



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, May 9, 2023 @ 5:30

Attendance	Amy Stuart, Eric Crewes, Melissa England, Brie Sellers, Kirsten Gerstner
Open Reading	Melissa England – Don't Quit poem, Edgar Guest
Open Forum	No additional items
Approval of prior Meeting Minutes	Approval of February 7 th Minutes – 1 st Melissa England and 2 nd Kirsten Gerstner Adjustment to minutes - EL Education conference in Denver not DAC.
District Accountability Committee (DAC)	Eric Crewes – unable to attend last meeting due to travel. Pulled minutes from prior meeting and will upload documents. - Working on as a DAC group MEBC committee and how to restore funding that wasn't passed recently. CART review committee for new applications. Looking at adding 8 charter schools. Two schools in one building – one school will focus on autism and learning challenges. They applied for a charter and were refused, changed some strategy and reapplying. Update from board "across the board" link. Staff updates but nothing of major note. Looking at equity and curriculum policy. Not big changes recommended beyond transparency and community view. Conversations about teacher review process and improvement. None of that would impact RSS. Next meeting is Thursday.
Parent Crew Foundation	Brie Sellers – - PCF has wrapped majority of initiatives for the year. Remaining is lost and found days, teacher appreciation week, edukits, and a few smaller items. - PCF VP Dani Newman has stepped down. Tiffany Thompson replaced her position for the remainder of the year. She plans to stay on for two more years. Next years board is being finalized. Eileen and Lyndsey will share the president position, Tiffany will be VP, and Tracy will be treasurer. Currently looking for secretary candidates. - Rendezvous fundraiser was well attended and exceeded goal with \$42000. Rock wall will begin this summer. Next year tentative date is February 10th. Fundraising Updates - Coffee fundraiser brought in \$100. Looking at alternatives, possible a partnership with Tagawa Gardens. Janice Gonzales is running Edukits. Staff Appreciation - Lyndsey oversaw these initiatives. Currently the committee is focused on staff

	appreciation week with a rock and roll theme. - Staff continued to receive monthly treats and meals on late nights for conference and exhibition. - Holiday gifts for the teachers and monthly treats through the end of the year. Student Events - Kids night out for the REMS kids in March was successful. Student volunteers received a lot of praise from parents. - Prom and afterprom highly successful. - Janice Gonzales again spearheaded the student testing treats. - Senior dinner during capstone night led by volunteers Kristie Fultie and Caritia Krakow. - Senior legacy gift funds will go to a flagpole at the school.
Staff Update	Melissa England – - Yearbooks are here and distributed to seniors on Thursday, whole school on last day. - 8th grade is a big focus for MS. Had one group out on voyage last week, the other this week. Presentations have changed. It's now a speech that the students are preparing. All school drum circle. - Exhibition night is another big focus. On the 24th of May will showcase final products through second semester.
School Leader Report	Amy Stuart – Really busy but awesome time of year. - Senior capstones are May 12th. At night they'll be set in the commons. Already presented to the committee start to finish. On Friday it will be open house style. - One of the math classes (sophomore and junior) did a really nice job of creating proposals for displays of the trophies and awards. Counselors, administrators came in to hear the presentations. The math was complex. It will be in the welcome center. Selected two projects to take to the board. Other students did more linear ones – proposed other hallways and opportunities to expand. Another project built a cylinder. The kids are excited to present to the board. - National junior honor society induction - HS co-ed volleyball doing well. Boys volleyball just wrapped. - POST Environment club is cleaning up Metzler park. - Prom – parent crew was phenomenal. Sky zone for after prom. - Lots of day trips going out (7th and 11th grade). - Wish week was a huge success. Raised money for Matthew to go to HI. Kids did walk for wishes and Amy kissed a llama but not the alpaca. - Talent show was great. Staff did a number from Beauty & the Beast. - 8th grade continuation and Right of Passage voyages. - Seniors last day is Friday. - DC trip for 8th grade - Graduation May 20th. Have had three graduations – one in the courtyard, one drive up, one in the commons. Enrollment Update – - MS 217, HS 186. Have seen an uptick in MS. Right now we have 350 students. Seeing 10-15 applications/ week. Have talked about temporary buildings – like a Yurt. There are some rooms that get underutilized throughout the day that they could use. - Question -Any themes to the increase in interest? 80% are word of mouth. UIP will hit in august. Will get test score data in August. Current goals math curriculum

	implementation and ELA book study. Staffing – - PE and health position is grant funded and hired someone for that, Jessica perkin. - Posted Special education, adding MS English, also looking to add MS Spanish but not something that needs to be filled. - Only one staff member not returning. MLO Bond - Both will be on the ballot in Nov. MLO will go to salaries, Bond will go to building new schools. Increased the bond slightly for inflation and potentially safety. They didn't want to change them too much to keep it consistent for voters and we still have the same needs. If it passes, we'd get 100% of the MLO allotment. RSS wouldn't get the bond unless it was the safety portion. Question - How are projects chosen for fundraising? The school has needs, brings that to the parent crew who will check in with the bigger meetings to get feedback from the parents. Timing is also a factor. The next one that keeps popping up is putting turf in the field and adding a track.
SAC Announcements, Member Roles, and Opportunities	Amy Stuart – - Eric moved to nominate Kirsten as Chair, Brie seconded. - Eric moved to keep the slate. Unanimous approval. 5 voters. - Eric volunteered as interim Vice Chair until a new person is found to serve. - Melissa confirmed serving as the teacher rep.
Calendar – Next meeting date & reading	August Meeting Date – August 22, 2023 @ 5:30pm Reading – Kirsten
Adjournment	Kirsten moved, Eric seconded - 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.