

Minutes of April 3, 2017

District Accountability Meeting

Sargent School District

On Monday, April 3, 2017, the DAC held a meeting in the Sargent High School library in Monte Vista, Colorado. President, Tyler Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Present at the meeting were the following constituting a quorum: Michelle Burkhart, Teresa Kaiser Griffin, Michele Peterson, Tonya Metz, Chris Sittler, Nicole Rockey, and Traci Holmes. Also present at and participating in the meeting were the following individual(s): Steve Marantino, Christa Thies, Joni Hemmerling, Terri Baker, and Eric Pfannenstiel. Christa Davis had an excused absence. Nicole Rockey moved and Teresa Kaiser Griffin seconded the motion to accept the agenda and minutes from March.

At this meeting the following discussions were held regarding the agenda items:

Principals / Superintendent Updates:

Steve Marantino reported that the budget draft will be reviewed this month. In May, the draft will be made public and in June the budget will be approved. Mr. Marantino was informed that the school's health insurance is estimated to increase by 5% in addition to PERA increasing. Bob Mattive used his equipment to grade the high school students parking lot before road base was applied.

Joni Hemmerling reported on the following dates:

- Student state testing will begin April 4th.
- On April 13, 2017, Kindergarten Round up will occur between 5:30pm and 6:30pm.
- On April 18, 2017, National Elementary Honor Society will induct their new members.
- On April 24, 2017, CMAS will be conducted.
- On April 27, 2017, 4th grade will have the Rendezvous and 3rd grade will have their Farm Safety.
- On May 5, 2017, the elementary will hold their Bike-a-thon.
- On May 11, 2017, Kindergarten through 2nd grade will have their spring concert.
- On May 12, 2017, the elementary will have their Relay for Life.
- On May 19, 2017, the elementary will begin making the community garden.
- On May 22, 2017, the high school and elementary will have Colorado's Opera perform for them.
- On May 24, 2017, the Kindergarten and 6th grade classes will have their graduation.
- The elementary school is going to try on-line registration for 2017-2018.

Ronna Cochran gave her report to Joni Hemmerling to be read. The following was reported:

- The high school is working on getting teachers credentialed for both the Business and STEM CTE programs. The students voted on their top interests. Marketing, Government, Public Administration and Information Technology were the top subjects. The school ordered a 3- 12 STEM Lab and software for next year. The software should

cover grades 3-6, Junior High exploratory lab modules, and High School Health Science lab modules.

- The secondary school had the Valley Tactical K9 team come into the school twice in March. No drugs were found.
- 4 students qualified for State Science Fair, April 5th-8th.
- 19 students qualified for State History Fair, May 6th-7th.
- Knowledge Bowl qualified 6 students and placed 5th.
- 40 students qualified for state FBLA, April 20th-21st.
- FFA will be going to State CDEs in Ft. Collins on April 29th.
- The high school English classes had Slam Poetry Presentations in March.

Open Issues:

Tyler Mitchell and Bob Mattive will meet with Joni Hemmerling regarding the prep work for the community garden. The garden will be built in between the elementary playground the outdoor lunch tables.

Mikayla Kaiser spoke via phone to the DAC committee. Mikayla would like to have the plans drawn up for the Grounds Improvement project done before Sargent's 100 year Reunion in July. Donations will be asked during the reunion. Some idea's to raise money are to sell engraved rocks (boulders) and bricks that will be used around the improvement area. Mikayla asked the DAC committee and student council for input on 3 separate plans. DAC recommended 3 phases. Phase 1 will be to clean up the area, possibly plant some trees. Phase 2 will be an exercise area with benches. Phase 3 will have a location for outdoor classes and learning. Steve Marantino recommended incorporating potato rock into the design. Tyler Mitchell recommended incorporating signage made by Sargent's students into the design. Theresa Kaiser-Griffin will be an additional point of contact between the school and Mikayla.

New Business:

Eric Pfannenstiel reported on the Board Directives. The board is going to request some members of the DAC committee to attend the Superintendent interviews. In order to achieve the community's expectations for a Superintendent, a member of CASB will visit Sargent. The board wants the position filled by June 30th. Currently, the board is still looking to maintain the Superintendent's part time position. The possibility of sharing the position was reviewed, but is currently not an option.

Randy Black will give the school board a program on "Building a Better Board."

The money for the STEM Lab software came from the school saving money on their budget in other areas.

The school board would like the help from the DAC committee in dispelling rumors around the community. Eric Pfannenstiel asked that if DAC members heard rumors, to direct the individual towards a board member.

The school board is making a sub-committee to take recommendations on updating the Sargent website.

Chris Sittler moved to have the meeting adjourned. Nicole Rockey seconded the motion.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.