

## VRHS SAC Meeting

12/06/2017

- **Minutes**

- Start time: 5:30 PM | End time: 6:53 PM

- **Attendance**

- SAC Members, 5 Parents, 4 VRHS Staff members, DAAC Representative,
- 1 Community member

### Agenda & Notes

- **VRHS Success Center**

- Presented by Nichole Minot, Dean of College Advising | [nminot@d49.org](mailto:nminot@d49.org)
- Success Center's major emphasis is on creating a college-going culture, which incorporates technical, beauty, vocational, certification, & workforce training
- Goal is to create an environment where students believe that they can have a great future and that they can plan and prepare for many options
- Focusing on collecting and providing data regarding postsecondary goals and accomplishments
- College Visits
  - College Admission Representatives are normally at a table during lunch and wait for students to come to them at other schools
  - VR Success Center invites Representatives to present to a pre-planned and captive audience
  - Students are prepared prior to speaking with the Rep by having example questions to ask & given extra time to speak one-on-one with Representatives
  - College Admissions Reps are reporting that no other school in the county are inviting/ hosting them like VR is
- Colorado Council College Fair
  - More than 50 colleges were present and 200 students participated
  - Excellent feedback from colleges and students
- Application Days
  - Reps come in and walk students through the application
  - 3 schools have offered on-the-spot acceptance
  - Waive application fees
    - Reps will give additional application waivers for students who were unable to attend
    - This allows students to be able to apply to more than one college with affordability

- Number of applications applied have increased since previous years
  - Very positive feedback from reps regarding Success Center and our student body
  - Over 170 applications submitted and 25 acceptances as of November 28th
  - The most exciting feeling is that a student who doesn't think that he or she won't be able to go to college finding out that they can, in fact, go to college
  - \$150,000 current scholarships awarded -- goal is \$1 million!
  - 3 Boettcher (entirely merit based) Applicants, 2 Daniels Scholarship Applicants (merit and need based), 1 Greenhouse Scholarship Applicant, 4 Coca Cola Applicants, 1 National Honor Society Applicant
    - Great takeaway for students and parents - students should get involved with community service as soon as possible
    - These applications for Scholarships take about a month
  - Scholarship newsletter goes out once a month with scholarships that are available or are coming up
  - Scholarship advising is available one-on-one
  - Reminder that scholarship applications should be approached like a part-time job
  - Spring is a big scholarships season
- Road trips to visit colleges will occur in the Spring for 11th graders
- Spring Workshops will be available for all grade levels
- Upcoming: Volunteer Fair - TBD!
- **YouScience**
  - Presented by Sarah Temple, Dean of Pathway Learning | [stemple@d49.org](mailto:stemple@d49.org)
  - Curriculum for the Pathway Classes is designed by Sarah Temple
  - All students are required to have an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) as of the class of 2021
  - Will work with the same teachers all 4 years and get excited about the goals that they develop and work towards in their Pathways Class
  - All students complete a YouScience profile in their pathways class
  - Students complete a series of brain-games that test their aptitudes like spatial, sequential, and inductive reasoning that help them determine their natural abilities in YouScience

- All teachers completed their YouScience profiles so that they can have more in-depth conversations with students
  - YouScience uses positive language, even when it's describing needs of student growth
  - Students get to see how their strengths contribute to their work, school and social life
    - Helps shed light on how they can best work in group or individual settings
    - Helps guide conversations with counselors to discuss how their personal characteristics contribute to their successfulness and how they work to improve their areas that need growth -- strategies and tips and tools
  - Helps students see that they can achieve so many things that they might not have been aware that they could be great at
  - Color coordinated to show the level of match and describes to the students the types of tasks and what they will do in their daily life in that career. It also provides suggested related careers so students can explore further
  - Highlights things that students need to be made aware of before they commit to a career or long-term investment in education in many different ways
  - Per ICAP, these types of conversations must happen with students -- education, fiscal responsibility, and professional goals
  - Students are placed into Pathways classes by grade, not by career choice because the types of conversations that occur with students are surrounding the steps that are necessary for students to achieve their goals (writing a resume, applying to school, financial aid)
  - Students can share their results with their parents at anytime from any computer
  - Teachers can see results in order to guide their conversations
  - Helps students understand how they work, interact, and their strengths
  - Anyone can purchase online and check out their own
- **DAAC Spending**
    - Presented by Tambria Miller, DAAC Representative
    - DAAC presentation last night
      - “More than office supplies, less than a building”
      - Budget spending priorities go up through 2 different avenues
        - Bruce Grose & DAAC

- DAAC brings up things that maybe weren't thought of by the building from the parents and community
- BG DAAC requests
  - Chromebook carts (pathways)
  - Innovative furniture (reduce limitations for use of room)
  - Entry doors (possible sleeves - permanent way to show temporary signs)
  - Master Calendar Display (protected cover) chairs and partitions for new classroom
- DAAC and Building spending requests often align, but all items will be compiled and the top 5 will be submitted to Board
- January 23 is deadline for ideas
- Survey to all students for their ideas will be sent out
- Don't limit thinking by funding - want and wish list
- SAC Ideas
  - iPads
  - Chromebooks
  - Innovative Furniture
  - Marquis up front for upcoming events
  - Master Calendar display with protected sleeve
  - Entry door sleeves
  - Touch screen glass overlay for TVs
  - Chairs & partitions for new classroom
  - Assistive technology (closed captioning software)
  - Reimbursement to students who score a 3 on AP exams
  - D49 broadcasting channel (live stream athletics)
  - Robots for a robotics program
  - Bikes for charging phones (pedal)
  - Water bottle filling stations
- DAAC previous funds have been utilized to purchase technology for the building
- DAAC guarantees that anyone who has an opinion or wants their voice heard has an avenue (one of many)