



Renaissance Secondary School Accountability Committee (SAC)

The purpose of the SAC is to inform, encourage, and provide opportunities for parents and community members to be involved in the planning and evaluation of the school's instructional program and quality improvement processes.

Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 @ 5:30

Attendance	Dani Newman, Amy Stuart, Eric Crewes, Melissa England, Brie Sellers
Open Reading	Eric Crewes – The Starfish Story
Open Forum	Nothing additional to add to the agenda
Approval of prior Meeting Minutes	Approval of December 2 nd Meeting Minutes – 1 st Eric and 2 nd Melissa One change: Mis-wrote Marissa Rincon's name
District Accountability Committee (DAC)	Eric Crewes – Added supporting documents to the SAC google drive. - There hasn't been a meeting since January. February was the 2023 Career Pathway Expo. Suggested sharing a PDF in the newsletter if parents would like to attend the expos. There will be student led booths on 2/16, from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Legacy. - Reviewed DAC policies and bylaws, Performance Plan, and Career Pathway Expo planning. Presentation on a community engagement process and the results. Interesting themes on what the community is wanting and prioritization. Updating the bullying policy and getting committee feedback.
Parent Crew Foundation	Brie Sellers – PCF has met three times this year with a dozen attendees in January. Renaissance Crew Rendezvous (primary focus) - March 25th at Cielo. Tickets on sale. Handbid managing auction. Fundraising - Dani is finishing the coffee fundraiser to replace the Modern Plate fundraiser. Edukits fundraiser beginning with Janice Gonzales obtaining lists from teachers this month. Staff Appreciation - The staff has received monthly treats, meals during conferences and exhibition, and holiday gifts. Volunteers are set for monthly treats through the end of the year. - Teacher/staff spotlights set all year. - Teacher preferences spreadsheet available for parents to access. Student Events - Kids Night Out for REMS chaired by Eileen Gordon. - Prom planning for event on April 15th. Secured the venue. - Working on student events to coincide with the annual fundraiser. - Procuring items for the testing treat bags.

Staff Update	Melissa England - - Shannon Herzog, Kyle Kontour, and Zach Deegan attended DAC conference in Chicago. It was inspiring to be among like minded educators. The beginning was led by kids. Her personal takeaways - learned what they do and what we can do better for 8th grade passage presentations. Other takeaways – scheduling, active classroom management skills, inclusive practices, and teaching. Bonded as a crew of four and excited to bring more back to the school. Next year the conference is in Denver. - Amy, Lisa, Shannon, and Melissa met about passage yesterday. This is the time where the hardest work sets in, they always respond in 3rd quarter. Want to push them toward that next grade level.
School Leader Report	Amy Stuart – - DAC conference is in Denver 2023 between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Do find the impact to be broad and want to provide that experience to all. Considering swapping professional development days to accommodate conference attendance. Will follow up with the board. Admins should go, special educations and classroom support. It's been incredible to see the learnings weaving in. Events - Boys Basketball is undefeated! Girls Basketball only has 5 players but 2-0. MS wants to start a breakfast club to practice in the morning, with donuts. - College career night for sophomores. Reviewed financial aid paperwork, explained timelines, GPA game. It was well attended with lots of engagement with families. - 10th graders went snowshoeing up to the 10th mountain division huts. Reserved by lottery. 3 hour trip incorporating snow science, i.e. avalanche mitigation, snow melts. Wrap up 2/9. Today the second trip went out. Did triple gear check due to weather. First winter voyage in a long time. Will survey the kids for feedback. - Upcoming sweetheart dance and Valogram sales by student leadership. 9th grade snowshoe and ice-skating day trip. - Started concert band for the first time. Adding Taiko drumming X-Blocks. Concert planned for March. - Renaissance Crew Rendezvous as an adult gala at Cielo. - National thespian society induction and adding a junior society. - Disney Descendants happening after spring break. - Exhibition night in May. 8th and 12th graders not included Hiring updates - Hired two math teachers for high school. One new and one experienced. One of them graduated 6th grade from Renaissance Elementary School. She teaches math and science. Undergrad in physics, minor in creative writing. She leads hiking X-Block - Feedback on job fair at UNC. They talked to 6 people all day. To recruit for next year, using social media, LinkedIn, Indeed, out of state. Build network with parents and teachers. - Health and PE still unfilled. Potentially next year. - For next year, reviewing scheduling, placement, and number of kids.
SAC Announcements, Member Roles, and Opportunities	Dani Newman – Looking at next year and positions available. - Chair Parent Rep will be open next year. - Kristen Gerstner is the Vice Chair and will confirm if she wants to continue. - Eric Crewes as DAC Liaison is planning to continue. - Brie Sellers will continue as the Parent Crew Rep and recorder. - Melissa and Amy will meet separately to plan. - Come back to that in the April meeting. Dani will collect information prior to the next

	meeting.
Calendar – Next meeting date & reading	April 25, 2023 – 5:00 Highlight adjusted time for Brittany. Melissa England to bring open reading.
Adjournment	Question – Eric Crewes – How many students do we have that do sports at other schools? How well does that work? Answer – Dani Newman – This year you could play for any DCSD school. Next year they are rezoning to play for your home school only. The school district voted on it at the end of last year. Answer – Amy Stuart – Doesn't have an exact number. Her guess is 15 a school year. 3-4 baseball at DC, lacrosse, soccer, swimming (already a coop). The baseball kids practice at Metzler and it works out well. Transportation is the biggest hurdle for freshman/sophomores. Football students walked to DC in the past. Tiffany is putting together a graphic to explain how to help build awareness for parents. Trying to improve on updating the parents on dates for tryouts.

During open forum, each attendee may share for up to three minutes thoughts and ideas that relate to SAC. Topics brought to SAC may be put on a future agenda for discussion. Speakers must observe rules of decorum and not engage in other disruptive behavior. If a speaker is in the middle of a sentence when time is called, he/she may finish their thought before sitting down. The time guidelines ensure that others will have an opportunity to speak. Speakers may not allot their time to others. SAC open forum is designed for parents or community members to bring items to the SAC and is not a question/answer session. Questions about the school's program or non-SAC related comments or questions should be sent directly to school staff: info@rensec.org.