

Castle View High School
SAC Minutes

Date: 9/24/2020

Time: 6:30

Attendance: Elizabeth Dissel, Susie McKenna, Tiffany Martin, Shelly Mares, Norris Croom, Jennifer Harris, Stacey Roberson, Jamie Lundvall, Sara Warnick, Lisa Dobosz, Richelle McKim, Nola DeKeyrel, Rex Corr, Debbie Gentry

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Principal Report: Rex prepared an outline of timely topics. [Senior 2020 Graduation Survey](#). Sabrina Gentry is our post grad coordinator and makes sure we get all seniors to complete this survey. Last year we increased counselors 250/1. Some of the results are tied to student names and Rex hasn't been able to separate that out yet. This survey lets us track e-mails and future plans. The question was asked if there were common answers? Rex hasn't broken it down yet but will look closely to see if a common theme comes up.

Has online learning disrupted dual or concurrent enrollment? ACC did not open courses to eLearners this year. 248 students opted into eLearning for the first semester. Our hybrid students are very much engaged. We only had five to six students in the first couple of weeks make the decision not to continue with ACC. Patrick McHenry retired and he was going to teach Human Nutrition and Health and Fitness for ACC. We had to drop those two offerings until our new person has completed his certification. We have the largest number of students in concurrent enrollment and one of our students who graduated last year with 50 college credits. Rex would like our students to leave high school with as much certification or college credit as they can. We have Solid Works and have been branching out to other technical programs. Some students will have an associates degree when they leave high school.

Enrollment: The district projected 2220 students for this year and we pushed that number up to 2260. We are currently at 2212. We had 45 students transfer to other districts within Colorado:

- 25 Colorado Early Colleges
- 4 Elizabeth High School
- 4 Colorado Connections Academy
- 12 various high schools

39 transferred out of state, 15 transferred to non-public schools and 10 transferred to home-based education. For the loss of projected enrollment, 48 x per pupil (\$4,132) 198,336 will be returned to the district. Total budget is \$14.5 million. Carryover year to year is approximately 3%. We did set aside the money from our budget to cover the possible loss. We have not seen a budget situation like this in about four years. Can you adjust those numbers in the spring prior to the start of a new year? No, you are locked in. CARES act federal grant money caps out by December and there are only certain items you could spend it on. 12% free and reduced lunch allocation and some based on staffing needs. There were some safety and technology needs do to eLearning that also needed to be addressed.

October count: Attendance is monitored twice a week. October 23 was the first day of count. We will be pretty close to our current number. On-line schools are offering enrollment if they move by 10/1. Many of those students that switch move back second semester. Many of those students do not work well independently. Next year will be difficult for schools due to budgets. There may also be a recision to the state that may affect us this year. eLearners are still in our count. Quanantine students are a cohort on their own and are still in our count. Is our attendance accurate enough? The district has been trying to get the attendance system to work the way we want it to. There is direct correlation with engagement and attendance. The system gets tweaked and then when it rolls over at night, it's supposed to lock in. But sometimes it does not and creates another issue. Participation was to help with the engagement issue and help with learning.

17 teachers and 43 students have been quarantined to date. Substitutes for teachers are limited. We have two confirmed student cases this year. Those two were never in our building because they were eLearners or were out for general health issues. We have to quarantine when there is exposure. In the 48 hour window, if

an exposed person is in a room for more than 15 minutes or more, the people in that room are quarantined. We always error on the side of caution. Our students have gone along so well with the protocols. We had two staff members who were exposed but because of the timing of the cases, we only had to quarantine 43 students. Teachers were still teaching their kids with another adult in the room for classroom management. If anyone tests positive a 10 day isolation is required but quarantine is 14 days.

Budget will be an ongoing conversation. We are staffed for this year and therefore won't see a decrease for this year. Budget impacts staffing. We will run it very low to keep staff.

F-pod construction is with bond money. We waited twelve years to get our F-pod. There will be 2800 square feet. We will be ready to occupy in the fall of 2021. Rex would like this group to have a tour of the site. The new pod will occupy engineering, biotechnology, journalism, science labs and several classrooms.

CVHS Website: The district asked all schools to move to the same website program so they could post emergency notices on all sites if needed. We have a teacher that manages our site. There were a few things that needed to be updated and we will work with Cheri on changes.

