

ThunderRidge High School
School Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022

The purpose of the SAC is to inform, encourage and provide opportunities for parent and community members to be involved in the planning and evaluation of the school's instructional program and quality improvement processes. By definition, the SAC is an advisory body. Final decision-making authority rests with the principal or other person or group receiving the recommendation from the SAC. Any questions or concerns, please email TRHSSac@gmail.com

2021-2022 Meeting Dates: 9/14/21 (4:30pm-6:00pm); 11/9/21, 2/15/22, 4/5/22 (all at 4:15pm)

****Note the change to 4:15pm for all future meetings starting 11/9/21****

- Colleen Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:16pm
 - Officers present: Colleen Meyer (Chair), Betty Dungey (Vice Chair; PTS Adult Representative/GBBC), Kristen Burkett (Secretary/Recorder)
 - Members present: Nikki Ballow (Principal), Diann Schultz Menk (Teacher Representative), Patrick Bull (Community Representative), Angie Frank (DAC Representative), Kathy Boyer, Heather Burkhardt, Christie Hurt
 - Other: Debbey Quintana - Administration

- Welcome, Introductions and Celebrations
 - Welcome and Introductions – Colleen Meyer welcomed SAC members and guests to the meeting and introduced our new Community Representative Patrick Bull.
 - Celebrations – Debbey Quintana shared current celebrations
 - ❖ Apple Award Winner congratulations – Sandy Lakeland, IB Secretary and Gen Bennett, Business/DECA
 - ❖ TRHS student Aaditya Bahl wrote a play (on a whim) and submitted it to the Middle and High School Playwriting Competition, and won. Aaditya is one of three winners from across the State. His play will have a table reading at the DCPA with professional actors, as well as a performance at TRHS in March.
 - ❖ National Cornhole Championship won by 4 TRHS students – Jaxson Remmick, Jacob Thayer, Cooper Bingham and Gavin Hamman. Over the 3 days of competition, Jaxson placed 3rd in singles competition, narrowly losing 13-12 to the eventual national champ, Jaxson and Gavin placed second in doubles competition, and Team TRHS won the big show to kick off the new year.
 - ❖ Theater students returned from our state convention with some glowing scores. Millie Rowe and Blake Narcisian received Mainstage which is similar to winning state in their division. Out of hundreds of individual events, they chose only a few winners who then got to perform on the Bellco Theater Stage in front of 3,500 students. Our Improv team took second in State, which is the highest we have ever scored. Multiple additional individual awards were also received.

- ❖ DECA – going to state this month to compete with 12 qualifiers; two students are running for state office.
 - ❖ Student Landon Twiss – AIGA CYCF Logo Design Challenge state winner
 - ❖ Spring National Letter of Intent Signing for 8 athletes: Maddie Bassett, Tyler Chvatal, Brannon Ems, Jack Horsford, Aidan Kelley, Regan Keyter, Kamryn Spear, and Chase Tompkins
 - ❖ Student Ivan Nieto was selected for All State Orchestra
 - ❖ Swimming competition this week in Broomfield
 - ❖ Wrestling – 3 state qualifiers; 2 regional champs
 - ❖ Bailey Williamson was named Continental League Coach of the Year
 - ❖ Meg and Kate Mallory were named Continental League Swimmers of the Year
 - ❖ Boys and Girls Basketball are going into post-season
 - ❖ New theater production in April - Grease
- Organizational Updates
 - Student Government
 - ❖ Prom – April 22nd, Spruce Mountain Ranch, theme is “Enchanted Garden”. No after prom this year.
 - ❖ Leadership summit for all feeder schools is being hosted by Student Government
 - ❖ Grizzly Gives Week Feb 28-Mar 4
 - Events throughout the week with fundraisers
 - IB – Ann Morris
 - ❖ Middle Years Program – looking at skills development above the base curriculum and reflecting more on what is being learned in the classroom. Sophomore project 400 of 460 are completing on time, becoming more integrated into the culture; wide range of projects being done.
 - ❖ Diploma Program – 26 full diploma juniors, 27 full diploma sophomores moving up
 - ❖ New course for Fall 2022 – IB Sports
 - ❖ IB Senior Project underway
 - ❖ IB Students have expressed their appreciation of their new office
 - GBBC – Betty Dungey
 - ❖ Updating swag designs
- DAC Update – Angie Frank
 - January Meetings – reviewed UIP (see slideshow); reported on CITE updates
- Principal’s State of the School Address – Nikki Ballow
 - Budget/Staffing – experiencing continued declining enrollment, now at 1900; next year 1870 which reduces per pupil budget. \$194, 000 over budget for those new numbers. New CTE programs add allocation during initial startup year. Looking at core departments and electives to determine balance based on course requests.

About \$100,000 to carry over for supplies, extra duty pay, etc. Will be meeting with department chairs this week to review information and plan accordingly. First goal is to do right by people and keep whole as much as possible.

- ❖ Need for parents to get involved in advocating for neighborhood schools/districting with Sterling Ranch to help keep school numbers up
- Feedback on building needs/costs – phased into tiers for priority related to bond money. Hoping to put some additional money into non-bond projects. Asking for feedback on options and fundraising. Possibilities: Auditorium improvements, jazzing up main gym – scoreboard with video (can do ads for money), lightspeed in classrooms (surround sound with teacher microphone built in) – may not be used by all teachers. All projects are about equal in funding needs, 80-90K.
 - Discussion: auditorium is used most frequently by community; gym is close second; gym may be the area most students care about/connect with. Some concern over current safety of some seats in auditorium.
 - Members voted to try to fund minimum needs in auditorium and video in gym, however, if one had to be selected then video in gym is first as its revenue producing. Consider having GBBC create fundraiser to help close gap between both if possible.
- Safety/Security
 - Bathrooms – continued vandalism by students has reached a new level and is not sustainable. Graffiti, stuffing toilets, vaping; primarily in boy's bathroom. Only 1 plumber in District so it takes time to fix issues. Starting campaign to report; partitions cost \$1200 each.
- Open Forum – Collen Meyer recognized Angie Frank for the amazing job she is doing promoting the newer Thunderridge Facebook Page – “Official ThunderRidge H.S. Parents. This page was established with strict guidelines to encourage positive messaging and accurate information.
- Colleen adjourned the meeting at 5:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Burkett, Secretary