

Castle View High School  
SAC Minutes

**Date:** 9/23/21

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** Susie McKenna, Shelly Mares, Norris Croom, Kathleen Williams, Kris Defnet, Jamie Lundvall, Melissa Shenton, Jennifer Harris, Tiffany Martin, Rex Corr, Debbie Gentry

**Guest:** Jessica Hunziker, teacher/yearbook/newspaper

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

Introductions of members and guests.

Minutes from April. Motion to approve and seconded.

Rex has been working with the hospital trying to bridge the students going right into a position with them.

Rex walked through the philosophy of thinking that went into the new pod design. The team looked at some of the fantastic programs in the building and then a way to give them appropriate space. Jessica Hunziker is the teacher for yearbook, newspaper and CVTV. Quality programs draw larger numbers of students. Jessica has a high level of expectation for all her programs and she holds the students to those standards.

Jessica was part of the design committee from the beginning. They were asked for input from the beginning, to dream big and facilitate the design. There are five spaces for multi-media and some are flexible learning spaces to maximize the usage. There are 47 students enrolled in yearbook; 45 in video and 45 in newspaper. We increased our FTE with another teacher getting certified with CTE and taking some of the classes. Concurrent enrollment will be offered next year with college credit or elective credit.

Jessica is on the board of the state journalism organization. Next Thursday she is taking 96 students to Ft. Collins for an in-person event, the first in over a year. They are also taking some middle school students. Jessica explained the laws and school publications -- the student free expression law. Only 14 states have provided more rights. The law states school personnel cannot censor school media. Students get to have a voice. With great power comes great responsibility to use their powerful tool to challenge us to be better. The CV administration is very supportive of this right. Last year was very challenging. Rex and Ryan always supported the students and advocated for their voice and allowed students to be brave. Both Rex and Ryan Hollingshead won administrator of the year for this program. They will be receiving this award at the workshop.

Rex mentioned what the school is focusing on this year:

- Academic excellence for all and
- a place where each student belongs

We have seen our discipline is high right now. Our freshmen haven't been in a school setting and missed the middle school experience. There is a TikTok challenge regarding destruction of property. We had the following issues: 24 soap dispensers destroyed, 3 mirrors broken, 20 toilet roll dispensers broken.

Rex has heard from students and our community media regarding our students of color and our LGBTQ community not belonging. We have work to do and we need to strive to do better. Where are the gaps for kids and how to move forward so we are not chasing our tails for years to come.

We hired very well this year. [FTE Comparison](#) Rex is worried for our smaller elementary schools because of low enrollment and doesn't feel it is sustainable. Most of our budget is for FTE, which leaves about \$300,000

to fund the building. Rex spent some of the carryover on classroom expenses where needed for the new pod. We are waiting for the landscaping in the front to be finished. The grass for the front is a building expense, which were improvements that weren't in the original plan.

Once October count is done, we think we will be short students and will have to return about \$127, 000 back to the district for shortages. We also need to continue to replacing some flex walls. We started replacing some last year and only have a few left.

Rex said we were on budget for the f-pod. Some of the timeline moved and the tennis courts should be done in the next two weeks. Bio-tech has a few finishing items needing to be completed.

At the beginning of school, no masks were required. By September 1, the district recommended the use of masks and then within a week, we went to mandatory. How do we make this more manageable? Rex believes that after the county goes away from Tri-County, the school board will have to make a decision about masks. He believes we will continue to require masks.

This year more focus has been placed on advisement and what we want to accomplish. We want relationships to form during their four years with one advisement. Most schools are able to complete business items in a common class. But on our schedule, we aren't able to do the business for all kids in a typical content class. 4X4 schedules make this difficult and advisement becomes a conduit for business. We like when students have the opportunity to see teachers for academic needs. This year we wanted to have time to work on social/emotional learning and so we changed advisement and scheduled Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday for academic accountability. Wednesday is a time for clubs/teacher support/activities. We opened up Friday's for a couple of weeks to travel because we have had so many kids out due to illness. We will continue to monitor this and make changes if needed.

We have had some covid cases but only three in a single day.

Teacher report: Shelly gets to see all areas of the building and feedback from teachers is they feel they are being stretched too far. We have a lot of students out sick and then getting everyone caught up. Teachers are overwhelmed.

SAC meeting dates: Melissa Shenton volunteered to be our rep for the STEM academy. Jennifer Harris agreed to be the ABC rep. Motion was made to accept both and seconded.

Community member asked about programs we are using for social and emotional learning. Who's in charge and what program. There was a question regarding apps for counseling appointments? Rex will look into it.

ABC: Rex said they are getting banners for activities to show pride in different areas. ABC's primary function is with fundraisers to help CV.

Community Liaison: Norris said town growth isn't going down. There are 1000 permits so far this year and Dawson Trails has submitted 5800 homes on the west side of the highway south of town. Target start date is 2023. Growth is just all over Castle Rock. Miller's Landing is moving forward with mostly commercial. Acme Brick Plant on Prairie Hawk south of Wolfensberger, has 33 acres, planning multifamily and entertainment.

There are four ballot issues in November:

1. New home construction tax for additional police and fire
2. .1 percent sales tax for open space acquisition
3. Lodging tax to help maintain parks
4. Ten year TABOR time out to help with roads, police and fire. Key TABOR issue is the new highway interchange at Crystal Valley. Open space by roundabout behind CVHS– interested in commercial development.

Suzie has to consider moving this meeting to an earlier time. Suzie will send out a survey to everyone for suggestions.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.