

**Skyview Middle School**  
**School Accountability Committee**  
**Meeting- August 20, 2020 5:30 pm**  
Via Zoom

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Welcome and Introductions (Patty Gioscia)

Approval of Minutes – May 2020 Motion to table minutes.

Good Things to Report (Patty Gioscia)

Patty- We made it through the first we 2x

Julie- When she assessed her students, they tested right where the stopped 3rd quarter No regression.

Sharon- Started working in Skyview and JV meet is tomorrow.

Matt- SO excited to re-engage the kids.

Dave- Glad that we were able to prepare for learning.

Hanane- She wants the kids to go back to school and they are struggling without face to face. She met a lot of new friends.

Tentatively said that the talk was to return somewhere about the 18th.

DAAC Report (David Rex)

Our first meeting is going to be Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 via zoom.

Tentatively they have talked about returning Sept. 18th? Possibly alternating days.

Old Business- Reports

- Review Spring Semester
  - David said that he thinks the district did good as we didn't have any time to prepare. They took all the comments that we received and made things better.
  - It is called Emergency learning but we need to focus on handwriting. Can we continue to work on that?
  - Candice- She is a college professor and teachers are using many platforms. Everything at the college level is digital and they pay millions of dollars. Teachers did a great job working with what they have.

- Matt- it allowed us to shed light on how much technology the students are on and engaged on a daily basis.
- Introduce Matt Sisson
  - Spent 5 years at Vista Ridge as an AP, Taught in D2, Admin in D8. He is super knowledgeable about special education and instructional classrooms. He has changed the office a lot and runs a very green office. He is very excited about being in the classrooms and often you can not find him in the office as he is often in the classroom observing. He thinks students are more capable than we give them credit for. He is focusing on ELA and math and is excited to see the caliber of the students is very exciting. He is excited to work with the teenagers and honored to be part of the process. The building is resilient.

#### New Business (Patty Gioscia)

- Virtual Learning Start
  - Hanane- Brian needs some help getting on Google Meets.
  - Arnee- Better communication while the kids were in school physically. The communication has gone south over virtual learning. When the children have gone to school in person, they would shoot over an email and they would get a response in about 1-2 hours. Now the teachers have come up with office hours. They are now not getting back from them until way after school has ended. By that time there is no point in them getting back to her. Also she has found that the number of links that are provided (schoolology, emails, etc.) it was a juggle to find out what link worked. The kids were late and they missed out on information. Today she eased drop in every one of their classes. She has home schooled for three years. She can say as a parent that there were two teachers that she would pull her students from the school today. Matt said that he has given the teachers 24 hours to return emails. Matt talks about providing students a structured daily schedule. Matt said that there were some access issues with the network. There are some technical issues that they are working through. Trying to ensure that only the students that were taking the class were attending the class. So extra security measures were needed. Unfortunately this had an impact on the kids. Teachers are asked to take attendance the first 5 minutes so that the teachers can teach. You can excuse the attendance if it has been an issue. If you have some concerns about teachers, he encourages her to contact him or the grade level administrator to discuss the issue.
  - Julie said today that she says it from a kids perspective. And she feels for the students.
  - Amy- said that she has a different experience and she said the teacher has really worked with the teachers and grateful.
  - Candice- A 4 step process 1) Context ( device or content issue but help students outside of class, 2) Teachers desire to do well by their students so if something happens to send an email to that teacher, 3) we are only in the first week and we can continue to have patience and optimism. Matt said Jen Newberg approached

him and wants to hold virtual groups for students to address technology issues. Some of your kids have never used the iPad and try to fix those issues. Teachers need to build relationships with students and we need to help students and teachers about these issues. Every challenge is an opportunity to grow.

- o Tracy- we are a double working family and unfortunately, the older kids are helping the younger siblings. How do we work out the schedule for a middle school to work so it is not so overwhelming? Matt said he likes the block schedule but we talked to the staff and it was a huge stress for not only the staff but students as well. Keeping kids online for 90 minutes is a lot for kids. HS has the class for 45 minutes and then the rest of the time working and helping students. Kids are working on multiple devices. Matt said he is cautious not to send so many emails as parents are going to stop meeting. We are taking attendance but we are not going to take them to court but we do have to track attendance to reach out to the kids who are not reaching out.
- Review Meeting Dates:
    - o Third Thursday of the month at 5:30
    - o Sept. 17th, October 8th, November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 11, April 15, May 20

#### Teacher and Principal Reports

- 6th Grade-Rachel McPeek- Focus was getting kids on technology and getting to know the kids.
- 7th Grade-No one present
- 8th Grade-Des- Science- bitmoji locker, Math mystery thing, History getting to know the kids and teaching them how to turn in papers. ELA- we started doing a my family essay and now to turn things in using Schoology.
- Special Education- Most of the teachers are meeting with their students in person on Tuesday and Thursday. Getting to know you and learning their students characteristics and working on IEP and virtual meetings. Helping students in the class.
- Electives- Getting started and getting to know their students. Not really getting into curriculum Parents are given us grace and they appreciate it.

#### Zone Report (Dr. Pickering)

- Meeting today with the secondary principals and senior leadership team. A conversation about what the return to learn (in person) will look like. He is very excited about the conversation and the numbers from the health department are declining. MS principals are meeting next week to discuss the details. He has worked with the others principals about a plan.

Questions, Agenda items for next meeting

- SMS Budget

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Adjourn 6:34 pm