

Big Sandy Year End Accountability Report 2017-18

Committee Membership

(25 Members) The following positions are represented: students, teachers, community members, parent taxpayers, non-parent taxpayers, and a school board member. Meetings are held monthly during the school year with the exception being the months of December and May. The meetings are held during the school day to make sure our students are given the opportunity to participate.

Meeting Format

Board of Education, school reports, Kid's Korner, Key Communicators, Title I report, Preschool report, Performance Evaluation report, Vocational report, Facilities, and the Accreditation update are presented during the year. This committee serves as the Vocational Advisory, Preschool, Title I, Safety, Nutritional/Wellness Advisory Council, Drug Advisory, Performance Evaluation, and Facilities Committees. One of the major charges each year is to provide information to the patrons of the district through our community members.

Charges for 2017-18

1. Monitor academic progress, attendance, and graduation rate.
2. Participate in the accreditation process as needed.
3. Serve as the Vocational Advisory, Title I, Preschool, Performance Evaluation, Drug Advisory, Safety, Nutritional/Wellness, and Facilities Committee.
4. Review our Safe Schools Plan.

Charges and Results of 2017-18

1. Continue to monitor academic progress, attendance, and graduation rate.

Results: Academic progress is measured in our district through the means of CMAS, MAPS, SAT, PSAT, DIBELS, GOLD, and various other classroom assessments.

Current 2017 CMAS data states that our district performed above the state average in most English/Language Arts areas and in some of the Math areas. In the area of science, our district scored well above the state average in most grade levels.

The score range for SAT is 400 to 1600, and Big Sandy's average score was 1006. The state SAT average was 1018.

The Big Sandy School District received the Colorado Department of Education's highest rating being classified as "Accredited with Distinction." This is the first year the Simla Schools have achieved the highest of five categories in the ratings. Big Sandy School District scored 76.2 points, needing at least 74.0 points to achieve the highest category. The other categories included "Turnaround," "Priority Improvement," "Accredited with

Improvement Plan,” and “Accredited.” The last two times the ratings were given out Big Sandy missed it by 1.6 points and 1.5 points.

Each of Simla’s three schools, the elementary school, junior high school, and high school received CDE’s highest ranking of “Performance,” with each scoring well above the minimum number for the highest category. The elementary scored 78.0 points, needing 53.0 points to get into the highest category. The junior high school scored 74.6 points, needing 53.0 points to get into the highest category, and the high school scored 78.7 points also needing 53.0 points to get into the highest category. Furthermore, Simla High School received the Governor’s Distinguished Improvement Award, and the elementary received the John Irwin Award. Colorado Department of Education recognized Big Sandy School’s accomplishments, along with other high achieving schools, at an awards ceremony on March 1st, 2018.

Our district attendance rate was 95.11 % for the year. Elementary was 95.78%, junior high was 95.04%, and high school was 94.52% for the year.

The graduation rate for the class of 2018 was 92 %.

2. Participate in the accreditation process as needed.

Results: Updates were provided to the Committee by the administration. Due to high performance, our district will complete a Unified Improvement Plan this year. It was completed on April 16th.

3. Serve as the Vocational Advisory, Title I, Preschool, Performance Evaluation, Drug Advisory, Safety, Nutritional/Wellness, and Facilities Committee.

Results: The Accountability Committee reviewed all of these areas at least once during the year and some were addressed on a monthly basis. Reports were given and the committee reviewed the programs and their results. The committee commends the successful programs of the Big Sandy School District.

Facilities-Repairs to the roof and ceilings have been completed. Mr. Wilson has been in touch with Mr. Hauschildt concerning the completion of the baseball dugouts. Bids are currently being received for a storage building that will be built behind our school.

Drug Advisory-Random drug testing has taken place several times throughout the year. Alcohol testing was also added this year.

4. Review our Safe School Plan.

Results: The district’s EOP continues to be in place and is available to view on the district’s website. Furthermore, the district continues to use the Emergency Notebook which includes procedures and rosters in each classroom and office. Safety drills are practiced several times throughout the year. In order to ensure continuity with law enforcement in the state, Big Sandy adopted the Standard Response Protocol of “I Love U Guys.” This includes lockdown, lockout, evacuate, and shelter. As a result of this protocol, safety drills and procedures have been updated and practiced. By the end of

2018, safety kits will be located in each classroom and office. Our administration continues to work with our local police and fire departments to ensure that the safest, possible learning environment is provided for all students.

Additional Activities

- Reviewed the 2018-19 calendar.
- Provided information to our community.

President _____

Superintendent _____

Recommended Charges for 2018-19

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