



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, November 21, 2024 @ 5:30

Attendance	SAC Members: Amy Stuart, Shannon Herzog, Kristen Gerstner, Brie Sellers, Ryan Lazarony Others in Attendance: Paula Barrons, parent attendee
Open Reading	Kristen – Apache proverb “It’s better to have less thunder in the mouth than lightning in the hand.”
Open Forum	Welcome Shannon! New Teacher Rep for the SAC. UIP – discussed the cadence for reporting. It’s a two-year cycle for RSS. Because we’re a charter school, the budget is a more robust process. Next meeting will include more information.
Approval of Minutes	Meeting Minutes from 8/22/2024 – Approved 1st Eric and 2nd Brie *Two revisions to edit.
District Accountability Committee (DAC)	Eric was unable to attend the most recent meeting. The topics didn’t include relevant information for RSS. DCSD Pathway expo – tonight is their November meeting and Eric will attend to learn about how the program is working for the district. CTE center for trades and technical education. The legacy campus provides 9 pathways such as teaching, nursing, culinary arts, aviation, computer science, etc. Discussed if there should be more communication to our school parents about attending. Amy clarified the way the programs work. It is not a standalone school, and the students are still required to attend their home school. The districts provide additional support, it’s more difficult for our students to attend and the scheduling is complex. Our counselors do one on one meetings with our juniors

	and have added the pathways option to their meetings. We've had 3 students participate. Additional information provided from Paula and the training she attended. The other topic tonight will be SAC survey results. Eric filled out the survey and requested to have a DAC member attend one of our meetings. General sense of the DAC meetings is there is more interest in charter feedback.
Parent Crew Foundation	Fundraising – • Mums Fundraiser raised over \$1000. • Fall family photo shoot happened on 11/16 and raised \$1100. • Homecoming bake sale raised over \$600. • Book Fair in partnership with Barnes & Noble on 11/16. • Passive fundraisers continue with Box Tops and American Furniture Warehouse. • RCR – honing in on a venue. Once RSS decides what we're fundraising for, meetings will begin. Staff Appreciation – • Monthly staff treats will continue through the year. Volunteers for every month already confirmed! September treats provided by Nicole Furlong, October treats provided by Janice Gonzales, November Treats provided by Cyndi Lane. • September conference meals were provided by Angie Smith and Paula Barrons. Birthday Celebrations – • Continue through the rest of the year thanks to a generous donation from Einstein Bros. Bagels. Holiday Gifts - • Purchased and ready to be delivered! Student Events – • Homecoming recap - The dance went well, students loved the theme and the addition of the DJ. Will plan for a DJ for Homecoming and Prom in the future. Students enjoyed the casino tables and food and had nothing but positive feedback. Our parents strongly supported the bake sale again, and we feel that it has been a great way to meet new volunteers and allow many parents to be involved. • Halloween dance recap - nearly all of the MS students attended. Will request to use the Commons for the dance next year. The outside

	movie was a hit although there were some technical difficulties. It was good to have an additional activity. High school attendance was lower than anticipated, looking into ways to get more involvement from the high schoolers or switching to having this be a middle school only event. High school attendance was approximately 60-70 students. Middle school attendance was approximately 200 students. ● Prom- Prom is tentatively scheduled for 5/3. Lyndsey and Eileen are finalizing the venue scheduling, but the current plan is to have the dance at the Millhouse, and after prom at the Miller Activity complex. Eileen is obtaining contracts for both venues. Lyndsey will meet with students in February to decide on a theme. ● Adopt a family- volunteer Janice Gonzales is working closely with the students to help with adopt a family
Staff Update	School is great! Book Fair – Shannon got to be one of the teachers that supported the event. Now that we know what we know, Shannon is volunteering again. She took her x-block group for an open mic presentation. They all read two poems, an original and an “OPP” other person's poem. It was awesome! 8th Grade ELA class got to be part of a live webinar with the Natural Museum of Science. As a follow up lesson, she'll pull in Christina Shore for the legal perspective. The students will read Jurassic Park and prepare a case against the company, InGen. Xblocks are always fun. Excited to see what happens next quarter.
School Leader Report	Celebrations – ● Bread making collaboration with kitchen staff, science teacher connected with them. ● Brittnee has been working hard to elevate the athletics programs. Great new photographer for the teams. Had our mountain biking team compete. That team is growing. We try to promote it every year. It starts in summer. Volleyball is playing through October. Progressed to tournament play. Cross country had their first meet. They decided to cross the finish line together! A couple of our students placed 2nd and 4th. Have a MS cheer team. Boys basketball play begins in December. HS spirit team will perform during exhibition. Actively working to get into CHSSA. You have two years to complete the application and we're in the first year. Tom Smith and Brittnee are working together. Hoping within the next couple of years we'll be there and playing at a competitive level. We would be 2A and there's very few.

	● Homecoming – had a volleyball tournament. The sophomore team beat the seniors. ● She Kills Monsters – had an adjudicator come out from Thescon to evaluate. They gave a ton of feedback. It was free for the school and provided valuable feedback. TLCC Data – ● Another 2-year reporting rotation. Teaching and Learning Conditions Colorado survey. It’s an anonymous survey. Compares our school to DCSD, state, other charters etc. Staff’s overall impression of the school and future employment plans is 98%. It’s the highest in the district. Had several 100% favorability ratings: led by an effective team, guided by a shared vision, showing respect for each other, comfortable raising important issues. 34 teachers completed the survey. Working through the feedback from the survey and evaluation. Use the district process but want something unique for RSS. Time was at 75% but that is low at every school. The results weren’t surprising. Added asking EAs about their roles. The data is public! SPF – School Performance Framework ● Uses this data to inform the UIP. Our ratings have stayed stable from 2023 to 2024. Compared to other schools in Castle Rock – our number is 82%, Castle View HS is 72%, DCSD is 70%. MS is 92%, CR MS is 57%, Mesa is 63%. ● Highlighted 96% on MS Academic achievement. The trends overall are stable. ● Have some disaggregated data that we’re looking at. ● Academic achievement for MS – still a small sample at our school at 18. Received 8/8 points for English. All ‘exceeds’ ratings. ● HS sample size is 25 – All meets ratings. ● PSAT – 85 students, Reading and writing, math - all meets. Minority and students with disabilities were approaching and something we’re looking at. ● 33 students took CMAS science and got a ‘meets’. ● PSAT/SAT – 91 students in reading and writing rated meets, 109 students in math rated ‘exceeds’. ● Dropout rating has always been high and stable at ‘exceeds’. ● Postsecondary readiness was a focus for our UIP, and this year we are at 85% (29/34), meets. Had a task force looking at the SPF. This is
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	referencing the class of 2023 graduates, 30 kids. Improved to 'approaching'. Overall rating is 'meets'. - Reminder of what RSS is working on! Additional counseling added this year, signing day to celebrate whatever they decide to do, creating an elevated career fair. New HS Building – - It's always been the plan to have a HS building with athletics facilities. Current working plan is this building would be MS and then have another HS campus. Still discussing with the staff and evaluating options with architects to evaluate cost and get bidding. Putting all of that together right now. It would come up in January to submit intent.
SAC Announcements, Member Roles, and Opportunities	Member roles – Eric Crewes, DAC Ryan Lazarony, Vice Chair Kristen Gerstner, Chair Brie Sellers, Secretary Shannon Herzog, Teacher Representative Amy Stuart, Head of School
Calendar – Next meeting date & reading	Next Meeting: February 13, 2025 @ 5:30 Shannon volunteered for the reading.
Adjournment	Move to adjourn – Eric moves, Kristen 2nd

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.