Suzie asked some students what they thought was going well or could be better:

- Likes some school in person and some on their own.
- They don't feel like they have as much homework.
- Teachers are doing well.
- They don't feel connected to adults or students.
- Miss seeing people face to face.
- Don't know what to do with Friday office hours.
- eLearners don't have their cameras on.
- No group projects.
- Two way hallways – being late to class with one ways.
- Like single directions on staircases.
- Different times for virtual homework due.
- Canvas has what the assignment is, when it's due and it's very easy if all teachers used it.
- If teachers would use the calendar for assignments it would be easier.
- Fridays are hard to learn on zoom.
- Parents feel communication is going well.
- They don't feel students will get the same educational opportunities.
- A cohorts will be missing a lot schools with holidays.
- All parents worried about isolation and wellness for their kids.
- Students did not get communication about the attendance changes.
- Would they ever get a snow day or a day off? Yes snow days still exist.
- A parent of an SSN student was worried about only two hours a day online only but then realized it was more than enough.
- Parent with an AP student likes this hybrid.
- New 9th grader would like more time with his friends but mom likes it to be able to problem solve situations more.
- Assignments and grades have had a delay in posting.
- Students have to learn to go to the teachers first to make corrections or issues they need to help with. This is a huge skill for students to self advocate.
- Shelly, as a staff member and parent, teachers aren't used to teaching in this format. She is on several different sites with parents and sees there are concerns with consistency. Great feedback for teachers to have the same format. Most of our students are very independent and are capable of learning in any style but some of our kids are not.
- "I don't know if it's too late to give feedback, but I really wanted to express how well hybrid has been for us. We are lucky because Sadie gets a lot of social interaction with soccer, which has proceeded normally (mask free and full contact for the most part). She was just so happy to get to see her friends a few days a week, and all her teachers have been very supportive, available and kind. I often hear her saying, they are so sweet", or "I love my teacher, they are just so nice "as she reads through emails

and assignments. The hybrid schedule was just enough “normal” to help stabilize our hearts and our schedule.

- Canvas is confusing, but I’m loving that she’ll be familiar with it when she goes to college. It’s the same interface that Hannah is using at Colorado School of Mines! And I’m also thrilled that she is learning to communicate with her teachers. It’s an opportunity to build rapport with adults.
- We’ve also just enjoyed being together more as a family. We gather around the table together and laugh and help each other. We have welcomed this strange and wonderful season that’s a bit more restful than it otherwise would have been."

Teacher Report: Shelly Mares feels our teachers have the biggest hearts. They are doing the best they can for our kids and working very hard. Someone asked if teachers feel safe? The range of feelings is huge. We have some teachers that wear double masks and scrubs because they don't feel comfortable wearing their own clothes. Students have been great following the rules. Shelly says she doesn't feel unsafe. It was just hard after being out for so long. Rex said he saw each time a different group of our staff came back, anxiety was high until they were here awhile and then it lessened. Having a longer time to prepare made the anxiety higher but then as kids came back, the teachers were doing what they do.

Community Report: Norris said Castle Rock has fared very well during the pandemic. Town suspended non-essential expenses. The town runs on sales tax only. June, July and August has seen higher revenue with a 5% sales tax for the area. Lonetree, Parker and Denver were lower. There has been 1000 residential permits, building houses. The other side of the highway has large developments. This is positive for the community. The restaurants and the hospital are struggling. People don't want to go to the hospital for any reason. They've seen an increase in cardiac arrests and mental health calls. People are putting off getting health care. Continuing to engage with the school district. He recommends getting your flu shot soon. They are starting to see a shortage in getting the shots. Southern hemisphere has a smaller number of flu issues because of masks and social distancing. But there is a concern about a peak in November.

ABC: Nola reported ABC will continue to have their meeting the same night (Thursday) as SAC, right before. We are continuing to encourage using the billboard for birthday messages because it's a great fundraiser. ABC provides technology, scholarships and teacher appreciation gifts.

There were no changes to the bylaws and so it was approved. Suzie approved and Shelly seconded.

e-Learning parent comment: student are being directed to videos. Edgenuity is the program the district chose for eLearning and it directs students to their assignments, which does include videos. There was a recommendation to add in some social learning where the teacher has the students watch the video and then come back to talk in a group. Maybe that would help with isolation and processing of that information. Getting better all the time.

Thank you for how the evacuation was handled on Monday. Teachers were very calm which carried over to the students. Frustrating for parents at that time when there was no quick information. Norris explained they have to be very careful what information goes out. You have to balance the information because it may feed the situation and police don't want to tip off anyone involved. Rex said he was very proud of our staff and Jordan Ivey who oversees our CERT staff.

DAC: [DAC Agenda](#)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.