

Big Sandy Accountability Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021

- I. Mrs. Tucker called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- II. Election of Officers
 - a. Nominations were taken and a vote was conducted. Officers are: President-Caleb Churchwell, Vice president-Cecilia Richardson, secretary/treasurer-Sierra Lee. President Churchwell then began conducting the meeting.
- III. Board Report/School Reports
 - a. Board-Several new policies are being worked on for the board to review. ESSER money was applied for, and revisions needed to be completed. We were finally approved. Money was used for things such as: Chromebooks, Dreambox, part time counselor, curriculum, school staff, summer school, after school teachers for tutoring, hazard pay for staff, and an extra paraprofessional. Regarding October count, we were up by 17.5 funded count students from last year unofficially. Ballots should be mailed soon, and we have two positions up on the school board. Chad Maranville, Greg Mitchell, and Daniel Brown are running for the open positions. There is a teacher and bus driver shortage in the state. Some districts have not been able to fill open positions. The Legislative Bus Tour, which was sponsored by CASB, came to our school last month. Mr. Wilson was able to share with them about the struggles and challenges of rural education in Colorado. He also thanked them for giving us local control over Covid protocol and restrictions. The “Tour” mentioned that Simla was the “hit” of the day. Mrs. Ethridge has agreed to go to the CASB delegate assembly.
 - b. Elementary- We are already beginning our ninth week of school this week. Alicia Lee has agreed to work part time in counseling elementary/jh students and also working with some ELL learners. She is working about fifteen hours a week and is always willing to help out. We are appreciative that Mrs. Lee has agreed to help us out again this year. K-2 students will be going to the pumpkin patch in Ellicott on Friday. On October 29, we will be having a Trunk or Treat again for elementary students. All businesses and parents are invited to attend and give out candy to students. This will be followed by parties. The end of the first quarter is on this Friday, October 15. Parent/teacher conferences will be held, by appointment on October 25th from 3 to 8 p.m. Fifth grade students will have the opportunity to participate in band during the second semester of this year. Miss Weber is excited to provide an instrument “petting zoo” for these students to help aid them in their instrument decision. In November, the elementary will be hosting a carnival style, fall festival family night on November 16th. Families will be able to visit the book fair on that night as well.

- c. Secondary-Homecoming went well this year. Drama had a mystery theater, and it went very well. Tonight, there is a junior high/high school choir and band concert. Junior high will have their first incentive activity, a breakfast, next Friday. Participation is based on grades, attendance, and behavior. Conferences went well. Mr. Thieman will be taking some students to a leadership conference. “Make it Happen” tshirts have been ordered for all of the high school students. Sports are moving along.

IV. Kids’ Korner/ Key Communicators

- a. Kids’ Korner-Sports is going really well so far. The year is moving on really fast, and we hope it continues to go well. NHS is doing an end of quarter treat for those who qualify on Honor Roll. FBLA is getting their projects done, and they are having a dinner next week. FCA is going well and have the same leaders as last year. They have a freshman leader and a lot of freshmen kids participating. A speech class was added this year and will be participating in the junior high play. The speech class has also been down to the preschool class to read to them.
- b. Key Communicators-Pines and Plains library has a lot of things going on such as preschool story time, after school STEAM and STEM activities, and a Trunk or Treat that will be held in conjunction with Crossroads. Next month, there will be a three-event project. All activities are free. Other activities will be planned through the winter. The library now has a new website, and many resources are available for the public. Co-collaboration often occurs between the library and Crossroads.

Preschool/ Title 1/ Nutrition

- c. Preschool-The preschool is learning letters, sign language, and some Spanish words. Today, students were able to state the colors in Spanish. Preschool students go to the library once a week and are getting the hang of procedures and routines. Mr. Wilson stated that the governor is in favor of all day preschool.
- d. Title 1-Nothing new to report.
- e. Nutrition-Sixty-seven more lunches are being served daily this year than last year. Student lunches are free, but adults are required to pay.

V. Safety Update

- a. School safe provided radios to our school. We are also looking at implementing Lifespot to increase school safety.

VI. Drug Testing/Policy Update

- a. Drug testing will resume this year. All athletes, participating in a sport, will sign a contract which will make them eligible for random drug testing. We will go through the same company as in the past.

VII. Teacher/Principal/Coach/Para Performance Evaluations

- a. Evaluation rubrics were passed out to the committee. Information was provided regarding how they are used, and the overall process of evaluations. The

committee will have time to look at them, and an approval/disapproval vote will be taken at our next meeting.

VIII. Vocational

- a. We received the RISE grant, and a rep will be here tomorrow to tour our school. Cybersecurity is also a part of this grant. A new class has been developed in the business department on cybersecurity.

IX. Caleb adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Charges for 2021-22

1. Continue to monitor academic progress, attendance, and graduation rate
2. Provide input on the accreditation process as needed
3. Serve as the Vocational Advisory, Title I, Preschool, Performance Evaluation, Drug Advisory, Safety, Nutritional, and Facilities Committee
4. Monitor School Safety Plan

Next meeting-Tuesday, November 9, 2021