



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, August 22, 2023 @ 5:30

Attendance	Amy Stuart, Melissa England, Kristen Gerstner, Eric Crewes, Brie Sellers
Open Reading	Kristen The dream begins with the teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called 'truth'." – Dan Rather
Open Forum	Nothing to add.
Approval of August 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes	Motion to approve amended minutes (3 changes) Approval of May 9 th Meeting Minutes – 1 st Eric and 2 nd Kirsten - all aye
District Accountability Committee (DAC)	Eric – DAC meeting on 8/17. • Welcomed new members and reviewed norms. MLO bond discussion to provide a resolution to the board. The district staff can't vote but prepared recommendations. • Special meeting on 8/31 to approve district goals. Election of officers. Same people reelected. • Heard from board liaisons – approving budget, MLO bond recommendations, new policy discussions. • Parent and Family engagement policy - DAC initiatives from the board last year and came up with a plan and the board decided not to look at the recommendations from the DAC. • The CART process, one of the DAC members is required to participate and they are the only party required to read the full application (4000 pages). They were not invited to participate in

	the final decision. May decide to present during public comment at the next board meeting. Staff Updates - SAC regional trainings, DAC forum in October, Accountability, PSAT and SAT will not be offered digitally and adaptive. Eric will post full notes to the folder.
Parent Crew Foundation	Brie – • PCF filled all board positions – Eileen Gordon and Lyndsey Lucas will share president duties, Tiffany Thompson is continuing as VP, Tracy Keys as Treasurer and Brie Sellers as Secretary. • Attended new student orientation and launch night, first quarterly PCF meet on Thursday 8/24 • Fundraising – Tiffany is chairing fundraising committee this year. Repeating Mums fundraiser and homecoming bake sale. Waiting on approval for fall photo shoot. Box tops as a passive campaign. Janice Gonzales will again run edukits. • Staff Appreciation – Lyndsey will once again chair. Tracy will facilitate monthly staff treats as well as quarterly conference/exhibition meals. Brie is sending birthday and milestone treats throughout the year. Weekly spotlights going out in the news and notes. • Student Events – PCF will co-chair kids night out. Organize homecoming dance and cornament event. Eileen and Lyndsey will be co-chairing Renaissance Rendezvous again this year. Lyndsey will event chair for all dances. Janice Gonzalez will again spearhead student testing treats.
Staff Update	Melissa England It's week 3 but everyone fell into a groove quickly this year. Have a lot of new kids who settled easily. Kudos to staff and administration for creating that. It's year 7 and we have good learning, staff has confidence in what to do with kids in any and all situations. Good feelings to start the year. Question – how was the new schedule received and working. Answer – Melissa - change is a challenge but it's gone well. Navy and Teal is the language and they're using it. Helping them with navigation. Teal is advisory, navy is flex rotation (teachers rotate to work with different kids). Melissa only had a handful of kids who went to the wrong class. The high schoolers appreciate alternating day schedule. That's the feedback she's heard. Sees a lot of kids using the tools and taking ownership.

School Leader Report	Amy – An awesome start to the year. A lot of excitement. Already they’ve done senior sunrise, voyages for 6 and 9. • Completed senior sunrise and voyages for 6th and 9th grade. Voyages for 11th 7th and 8th coming – getting every grade out in the fall except 10th and 12th. • Homecoming 9/25 – Friday night lights in the courtyard again. Food trucks this time. PCF is helping out with that organization. • Fall play – auditions and casting have already occurred. Full plays and musicals for both HS and MS. • EL education Conference (Nov/Dec) – closed for school so all teachers can attend. Melissa will be presenting! • Shared some photos from the first day. Haven’t had a lot of teacher turnover and everyone knew what to do. Staffing updates • SPED – Annissa Dinsmore - fully staffed in this department. She comes to us with experience. • MS LA – James Lavalette – added headcount • Science – Joseph Scotten – added headcount • Theater – Chelsea Johnson – is a returning teacher. bringing experience with DCPA. • Math – Audrey Gillies – added headcount • PE – Jess Perkins – started pickle ball! • Open positions – Counselor, Student Support and Educational Assistant, Student Support. Posted with some interest. Has one candidate in finals and another we’re interested in. Able to use grant funds to fill these positions. Option to reallocate those funds if needed. State Testing – • Only have achievement results not growth. • Achievement scores are really good! (scores are averages) • Trend data doesn’t represent the same students over time. • RSS is beating district and state in ELA. Science is highest and beating district and state. • Looking at Castle Rock comparison – RSS is competitive against three other neighborhood schools. • PSAT SAT data – PSAT 9 higher than state, PSAT 10 equal to district, SAT beating state.
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- CMAS ELA and Math achievement growth is trending up since 2017. Science has grown from 549 to 748 since 2017. Amy thinks it's teacher change that's had the biggest impact. Melissa credits test prep work.
- Instructional leadership team will dig into the results to look for trends and causes. PSAT and SAT are imperfect measures decided by the state, CMAS is a better representation. Able to dig deep into the data and look at individual results.
- With the SAT PSAT switching to digital and adaptive, test prep is going to be different, comparison to prior years is going to be more challenging. RSS will offer a practice test to help students understand timing of the test and the new format.
- Students wanted to take the SAT for college reasons but now not all schools will accept the results. Bigger schools aren't requiring it. Hoping the state will look at other measures.
- Will look at UIP next meeting.

Enrollment

- 410 is total enrollment. MS is 223, HS 187. 6th 59, 7th 98, 8th 66, 9th 37, 10th 57, 11th 56, 12th 37. Always see a bit of a drop off from 8 to 9. But 81% retention to 9th grade.

Space is at a premium. Now using the commons as a classroom space. Looking to add a Yurt as a mobile classroom. It's stuck with permitting and documentation approvals with the town of Castle Rock. Space off the commons, asphalt and flat, easy access to the building, weather reinforcement, secure doors, heat. Will need to build a deck platform and have someone lined up for that. Hopefully in a month or two. A high school teacher will move to the Yurt. Got furniture from the library over the summer thanks to Brittnee Pierse. Brandon helped facilitate the moving. Modular furniture went into the crew spaces.

Budget priorities –

- Salaries – COLA and comp increases, minimum 7% across the board.
- Professional development

MLO Bond

- On the ballot this year.
- RSS impact – 900 per student in additional funds tied to compensation
- No bond funds for RSS

	UIP (unified improvement plan) • Biennial flexibility utilized last year • Will bring analysis next meeting
SAC Announcements, Member Roles, and Opportunities	Need one more person. Kirsten moved to do an election in the community. Eric seconded. Blurb will go out for an election.
Calendar – Next meeting date & reading	Switching meetings to Mondays. October 2, 2023 at 5:30 Melissa volunteered to do the reading.
Adjournment	Kirsten moved to adjourn – all aye

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.