

Vista School Board Meeting

October 22, 2020 Agenda

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738 (virtually via zoom)

Board members present: Matt Middione (Board Chair), Michelle Walter, Jacqueline Powell, Eli Milne

Others present: Sam Gibbs (Director), Troy Bradshaw (Tech Director), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Marie Ehlers (School Counselor), Chris Barnum (VP), Kelly Geary (VP), Hillary Osness, Meltem Wood (Joined around 5:15), Katie Pearce (joined around 5:30, left shortly after)

5:03 PM- CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions- Matt Middione

5:06 PM- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Josh moves to approve previous minutes. Michelle seconds. Josh says "Aye", Matt says "Aye", Eli says "Aye", Jacqueline abstains, Michelle says "Aye"

5:08 PM- PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eli has to leave at 6:30.

5:08 PM- COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Chris wants to acknowledge Sam & Troy for all they are doing around the school for faculty and staff.

5:09 PM- BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting- Thursday, November 19 @ 5:00 pm

5:09 PM- REPORTS

Director's Report – Sam Gibbs

5:09- Enrollment and Lottery Update

Second term started this week. 1038 in September, 1034 by October 1. Currently at 1030. Waitlist has remained around the same numbers in the last few weeks. Numbers will probably stay the same through the holidays then rise when the lottery is starting up. Michelle asks why the waitlist numbers are lower than usual, Sam thinks it's because of letting 100+ students in recently.

- Faculty/Staff Changes

5:15- Student Performance Data

Sam reviewed Vista's report card. Of the 150 points possible, we earned 77 points 2017-2018 and 72 points 2018-2019. Compared to other schools in the area, we scored well. The current report card from 2019-2020 shows an increase in ELL at 42% compared to 44% for the state average. The percentage of ELL students who are language proficient is at 9% while the state is at 6%. Michelle says numbers look great and hopes that it means we will continue to move up. Sam agrees.

Attendance Report will be addressed with Marie's report but it will look a lot different this year due to COVID quarantines. Josh asks how attendance is tracked for online or hybrid students. Sam explains that they check log-in time and progress made in coursework. Josh asks if the same policy could be applied to quarantined students.

Accreditation scores are in, national average is 278-283, Vista scored a 329 with no areas of deficiency.

-Policy Updates

5:30-Expansion Update

City Council voted to close a number of easements on our property and moved to other places. Architectural drawings are complete, passed officials, and are with permit currently, Permit should be back within the next few weeks. Hugh's has bids out on different items which will close in the next few weeks and should allow for a ground-breaking date by next board meeting. Josh asked if there was any push back with the city council. Sam said not from the city council, but the mayor said they were not happy that we were allowed to go through the state instead of local avenues.

5:34-COVID-19 update

2 active cases, 1 teacher and 1 student. 47 students on quarantine. There are no student to student spread cases. Sam explained that infrastructure issues would be most detrimental to the school and the possibility of closing down. For instance, if the full admin team had to quarantine or the cafeteria workers, that could be a problem to running the school successfully. Michelle asked what the quarantine would look like in days- Sam says a full 14 days would be the most likely solution in order to eradicate the virus from the building.

Marie Ehlers-

5:46-Comprehensive Counseling Center

College and Career Readiness is the new name of the counseling program. They focus on easy students access for social and emotional help. Marie explained the many way students can check in with the counseling office and get the support they need. Tier 1 (Tier 1 means every student gets this) intervention is social emotional learning. Another intervention is the Wellness Center that is staffed by a paraprofessional. It's a place for students to go when they need a reset. There is also a virtual Wellness Center for when students are not in school. They have been trained on how to access it. Tier 2 Interventions (when Tier 1 does not seem to work as well for some students) are lunch groups, study skills, friendship skills, coping skills, etc. 8th & 9th graders get a meeting about high school transition, college options, etc. ACT Aspire test is also administered to those students. College Week is held in March, students create boards on different colleges and teachers decorate doors, etc. Career Readiness skills are taught as well- creating resumes, mock interviews, and soft skills are all covered. Student welfare is covered by the counseling center as well, which includes holiday giving, neighborhood connection, and help with clothing and uniforms. A survey sent out to students showed that the majority of students feel safe and included at Vista. Attendance is monitored and students are checked on to make sure they are attending regularly. 11% of students are chronically absent which means they are absent more then 10% of the time. This is always something we want to see go down. Vista is above the national average when it comes to ACT Aspire scores in English, Reading, and Math. Although we score low at science compared to the national average, we are outscoring the state in that area. Marie also went over the accreditation report more. The accreditation found the following themes in the school: growth mindset, invests in future of students, impact on future sustainability, and a focus on collecting and analyzing data.

6:08- Financial Report – Troy Bradshaw

- Financials and Budget Review

Most expenses are at 25% of budget. At the end of construction, we are hoping to be able to re-sell the portables. Debt service is heavily loaded now because of interest. Overall budget looks good.

- Report on compliance with bond covenants and state filing deadlines

6:16 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- FY SY Budget

none

- COVID related changes/actions

none

6:19-MISC COMMENTS

Michelle had a parent comment on Facebook about the play auditions, and that it seems to be the same kids every year. She (the parent) asked if maybe there could be some 1-act plays added. Sam agrees and says we would need to find different ways to conduct them and add to human resources because of the work overload of those teachers already. Britni suggested that Allie Kohler could possibly host some smaller plays with in her acting classes, as well. Sam agrees that Allie is a great asset to Vista and was added with the intention of getting more theater activities going.

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

none

6:28 PM – ADJOURN

Eli moves to move into a closed session. Josh seconds. Josh says “Aye”, Matt says “Aye”, Eli says “Aye”, Jacqueline says “Aye”, Michelle says “Aye”. Unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION

To discuss the character or competence of an individual. Requires Roll call vote.