

Vista Ridge SAC Meeting  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
6:00 pm Lg Conference Room

Members in attendance:

Ann Marie Jekel, Samantha Romero, Dale Lange, Katie Poulson, Jennifer Risdall, Bruce Grose, Paul Brookens, Mike Peters, and Scott Anderson

Agenda Items:

Bell schedule-

Vista Ridge Principal Bruce Grose presented the proposal for the change to the Bell Schedule. This proposal does not have to go through the state, but will be voted on by Vista Staff, parents and students. Discussion on benefits to the change that include: alignment with college schedule for students attending college classes (concurrent enrollment), more time for advisory (tests, tutoring, ACT prep), and higher attendance for advisory period. Training will be provided for teachers to best use the longer class time. Teachers were 78% in support of the change with most of the no votes coming from online areas that would find the block schedule more of a challenge. There was discussion and was put to a vote. Parents in attendance voted to support the change.

ROTC side note, Vista is still in the running for AF ROTC. We are in the final 10, but there is no real time line for final determination.

Concurrent Enrollment, Pathways, ICAP (Individual Career Academic Plan)-

Mr. Grose gave an overview of the programs that are available or are coming to Vista. Each program gives students more options for their education. Concurrent enrollment allows students to take college courses in conjunction to their high school courses. The new bell schedule would allow for college M/W and T/Th classes to line up with the HS schedule. The district is working on leasing a building to Pikes Peak CC that would give students a closer location for these classes (although the other campuses would be used as well). Julie Rife has been brought on staff to coordinate this effort as well as looking to bring on additional teachers/advisors to meet the needs of those students. There was discussion on how many students would be involved (150 next year, increasing to 300-500 in future years), would there be additional counselors to handle the load (15 new teachers would be brought in, will not let it grow beyond reach). ICAP would give students more of hand in their education. Discussion on bringing in an ACT prep program called Aspire that would better prepare students for the ACT and learning the subjects that are tested on more effectively.

Power Zone achievement measures-

Paul Brookens presented a follow up to last meeting on "What we are doing about student achievement and student growth in the Power Zone". There was a list distributed that included items from Pre-k to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The group was asked to

list the factors that were most important, somewhat, and least important. He will provide the overall results of these at future meeting. He also presented questions that he would like the SAC committee to think about for the next meeting.

- What are some selling points (bragging points) at Vista Ridge?
- What areas need growth or improvement at Vista?
- What would you like to see Vista focus on?

These will be sent out to the group for future discussion.

Future Agenda items proposed:

Electronic Learning Days- Proposing options to maximize instructional time during inclement weather days.

Updates from Departments to parents/SAC- what they are doing and how they are collaborating.

Power Zone Achievement Study- Edited version of this month's results and lesson study.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.