

ThunderRidge High School
School Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes
April 5, 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****

❖ Welcome, Introductions and Celebrations

- Colleen Meyer welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 4:17pm.
- **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

- Celebrations –
 - Senior boards this Friday
 - 103 Academic Letter recipients
 - 3/24 Arts Festival Held
 - Boys Basketball State Champions
 - Bridge from TRidge night was very successful
 - Grizzly Gives Week – very successful
 - Prostart has competed and won awards recently
 - Choir awards
 - Grease opens this Thursday
 - DECA – 8 students in 5 events including a state officer
- Viewed video about ProStart program; won several awards and competing at Nationals

❖ Organizational Updates

- GBBC – Betty Dungey report
 - Working on corporate sponsorship plan, especially for scoreboard but also for future projects
- Student Government Report
 - Prom 4/22 at Spruce Mountain Ranch; theme is Enchanted Garden
 - Sophomores looking for Prom buddies for 2023
 - Senior BBQ in the planning stages

- IB – Christina Barrett Braun
 - Ann Morris will be leaving for new opportunities; replacement has been identified
 - IB testing coming up with volunteer opportunities for proctoring
 - Personal projects are finishing up
 - Re-evaluation cycle coming up for 9th/10th grade
- DAC
 - Kathy Boyer attended DAC Forum on Mental Health, attended several breakout sessions focused on anxiety, depression, ADHD, and calming strategies
 - March DAC meeting – Angie Frank reviewed the results of DCSD SAC Budget Priorities Questionnaire for District:
 1. Supplemental Mental Health Supports
 2. Targeted Tutoring/Student Support
 3. Targeted Summer Programming
 Additional details can be found [here](#)
 - Calendar Creation Committee continues to work on finalizing recommendations
- ❖ State of the School Address – Update from Nikki Ballow
 - Graduation Update
 - May 19th, Magness Arena DU – 10am start
 - Venue opens 1 hour ahead, no additional transportation provided
 - Very student focused
 - 21/22 School Plan (annual document) 3 Targets with Specific Initiatives
 - Priority Challenge 1: Creating a school environment where every student knows they belong.
 - Access – pivoted to have Advisement 1x/week; Access 1x/week. Doing some modifications but feel it’s more aligned with goals. Looking to incorporate more mental health small group opportunities during this time. Have dedicated time for Assemblies to celebrate students without interrupting the regular schedule.
 - Priority Challenge 2: Creating a culture of curiosity around effective collaborative teams to empower our teachers to explore ways to measure and improve student growth and achievement.
 - PLCs – are groups of teachers/departments feeling they are aligned with the goals to meet student needs.
 - Priority Challenge 3: Providing differentiated opportunities for staff to learn and implement literacy strategies in each content area.
 - Other suggestions: goal/target for improved communication with TRHS community – including new student information.
 - Angie and Kristen will review past FAQ list that was started to see how to expand and integrate the information into appropriate places

❖ SAC Position Update for 22/23

- Colleen Meyer thanked everyone for contributions this year.
- Members for next year
 - Following members slated to come back
 - Kristen Burkett, Betty Dungey, Christie Hurt, Patrick Bull
 - Members leaving
 - Kathy Boyer
 - Eligible for another term:
 - Heather Burkhardt, Colleen Meyer, Angie Frank
 - Betty Dungee moved to allow first terms to roll into second term without election, Angie seconded; motion passed
 - Heather and Angie agreed to return
 - Colleen will not be returning as she is moving to new opportunities
 - Open positions will be posted in May to recruit potential candidates

❖ Safety

- Healthy Schools CO survey
 - Trusted adult within the school – 81%
 - Used an electronic vapor product – 20%
 - Had at least one drink on 1 or more days in the past 30 days – 24%
 - Used marijuana 1 or more times in past 30 days – 9%
 - Ate veggies 1 or more times/day in past 7 days – 45%
 - Active for 60 or more minutes per day in at least 5 of 7 days – 52%
 - Usually or could ask their parents/guardians for help with a personal problem – 88%
 - Usually or feeling safe at school – 90%
 - Exercised more (72%), washed hands more (66%), used social media more (60%)

April 19th – Cultures of Dignity sponsored by Douglas County Healthy Youth Coalition

❖ Open Forum

- Question: Is there any opportunity for more than 1 gender neutral bathrooms?
 - There are 3, be sure to communicate to students

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Minutes approved via email as of 5/20/22:

In favor: Nikki Ballow, Colleen Meyer, Betty Dungey, Kristen Burkett, Patrick Bull, Angie Frank, Diann Schultz Menk, Kathleen Boyer, Heather Burkhardt

Abstained (not present at meeting): Christie Hurt