



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

Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 5:30

Attendance	Amy Stuart, Melissa England, Kristen Gerstner, Brie Sellers, Ryan Lazarony Guests - Paula Barrons & Travis Barrons
Open Reading	Eric – Emotional Agility
Open Forum	Reviewed open forum documents.
Approval of August 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes	Approval of Meeting Minutes, Thursday, January 18 th – 1 st Kirsten and 2 nd Eric
District Accountability Committee (DAC)	Eric – Not a whole lot of change. Explained what the DAC is. Similar to this meeting but for the district. It doesn't usually touch a lot on charter but it's good to have the priorities DAC is working on. Most recent meeting approval of the budget. All of the meeting documents are in the DAC folder on google drive. Shared slides about budget priorities for the district and how it's being formulated, budget changes at the state level. The accountability and the board have some disagreements to work through. Similar to the SAC the DAC makes recommendations, and the board can decide what to do. Working on the calendar and getting feedback as well. Presentations will be on the google drive. Next meeting is next Thursday.
Parent Crew Foundation	Brie – Had a PCF meeting at the end of March and scheduled a final meeting in May.

	RCR Recap – Did not have final numbers for this meeting but estimated \$20,000 when including penny wars. Did not hit our goal. Announced we are looking for a new board member for the 2024/2025 school year – Treasurer. Prom Progress – Chaired by Lyndsey • Castle Rock Library and after prom will be at the MAC. • Partnering with student leadership on the theme and “Once Upon a Time” won. • Called for volunteers to help with souvenirs, set up and take down, and chaperones for after prom. Kids Night Out • Saturday 3/30, Dr. Suess themed and chaired by Lyndsey and Eileen together. Fundraising – Tiffany • American Furniture and Box Tops are the passive fundraisers. Shared how to participate. • Edukits is well under way! Janice has run this even for several years. Staff Appreciation – Tracy • Monthly Treats has gone really well and have volunteers for the rest of the year. As well as portfolio night and exhibition night meals. • Staff Appreciation Week – run by Lyndsey. Called for volunteers. • Birthday treats for the staff the rest of the year.
Staff Update	Melissa England – staff talent show. Part of wish week. Student generated. Just got through CMAS. Kudos to Kelley Shoemaker. Feedback from 7th grade advisory that they like the schedule, liked the breaks and outdoor time. 8th grade – passage presentations and looking for parent volunteers to be on panels. Share their beliefs and feelings as they go into high school place.
School Leader Report	Amy – Sports – basketball cheer and climbing. Girls team did really well. A lot of the students hadn’t participated before. Climbing team won 3d place, and had placements at state. Another new sport in spring, boys flex football. Volleyball game in the gym, played against world compass. First game they lost but have been improving. Theater – Guys & Dolls musical in winter.

	RCR – presentation about what we were raising funds for. Teachers are excited to get their requested items. There’s going to be something for everyone. The pieces will go directly to students. Acorn Grants – teachers requested grants for similar items that wouldn’t be supported by RCR. RSS received 14k in grants – such as taiko drums, eco sensor. Able to get some things that we can’t get every year. Teachers are excited and inspired. Student activities – student leadership led a blood drive. Filled all the slots. Students really worked hard. Older students donated and felt really good about it. First time we’ve ever had it. Coordinated with another organization, did it with very little adult support. The company offers an honor cord for graduation. several students qualified. First bad festival. Regional completion. There are 5 levels. RSS was third level – won “Good”. Enriching for the students to see. Wish Week – 3rd annual talent show, kona ice, if they raise a certain amount of money Amy will do a Hot Ones challenge. Trivia. Prom April 27th – at the library and after prom at the MAC. “Once Upon a Time” theme Shrek JR. – end of May, happening the weekend of graduation. Graduation – outgrown the commons. Moved it to the amphitheater. The band will play, choir will sing. 30 graduates. Next year will be closer to 60. Safety & Security – stop the bleed training. It’s leveled up training. School nurse reached out about training, and they will provide free stop the bleed kits. 8-10 people attended. 24/25 Hiring updates – Hired SPED to backfill, retiring and filled social worker, HS math moving one of HS teacher to MS. Interviewing for two new positions we’re adding. Adding MS social studies for enrollment numbers, counselor – relocating, adding another SPED for enrollment Question – where do you source your candidates. Job postings through dougco school districts. league of charter school sites, reach out to schools for graduates. Have a lot of word of mouth right now. Do we post internally at Doug? No because we’re a charter and are excluded from that. Facilities – painting new pieces every year. Ongoing maintenance. Brandon Birdwell at the helm of that.
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	Yurt – stuck in permitting process with Castle Rock. Location limitations, building codes. Planned to put it by Deegan’s classroom, around fencing. Questions about fire-code and need for sprinklers. Other option by the outdoor classroom. It would cost more to put the platform there. Hopeful that it will here by next school year. Our building is big, but we have a lot of space that isn’t utilized for classroom space. Need more classrooms to accommodate class variety and class sizes. It’s more affordable than trailers (2-3x). The plan is for it to serve for HS. Currently getting estimates for platforms and sprinklers to make the decision. Want to share what we’re exploring. Welcome center has two stories, could create an upper-level classroom. Potentially being an art room. Could probably upgrade it for \$300/sq foot. Plumbing, HVAC. Not a firm estimate. Likely 1 year permitting process. The yurt It’s a temporary type structure. This would be a permanent fix and could be quicker. Budget Priorities • Teacher salaries and stipends for summer work – want to stay competitive with DCSD. Haven’t been able to provide time for teachers to plan in depth for next year with their colleagues. Want something more sustainable. Provide paid designated time for them. • Professional development – everyone went to the EL conference last year. Not as a high a priority because we have a lot of lasting learnings we’re working on. • Technology – Acorn Grants, RCR fundraising. Projectors, MACs. Trying to get on a cycle of replacing ongoing. Student chromebooks. Testing has to be completed on school chromebooks. • Transportation and fieldwork – have the two-way busses. Analyzing how much we’re spending on additional transportation. Partnership with REMS. Sometimes we’ll pay for a charter bus, renting vans. Also at a point with the busses, they are leased, not at a place for full size bus because we’d need a CDL driver. Know it’s something we need to look at and potentially prioritize. • Other thoughts and discussion from the attendees > Recommendation - Should we make purchasing a bus the RCR goal next year? Amy shared some information about current security. Building up a college readiness process – internship processes and partnerships. Currently have 3 counselors. Full time is focused on college planning plus another. Looking at opportunities for growth into other path lines. Three could be a budgetary piece related to adding a post-secondary person
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	specialized in navigating students make those plans. Leads to another piece of needing more office space. Could make that a volunteer position but would require some training. Right now it's harder with the smaller graduating class size, individual plan. As we grow, we would be able to scale.
SAC Announcements, Member Roles, and Opportunities	Kristen – Aligning on term limits. 2-year terms. Tiffany requested a document with current attendees.
Calendar – Next meeting date & reading	Ryan volunteered for next reading. Thursday, August 22 nd @ 5:30
Adjournment	Eric moved, Brie seconded, all in favor

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.