

TMHS Accountability Committee Meeting  
November 6, 2018; Bridal Veil Conference Room, 3:30-5:15 pm  
Meeting #3 Minutes

Attendees:

Sara Kimble, TMHS Principal  
Kiersten Stephens, Co-Chair  
Julie Evans, Co-Chair  
Monica Kelly-Warren, Co-Chair  
Chris Murray, THS Teacher  
Karen Lavender, THS Counselor  
Stephanie Hatcher, School Board  
Joe Baffoe, THS Teacher  
Grace Hennessy, TMS teacher  
Sue Hehir, TIS Teacher  
Diana Koelliker  
Suzanne Hazen  
Kristin Metheny  
Judy Regrut  
Justus Tudor, THS Student Council & Peer Leadership Rep  
Ellen Geldbaugh  
Sarah Ives

I. **Meeting Minutes:**

Meeting minutes from October 2, 2018 approved.

II. **Student Reports:**

Justus Tudor, Student Council & Peer Leadership Rep: Homecoming was a success – feedback from students was that it was “super awesome and fun” and students stayed until the end of the dance.

Peer Leadership is instituting Miner Bucks as a way to encourage leadership and to reward students for positive behavior and following the “Miner Way.” This student reward program will be used in a school store, which is funded by a Grant, and have items such as pens and Miner apparel.

III. **Teacher Reports:**

Grace Hennessy, MS Teacher: Re: Conferences

Teachers feedback included questions regarding the effectiveness of the conferences, are parents satisfied, what are the parent goals and how do we make it more meaningful.

The discussion included positive reaction from parents in meeting teachers and having face time. The concern is that the tutorial teacher, although they do their best to have the information from the other teachers, doesn't know the student's behavior in all classes and can't respond to some of the specific issues. There was also the question from parents in regards to follow-up with the specific teachers with concerns brought up at the conference.

A suggestion was made to have the option for parents to schedule conferences with other teachers if desired. Also, if a teacher is having an issue with a student, they can request a conference with the parents.

Joe Baffoe: HS Teacher: No conferences

He personally misses the face time with the parents.

HS Teachers would generally prefer to use the day to teach instead of having conferences with only a few parents.

IV **Principal Report:**

There's a lot of “good stuff” going on – soccer, the musical, etc.

Unfortunately, much of Sara Kimble and Chris Murray's time has been spent dealing with an increase in discipline issues including vaping, disruptive behavior and substance concerns.

Sara feels that her first responsibility should be as an Instructional leader to support teachers, however has not had the time to be in the classrooms because of the time involved in addressing these issues.

A possible suggestion is that an Assistant Principal be hired who could also act as a Dean of Students. Sara has preferred to hire an additional teacher when faced with adding staff, however with the size of the TMHS, this may be a future consideration. (This of course depends on the budget and election results.)

- V. **THS Athletics Presentation: Chris Murray**  
Chris gave an overview of the CHSSA classifications and eligibility requirements.  
Telluride's Soccer Team classification of 2A is determined by enrollment numbers and has a term of 2 years.  
Telluride's enrollment numbers are close to the next classification level, however there is an appeals process available. The 2A classification is important in regards to the geographic areas in which we play. There is the challenge of travelling for sports and both teachers and students missing school.
- VI. **Open House Follow-Up**  
Sara asked for Staff Feedback; she received 11 responses.  
Back to School Night gave the opportunity to briefly meet the teachers and get familiar with the individual class requirements and expectations.  
It would be good to have a designated day/time to schedule conferences if desired – by either the parents or teachers. (Possibly a Tuesday afternoon)
- Parent feedback and suggestions re: Open House:  
Many parents enjoy the Open House and feel comfortable reaching out to teachers if needed.  
Have different nights for Middle School vs High School – too difficult with multiple students in different schools.  
Have a general assembly first to address items such as Power School, Schoology and other common items so that teachers can just address their specifics in the short time allotted.  
Have an unstructured time to meet with teachers.  
Have a new Parent Orientation.
- Sara will ask the teachers to brainstorm ideas for the next school year. They will present their ideas to Accountability in the Spring.
- VII. **Latin Honors Revision Update: Julie Evans and Subcommittee**  
Julie Evans gave an update and presentation on the current status of the Latin Honors Revision.  
The subcommittee researched different schools' Latin Honors Programs, which was not always easy to obtain and looked at historical THS student GPA's and numbers of AP classes that have been taken at THS.  
The Latin Honors Program will help students plan to be recognized for their academic achievement at graduation.  
Students will meet with Alex Jones at class registration to make a plan.  
It is recommended that the revision begins with the Class of 2022 and would include increasing the minimum GPA, AP requirements, Language and Science requirements.  
The Math Department has been asked to make a recommendation for the Math requirement.  
The discipline provision regarding academic dishonesty is still being discussed, with a general feeling of giving a student a second chance to learn from the situation.  
This revision will be taken to the TMHS Faculty for approval and input at their next Faculty meeting.
- Currently there is also an Honor Roll each semester at TMHS which requires a minimum 3.5 GPA. This is separate from the Latin Honors Graduation program and has no other requirements than a minimum 3.5 GPA.
- VIII. **THS Valedictorian/Salutatorian Revisions**
- This item was not discussed due to running out of time; it will be addressed first at the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for **November 27, 2018 3:30-5:15**; Bridal Veil Conference Room

Next Topics to include: Valedictorian/Salutatorian revision, continued discussion of Latin Honors revision, Report on Discipline Issues, Chromebook 1:1 Technology Update and Future 5 year technology plan.