

Big Sandy Year End Accountability Report 2020-2021

Committee Membership

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

Charges and Results of 2020-2021

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; however, due to Covid, CMAS testing was changed. As a result, we do not have updated Performance Frameworks.

Attendance- Our district attendance rate was 94.93% for the year. Elementary was 95.26%, junior high 95.85%, and high school 93.66% for the year.

Graduation Rate- The graduation rate for the class of 2020/21 was 86%.

2. Participate in the accreditation process as needed.

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

Our district was not required to submit 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. Our next UIP will be due during the 2021-2022 school 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.

According to our last UIP, target areas identified were: 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 school 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 maintain our small classroom sizes.

Preschool-There were twenty-two preschoolers this year. Three risk factors are required to qualify students for the Colorado Preschool program. Next year's preschool parents will be able to sign up online.

Mrs. Jenkins will be retiring at the end of the year. We appreciate her service and dedication to our students and district. She will be sorely missed. Mrs. Toscano was hired to be our preschool director next year. Mrs. Nusbaum was hired to aide her next year.

Performance Evaluation- All evaluation tools were approved this year including all staff.

Regarding teachers, a probationary teacher needs three consecutive years of effective evaluations to receive "NonProbational" status. Currently, our district has nine probationary teachers, and sixteen nonprobationary teachers. Next year, three of the probationary will move to nonprobationary status. Teacher evaluations will be finalized using the MSL (Measures of Student Learning).

Drug Advisory-Due to Covid restrictions and the change in athletic schedules, we did not have random drug testing this year. In a normal year, 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 testing for alcohol and drugs.

Safety- All safety drills were performed this year per state requirements.

Nutritional/Wellness- The program served an average of 186 meals per day. Last year, the average daily participation was 189. This has increased, in part, due to the fact that lunches became free because of Covid 19.

Big Sandy School's free and reduced lunch count was an average of 51%. To break it down further, the elementary was 60%, junior high was 41%, and the high school was 42%.

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 was completed, and our head cook made it a priority to stay current with changing legislation regarding school lunch programs.

Our kitchen crew was led by a new head cook this year, Ms. Kiniston. She brought 10 years of experience with her to Big Sandy Schools. The rest of the crew was Mrs. Nehl, Mrs. Billmire, and Mrs. Warnecke.

The district's health inspection went well this year, and everything is up to date.

Facilities- Football bleachers were purchased and installed this year. The baseball dugouts, announcer's booth, and storage building were resided with metal siding. Thank you to Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Eurich for making this possible. This summer, the parking lots will be crack sealed and restriped. Due to the vandalism that took place this semester, the large storage shed will be repaired this summer as well.

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 2021-2022 calendar

-Provided information to our community

President _____

Superintendent _____

Recommended Charges for 2021-2022

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