

Big Sandy November Accountability Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021

- I. Call to Order-Caleb called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Members introduced themselves.
- II. Board/School Reports
 - a. Board- Board elections were held a week ago. Chad Maranville and Greg Mitchell were re-elected to serve another four-year term. The other proposed legislation did not pass, so there won't be much of a change with regard to school funding. Our district is in need of bus drivers which is a need of many school districts. The new proposed Governor's budget includes increased funding for schools. The board has been working on several new policies.
 - b. Elementary-October was reading month, and several kids participated. They earned prizes and an extra recess. November is math month, and this year, we are focusing specifically on memorizing math facts. K-2 students will concentrate on addition and subtraction while 3-5 students will be on multiplication and division. January will be writing month. Parent/teacher conferences went well. Some teachers are following up and meeting with parents who were unable to attend the conference. There has been a lot of sickness in the elementary, but we are on the mend. Our attendance rate for the first quarter was 93.41%. Last year, we were around 96%. On Friday, October 29th, we had our second annual trunk or treat, and several businesses/parents came to give out candy. Afterwards, classes held their Halloween parties. The elementary will be hosting a Carnival Family Night on Nov. 16th in conjunction with the Book Fair. MAPS testing will begin in December for the second benchmark. The elementary Christmas program will be on Dec. 1, and the FBLA students will be serving a chili supper for families before the program. Santa will be visiting on Dec. 9, and Christmas parties will be on Dec. 17th which will also be the end of the second quarter.
 - c. Secondary-The high school had a higher attendance rate than all three schools with junior high having the second highest rate. The junior high had an incentive breakfast with a large percentage of students attending. We will be hosting a Veteran's assembly tomorrow morning. Mr. Tucker and Mrs. Hamacher have done a great job putting this together. Our high school STUCO members went to a leadership conference in Limon at the end of October. The athletic program will be getting some new equipment such as a new gym divider which will allow for more practices to be held at the same time. It will take eight to ten weeks before it can be installed. Football came in 16th but were knocked out of playoffs due to RTI. Ryan competed in state softball, and Cecilia competed in state cross country.
- III. Kid's Korner/Key Communicators
 - a. Kid's Korner-STUCO leadership conference was good, and we decided to do the 7 Mindsets. Overall, we felt that we needed to do more than just spirit activities. FBLA had a member induction supper, and family members came as well. Projects were turned in yesterday for the new year. Drama is working on a new production, and things are coming along nicely. FCA is going well. Treven, Bailey, Macey, and Caleb are the leaders. Matchwits competed last week with about sixteen kids competing. Regionals will be in February.
 - b. Key Communicators-4H enrollment is open through the end of the year. There is a MOMs in Prayer group that meets regularly and prays for the school. Anyone is welcome to join. The Pines and Plains library received a grant. "Overdrive" is an e-reader inventory of available titles for patrons. From the first to the fifteenth, unlimited downloads are allowed. Storytime participation has decreased, so the library has partnered with our preschool. This will continue twice a month unless numbers increase. Afternoon activities have about ten to fifteen kids. They participate in various STEAM and STEM activities. On November 18, the library will host a "Caregiver's Coffee." The library wants to focus more on being a community resource. Fliers are available. A Winter's Blues festival will take place after the first of the year. It will be like an open

mic night. The library is looking for bands or anyone who would like to participate. Contact the library if you are interested. There will be a district wide community cleanup in the spring. Various services will be available. During the holiday season, there will be some adjusted hours. Tim Miller resigned his position, effectively immediately.

- IV. Title I/Preschool/Vocational
 - a. Title I-Nothing to report.
 - b. Preschool-The preschool will be joining forces with the library for story time. Students enjoy having visitors. Most students are happy and have surpassed crying when their parents leave. The preschool will also be participating in the family night. The feds are looking to fund preschool. Colorado had a plan to pay for preschool as well. A new department is being developed that will deal specifically with preschool.
 - c. Vocational-The CTE program is in the process of updating. Some priorities are: to educate more in the junior high regarding business/computer skills, increase other CTE programs by offering more to students free of charge, including certification classes, develop students more through student organizations such as FBLA. CTE would like to partner more with businesses and post-secondary institutions in various communities.
- V. Nutritional Committee-Lunches have been great. All kids eat free, but we haven't received any money yet because of a glitch in their computer system.
- VI. Teacher/Principal//Para/Coach Performance Evaluations Vote-There were not any questions regarding evaluation tools. Teffanie Rector made the motion to approve the evaluation tools, and Cecilia seconded the vote. Motion passed.
- VII. Facilities-The board voted to reassess our bond, and we were able to get a 1.98% rate which will save the taxpayers a lot of money. The roof is still being worked on.
- VIII. School Safety-Tomorrow, our staff will be trained on an app to help improve safety in the school.
- IX. Adjourn-Caleb adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m

Charges for 2021-2022

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 will be on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.