 4 scholarships for graduating Seniors (1 from each Academy). We also have 2 from last year that were granted a 1 year extension, since recipients decided to delay attending school due to COVID. After serving as ABC's treasurer for many years, Racquel Leadens is stepping down. Ed Dobosz will be taking over the Treasurer position. Please continue to spread the word re: Birthday Grams and need for more parent volunteers!

Attendance question: if a student is in person and wants to do virtual on their in-person day. We ask students are either remote or hybrid, not missed. We would put a note saying the student is absent but will attend virtually.

Community: Norris reported developers are still coming into new areas of Castle Rock. Right now, the west side is of interest to them. In and Out Burger is coming to Castle Rock.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.