Horizon Middle School

School Accountability Committee (SAC)

Meeting Agenda

1/21/21

**Horizon SAC Attendance -** Lauren Stuart, Dustin Horras, Christina McCrady, Liz Wagers, Jennifer Breeding, Brad Baker, Stephanie Laramie

**Approval of Minutes:** https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pQ3WXVFVEVsylRrYa2K6WmsWIjoj43S24M6\_jlfo0pk/edit?usp=sharing

**DAAC Update**

1. Q&A with Peter Hilts
   1. Mandatory Vaccine? No for students and staff.
   2. Sports and Events? Yes. Season B has started for HS sports. He anticipates activities will happen at the end of the year
   3. If we are in RED, do we continue with the plan to open at 100%/50%? Yes. RED status doesn’t translate to risk in school settings
2. Family Engagement Committee is interested in streamlining certain topics for SAC meetings yearly so parents know when topics will be brought up.
3. Any topics you would like discussed at the DAAC?
4. Upcoming: Pedro Almeida and Tech Equity

**Unfinished Business**

* None

**New Business**

1. **Technology**

* looking into ordering 250 more chromebooks; will hand over chromebooks that are older and wont update
* We may be able to have students have a computer during their time at Horizon in the future.

1. **The Future of IB**

* We are the only school in the district that are currently IB; SCHS/EES have taken it away
* We may remove the sticker but we can still utilize their best practices
* Q: What does that mean will be taken away? Foreign Language? A. You wouldn’t notice a difference. FL/Music won’t go away. Nothing will be affected that way.
* Q: Does that affect the IB diploma program? HMS has the MYP program. SCHS has been IB 7-8 years and tried to get the diploma program going. Only 5-6 students earned the full diploma but most students were choosing AP or now, CE. IB was another layer of expectations. We have run into scheduling issues also. It doesn’t make sense to spend that money when it doesn’t change what we are doing.

1. **State Testing**

* Right now, ELL students are supposed to be taking an ACCESS test
* CMAS is supposed to be in the spring (8th grade)
* HMS has done great over the past few years (didn’t take last year because of COVID)
* Controversy around if we should take tests this Spring
* Local superintendents signed a letter and sent it to CDE to ask that we not require testing
* Q: Does participation impact the school? A. Not this year. I don’t think they will count it against us. We want participation to be good and we want the school report card to reflect what we can do. 2 years ago, our SPF was the highest in District 49 (Based on achievement and growth).

1. **Title Budget**

* Made up of 3 things: Salaries (3 full time people paid through title, stipends for an extra class, study lab/tutoring), Training (sending teachers to conferences (i.e. Renaissance)), and Technology (purchasing of computers, subscriptions (Accelerate, PearDeck, BrainPop)
* Around $300k
* Instructional Coach, 2 math intervention teachers, and a reading intervention teacher funded through Title

1. **Renaissance**

* 465 qualified for Renaissance
* Postcards were sent out for those kids
* Planning events for 3rd quarter
* Virtual events happened last quarter (opened tab at DQ last semester)
* We will go into their cohort group to give out prepackaged snacks and food
* Planning a cotton candy drive through
* 60-75% usually qualify

**Future Business**

* None

# Open Forum - Q&A with Principal Dustin Horras

Q: The survey that went out about a Hybrid Option for Fall 2021 was confusing. How would I know what I want my child to do not knowing what the year will look like? A: This is if there is a normal year, would you want to continue with a virtual option

# Q: I wish Sand Creek would alert parents like Horizon does. If they aren’t on a zoom meeting, I get a call immediately. My daughter at Sand Creek was on the wrong platform for 2 weeks and now has to redo all that work.

# Next Meeting - May 5th at 5:30pm

# Adjournment