

TMHS Accountability Committee Meeting
October 2, 2018; Bridal Veil Conference Room, 3:30-5:15 pm
Meeting #2 Minutes

Attendees:

Sara Kimble, TMHS Principal
Kiersten Stephens, Co-Chair
Julie Evans, Co-Chair
Monica Kelly Warren, Co-Chair
Karen Lavender, THS Counselor
Diana Koelliker
Scott Lambert, THS teacher
Leah Lauritzen, TMS teacher
Suzanne Hazen
Dylan Brooks, School Board Member
Len Metheny
Kristin Metheny
Judy Regrut
Caroline Luccareli, THS Student Council Rep
Eda Green, THS Student Council Rep
Mya Lerner, Peer Leadership Rep
Mary Lynn Chambers
Ellen Geldbaugh
Lucy Lerner
Sarah Ives
Jan DeLuca

- I. Meeting Minutes:
Meeting minutes from September 4, 2018 approved.
- II. Student Reports:
Student Council Reps-update on Homecoming plans for the week of October 15. Homecoming dance on October 20. Planned events include Powder Puff football and Peach Fuzz volleyball. Ballots have gone out for court. Upcoming Student Council trip to Denver October 11-13. Looking to bring ideas back to TMHS.

Peer Leadership Rep-recruitment efforts are ongoing for more members of the Peer Leadership team. Instituting Miner Bucks as a way to encourage leadership and to reward students for following the "Miner Way."
- III. HS Teacher report (Scott Lambert) and MS report (Leah Lauritzen):
nothing to add from Scott Lambert

Leah Lauritzen held comments for the main discussion topics
- IV. Principal Report:
Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) kicked off in grades 7-12. Vaping washighlighted as an area of concern and education. Parent meetings to educate on vaping were offered.

CARE Team is a group of teachers that handle anonymous. non-disciplinary referrals for concerns about students. Leah Lauritzen is a member of the CARE Team, and she added that this year CARE is focusing on building educational outreach platform. They are currently working on an informational video with Telluride TV. A suggestion was made to recruit alumni to share personal experiences with current students.

Friday lunch with Mr. Jones is an opportunity for students to meet and discuss ideas for substance-free events for teens around Telluride
- V. School Finance (Dylan Brooks, School Board Member):
Dylan outlined the reasons behind the mill levy ballot question. More funds are needed by TISD because state taxes have been going down. Our current level of property taxes assessed for the school district, 11.6 mils, is among the 10 lowest rates statewide. Other districts similar to ours have much higher rates, including Summit County at 21 mils. Denver's rate is 48 mils. The mil levy proposal would push us to 13, still very low. Average teacher pay has not kept up with the cost of living, and teachers are increasingly having to do more with less. To fill in the gaps teachers are writing grants in their personal time and getting creative to meet goals for students. Classroom size was discussed as an area of concern going forward. Teachers are unable to give as much one-on-one time to help students increase comprehension (Scott Lambert).

4A and school funding information website: www.4afortellurideschools.org

VI. THS Distinguished Academic Program Revision (Sara Kimble and Karen Lavender)

DAP has been around since at least 2000. There has been interest in revising it since 2014. The goals of the revision are : to represent that we now offer 17 AP courses as compared to 7 in 2000, to better reflect what colleges are looking for, and to push the bar for our students.

Sara and Karen reviewed the feedback from students, staff and accountability meeting attendees. The feedback suggested that there are people on all sides of this issue, so a discussion ensued to address some of the more common concerns that were raised.

Cost of AP courses was a common concern. The tests cost \$86 each, in addition to any book costs, which run \$0-\$200 per course. THS is a recipient of a grant that covers some of these costs for some students.

The increase in required APs from 2-5 was another concern. The statistics from recent graduating classes show that many students are taking 4-5 APs by graduation already. In 2017, 49% took 5+, in 2018 41% took 5+ and 54% took 4. A suggestion was made to require different numbers of APs for the different levels of Latin Honors

There was discussion of rebranding DAP as "Latin Honors Program" to better identify the purpose of the program. Another suggestion was to bring back the National Honors Society.

A subcommittee was formed to explore either developing a new version of the DAP revision or simply renaming it the "Latin Honors Program." The number of AP classes, Lab Sciences, GPA requirements, etc. will all be discussed and researched by this subcommittee. A new draft will be created and brought back to Accountability and Administration.

The discipline portion of the proposed revision was another area of discussion, but time ran short and this topic will need more exploration in another meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2018 3:30-5:15; Bridal Veil Conference Room

November Topics to include: Valedictorian/Salutatorian revision, continued discussion of DAP revision, Open House follow up and the state of the athletic department at THS