

ThunderRidge High School
School Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2021

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 4:31pm
 - Officers present: Colleen Meyer (Chair), Betty Dungey (Vice Chair *newly appointed*; PTS Adult Representative/GBBC), Kristen Burkett (Secretary/Recorder)
 - Members present: Nikki Ballow (Principal), Diann Schultz Menk (Teacher Representative), John Groom (Community Representative), Angie Frank (DAC Representative – *newly appointed*), 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 each introduced themselves to the group.
 - Celebrations – Debbey Quintana shared current celebrations
 - ❖ Back to School Night – best turnout ever, great to have parents back in the building!
 - ❖ New E-Sports coach at TRHS – Nick Bidinger
 - ❖ Speech/Debate team doubled in size
 - ❖ Unified Poms will perform at Homecoming
 - ❖ Taming of the Shrew opening October 7th
 - ❖ Color Guard will be performing with Marching Band
 - ❖ Ian Wilcox, Littleton invitation tourney
 - ❖ Dylan Everett, golf tournament
 - ❖ Kaitlyn Oberly - Continental pitcher of the month
 - ❖ iReady round one complete

- Review of SAC Bylaws, Membership Responsibilities and Meeting Norms
 - Colleen reviewed the Bylaws and roles of the SAC
 - Meeting Norms – follow light Robert's Rules of Order for decisions, start/end on time; meetings are approximately quarterly; turn nametag up to speak

- Discussion around whether or not we should consider meeting more frequently. Suggestion to increase to an as-needed basis beyond the quarterly meetings. Noted that Tuesdays are difficult due to other district meetings. Concerns around requiring additional commitment. Consider implementing for next year since commitments and schedules are set for this school year. Create ability to call additional meeting if necessary. Input that we may not be covering all the issues outlined from the District.
 - Suggestion to a small subcommittee to identify needs
 - John Groom moved to allow for additional meetings to be added on an as needed basis with at least a week's notice. Nikki seconded. Motion passed.
 - Meeting dates – Bylaws state meetings can/should be set at first meeting of the year but due to recruitment/election of members dates were set at the end of last school year without agreement from committee members. Suggestion to move meetings up by 15 minutes to begin at 4:15pm. Nikki so moved, Kathy Boyer second, motion passed. FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 4:15pm.
- SAC Officer Update
 - Vice Chair - Betty Dungey expressed interest and was appointed.
 - DAC Representative – Angie Frank volunteered to accept position.
 - State Advisory Council – Angie Frank offered to provide information to the group from this Council regarding resources.
 - Website link: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/sacdacnetworking>
- Principal's State of the School Update
 - Mask Mandate – the school is doing the best it can to enforce mask mandate as part of public health order, moved from encouraging to enforcing mask wearing. About 97% students are wearing appropriately in halls, 99% in classrooms. Approximately 30-35 active student cases and 3 staff members at this time with Covid. Process in place now to identify potentially identified exposures. Visitors are no longer allowed to come into school without a mask since change to enforcement vs encouragement with escalation process in place. Sporting events are difficult to enforce and is being explored.
 - Field Day/Homecoming – student government representatives shared plans to include wristbands for fundraising (food or money). Starts 24th of September with parade kickoff at Eldorado Elementary. Several restaurants have committed to support TRHS fundraising. Other plans reviewed (see upcoming flyer). Student Government is making a concentrated effort to communicate more with Administration so information can go out to parents/TRHS Community about Homecoming events.

- Nikki reported on need to move Field Day venue to keep community safe. Reasons: increasing Covid numbers, hospitalized staff, difficulty to police an indoor event for 3 hours, difficulty of requirement to track negative Covid tests/vaccinations.
- IB Update – Jen Bennet provided additional information about the IB Program:
 - IBDP Diploma Students:
 - 19 full Diploma Seniors, 26 full Diploma Juniors, 77 students taking one or more IB courses as part of their curriculum
 - Testing scores remain very high at TRHS – highlights from last year
 - 80% of full IBDP Candidates received the full diploma in 2021
 - 90% Exam Pass Rate across all IBDP Subjects
 - 9 of our IBDP Courses had 100% Exam Pass Rate
- Grizzly Bear Backer Club (GBBC) Update – Betty Dungey shared that GBBC is the not for profit organization that routes funds for all groups/sports within TRHS. New fundraising efforts are being organized for additional equipment needed for the school.
- Advisement Update – the purpose of Advisement period instated after COVID year at home and Friday interventions provided during that time. Because two Access periods were not necessarily being utilized to full benefit, one Access period was traded for Advisement. Two teachers are assigned to each grade level to organize/plan; two Administrators and two Counselors are also assigned to each grade level.
 - Focus for each grade level
 - Freshmen – Executive Functioning Skills
 - Sophomores – Sophomore Personal Project time
 - Juniors – Practice for college/career readiness, Naviance tasks
 - Seniors – Naviance tasks, college/career prep, Senior Project
 - Other – grade specific celebrations, other gatherings as appropriate
 - Current issues being considered: time needed to access teachers and testing
 - Difference between Advisement/Seminar – Seminar is more relationship building, break in day to relax and connect on non-academic level. Seminar had moved far away from original purpose of connections and become a catch all for various projects. Trying to get back to that original purpose and create designated time for the other items above. Conversations starting again regarding Sources of Strength to reignite mental health awareness as part of Seminar.
- Parent Teacher Conferences – going to be virtual due to overwhelming positive response from last year and current Covid climate
- Professional Learning Community (PLC)/Literacy/Social Emotional Learning – Nikki
 - UIP was completed last year and now can be rolled over into 2 year cycle but may not fit where we are. It is not scrutinized unless significant needs are identified. As a school we want to look at these three areas and integrating

more common language. Nikki would like to engage with SAC on these areas more.

- CTE – Nikki
 - Prostart for culinary already established
 - Construction Program started this year – some obstacles to getting started but program is off to a good start and is tackling projects for the school to teach skills. Space adjacent to add welding when teacher is added. Great program and skills for daily life as well as a career choice.
 - Goal is to increase CTE opportunities

- Safety/Security Update – Nikki
 - Having issues with behavior especially in lunch room, trash on campus, restroom cleanliness. This is increasing time and costs for an already limited maintenance staff, unavailability of restrooms and other inconveniences. Asking for help from parents and students to encourage respectful behavior
 - One contributing factor is the current social media Tik Tok challenge “Devious Licks” which encourages destruction and stealing from schools
 - Suggestion to include costs of replacement for those caught participating in these actions and for parents and students to watch out for identifying videos posted on social media.

- Open Forum
 - Parent parking in right turn lane into parking lot on West side of campus during drop off is very congested. Administration will consider looking for volunteer help to manage flow.
 - Parent Facebook Group – question about whether school/Admin is aware of things posted. Note that there are two parent FB groups, one has turned more negative; Angie from SAC has started a new group and is trying to keep it positive. It was recommended that unanswered important questions from either group be referred to administration for clarification and posted.

- Colleen adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Burkett, Secretary