

Big Sandy Year End Accountability Report 2019-20

Committee Membership

(35 Members) The following positions are represented: students, teachers, community members, business owners, 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

The following reports are given: Board of Education, school reports, Kid's Korner, Key Communicators, Title I, Preschool, Performance Evaluation, Vocational, Facilities, and Accreditation. 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 2019-20

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/monitor our Safe Schools Plan in an effort to remain current and effective

Charges and Results of 2019-20

1. 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. Overall progress is measured by the District Performance Frameworks.

Academic Progress- On March 25th, 2020, a stay at home order was issued in the state of Colorado which closed schools to in person learning. This order was in place until April 26th. After the stay at home order expired, a Safer at Home order was made that prevented in person learning at all public schools through the remainder of the 19-20 School Year. Based on these orders, all general education and special education services have been provided remotely for the entirety of the 4th quarter. Services have included a combination of telephone, virtual lessons, and email communications with students. Furthermore, all district and state assessments, including CMAS and SAT, have been cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year. As a result, there is no assessment data to report.

Attendance- Our district attendance rate was 93.86% for the year. Elementary was 94.30%, junior high was 94.66%, and high school was 92.33% for the year.

Graduation Rate- The graduation rate for the class of 2020 was 94%.

2. Participate in the accreditation process as needed.

Results: Updates were provided to the Committee by the administration.

Our district submitted a U.I.P. plan this year to the state. Districts who perform high, according to District Performance Frameworks, are not required to provide a UIP every year, but every other year.

Big Sandy School district's UIP focuses on our lowest areas of academic and growth achievement, and then addresses how to improve each area. With regard to gifted and talented students, our district will align with the BOCES plan. Mrs. Montague is our gifted/talented coordinator.

Target areas identified are: 3rd grade math achievement, JH/HS LA achievement, 4-5th grades math growth, and JH/HS math achievement. Plans to improve include increasing instructional time in these areas, providing more cross curricular writing opportunities, increasing student mastery of math facts, and aligning curriculum from JH to HS.

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. Policies, reports, and evaluation tools were reviewed and approved by the committee as needed. Furthermore, the committee reviewed various programs offered by our district and results.

Vocational Advisory-A vocational report was submitted to accountability members at the February meeting.

Title 1-Our district received about \$54,000 from the Consolidated Application. Title 1 money is used to keep our classroom sizes small.

Preschool-There were twenty-eight preschoolers this year. Three risk factors are required to qualify students for the Colorado Preschool program. Due to the recent CoVid crisis, next year's preschool parents are able to sign up online. Mrs. Jenkins will contact them to set up testing times. Currently, eighteen slots have been claimed.

Performance Evaluation-The governor mentioned a month ago that schools could suspend evaluations for this year; however, he did not clarify what is to be done with Probationary Teacher law. A probationary teacher needs three consecutive years of effective evaluations to receive "NonProbational" status. During the last few weeks, we have been in communication with CDE on options moving forward. As a result, our district's plan is to suspend "NonProbational" teachers' evaluations for the year (not complete them). Furthermore, we plan on finalizing probational teachers' evaluations using the rubric side of the evaluation system and not using the MSL (Measures of Student Learning). To summarize, probationary teachers' evaluations will be solely based on teaching practices since data was unable to be attained.

Drug Advisory-Random drug testing has taken place several times throughout the year. Students who participate in extra-curricular activities are included in this testing. The testing includes: alcohol and drugs.

Safety- As a result of the Dept. of Homeland Security grant, interior/exterior cameras, access points, and a Raptor system were installed and utilized this year. The interior cameras were used to identify individuals taking part in a break in and a theft situation. An additional AED was received this year and will accompany athletic teams traveling to away games and competitive events. All safety drills were performed this year per state requirements.

Nutritional/Wellness- The program served an average of 189 meals per day. Last year, the average daily participation was 178. This has increased, in part, due to the addition of all-day kindergarten. Big Sandy School's free and reduced lunch count is 47%.

Big Sandy School district goals for the nutritional program include: nutritious meals being cooked from scratch, customer service/professionalism provided on a consistent basis, and the maintaining of cleanliness in the kitchen and cafeteria. Furthermore, paperwork should be completed in a timely fashion, and it is also important to stay current with changing legislation regarding school lunch programs.

Changes will be occurring in the 2020-2021 school year regarding this program. Mrs. Maranville will be retiring, and a new head cook has been hired. Mrs. Kiniston will be joining the kitchen crew and will bring ten years of experience. Mrs. Nehl and Mrs. Billmire will continue working in the kitchen as well. In addition, Mrs. Warnecke will be working in the kitchen next year.

We appreciate all of the hard work that Mrs. Maranville has provided to our school. She has certainly raised the standard by providing excellent food, and making holidays/special events fun through her decorations and desserts. She will certainly be missed.

The district's health inspection went well this year with zero infractions.

Facilities-Our school received hail damage over the summer last year, and we have been in contact with our insurance carrier. Replacing the football bleachers was approved by the board.

4. Review our Safe School Plan.

Results: The district's EOP continues to be in place. 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. Safety backpacks are located in each room of the school. 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.

-Reviewed the 2020-21 calendar

-Provided information to our community

President _____

Superintendent _____

Recommended Charges for 2020-2021

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 and update our Safe Schools Plan