

TMHS Accountability Committee Meeting  
Sept 4th, 2018; Bridal Veil Conference Room, 3:30-5:15 pm  
Meeting #1 Minutes

Attendees:

Jen Hubbard, TMS teacher  
Tara Pignoli, THS teacher  
Sara Kimble, TMHS Principal  
Sara Baffoe, TMS Counsler  
Nikki Borland, THS Student, StuCO Rep, Peer Leadership Rep  
Owen Doyle  
Kyle Ballode  
Mary Lynne Chambers  
Len Metheny  
Kristin Metheny  
Judy Regrut  
Jennifer Shimkonis  
Suzanne Hazen  
Diana Koelliker  
Kathleen Morgan  
Ellen Geldbaugh  
Jan DeLuca  
Christine Tealdi  
Suzanne Sitlington  
Kiersten Stephens, Co-Chair  
Julie Evans, Co-Chair  
Karen Lavender, TMHS Counselor  
Stephanie Hatcher, School Board Rep

- I. Meeting Minutes:  
Meeting Minutes from May, 2018 approved
  
- II. Student Reports:  
Owen Doyle, TMS Student  
TMS WEB Leadership Program – new, stands for Where Everyone Belongs  
WEB leaders helped welcome new TMS students at the beginning of the year, ran activities for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders, gave new students tours, etc. Felt good and created a nice welcome for everyone. Feels good and helped everyone getting to know each other at TMS.  
  
Nikki Borland, THS Student  
Student Council  
-adjusted the by-laws last year for requirements to run for student council, this generated more interest and participation has grown. Also re-defined roles and position responsibilities  
-October 20<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Activities are beginning to be planned  
  
Peer Leadership  
-In charge of new student orientation for THS  
-Hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation  
-will continue to work on promoting “The Miner Way” values this year with incentives for students

III. Teacher Reports:

Jen Hubbard, TMS

- teacher expressed concerned over current mixed level of technology equipment throughout the TSD district,
- a teacher expressed concern over the lack of technology support in TMHS. There is not a designated "tech support" teacher in the TMHS on a daily basis available. This was position was eliminated 2 years ago. More support will be needed again in the near future as the student population grows at THS.
- teacher applauds TMS cell phone use policy currently in place

Tara Pignoli, THS

- THS teacher expressed concern over the upcoming large classes that will be entering THS and is concerned about having enough space in the THS building to accommodate. Classrooms are crowded more with oversized classes and the hallways are getting extremely crowded and it is difficult when students are changing classes to move in the halls. Possible solution could be to remove THS lockers or re-locate them within the school.
- Cell phone use policy in THS is being well accepted by students, this have been a very positive experience for all

IV. Distinguished Academic Program Revision/Valedictorian & Salutatorian Honors  
Sara Kimble and Karen Lavender

- Draft of new Distinguished Academic Program which increases rigor of the program was written & presented by Sara and Karen. They presented this to TMHS Accountability in May 2018 and to the School Board in June 2018 for discussion. They are asking the accountability committee for feedback and suggestions on the revision at this time, there was not a consensus to recommend yet, more discussion will happen at next meeting in October.
- Sara and Karen also looked for parent feedback about this Honor system replacing the distinction of Valedictorian and Salutatorian in the future. This New system is designed to encourage students to pursue areas of passion without negatively affecting GPA. The new system would eliminate valedictorian/salutatorian. There was a general agreement but mixed feedback on which grade to make the implementation.  
-At the end of the discussion, it was suggested that a TMS Academic Honor system be implemented at TMS in the future.

V. Dress Code Update:

Was not discussed.

Sara will give update at October meeting on the implementations of the dress code at TMS and THS as well as student and teacher education on the topic.

VI. School Finance: Staephanie will present on the school finance measures on the November ballot at the October meeting. Theboard is meeting to approve a mill levy if ammendment 73 is not passed at the state level.

Next Meeting Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 3:30-5:15pm; Bridal Veil Conference Room

October Topics to include: THS Distinguished Academic Program revision, Valedictorian/Salutatorian Honor revision, TMS Academic Honors recognition discussion, School Finance presentation, Open House Follow-up

November Topics to include: THS Athletics (Chris Murray)

December Topics to include: Chromebook 1:1 Technology update and future 5 year technology plan