

## Big Sandy Year End Accountability Report

2021-2022

### Committee Membership

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

### Charges and Results of 2021-2022

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 and School Performance Frameworks (SPFs). The overall ratings assigned are based on achievement and growth on state assessments, along with such postsecondary measures as graduation rates, drop-out rates, college entrance exams and college matriculation rates. The ratings help the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and State Board of Education (SBE) make decisions about how to help struggling schools. The 2022 District Frameworks were just released in September of this year and are considered transitional due to Covid. Growth was measured from the 2019 school year. As a district, we achieved the rating of "Accredited", and all three schools received the highest ranking of "Performance." Individual schools were ranked as follows: elementary-75%, junior high-87.2%, and high school-64.1%. We are proud of our teachers and students for all of their hard work!

Attendance- Our district attendance rate was 94% for the year. Elementary was 94.2%, junior high 94.4%, and high school 93.6% for the year.

Graduation Rate- The graduation rate for the class of 2021/22 was 91 %.

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. Due to the disruption of Covid restrictions, this schedule has been changed.

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: JH/HS LA achievement, 4-5<sup>th</sup> grades math growth, and JH/HS math achievement. Another focus area of growth for our school is to have all of our students college/career ready when they graduate. Plans to improve include increasing instructional time in these areas, providing more cross curricular writing opportunities, increasing student mastery of math facts, aligning curriculum from JH to HS, and providing more rigor in our academic areas.

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-Refer to the 2021-22 Vocational Report.

Title 1-Our district received about \$50,000 from the Consolidated Application. Title 1 money is used to maintain our small classroom sizes.

Preschool-There were twenty-three preschoolers this year. Three risk factors are required to qualify students for the Colorado Preschool program. Preschool round up for the 2022-2023 school year will be taking place on Friday.

Mrs. Toscano served as our preschool director this year with Mrs. Nusbaum serving in the para position. Both have done an excellent job in the preschool. All preschool inspections were successfully passed.

Performance Evaluation- All evaluation tools were approved this year including teachers, paraprofessionals, coaches, and principals.

Regarding teachers, a probationary teacher needs three consecutive years of effective evaluations to receive a "NonProbational" status. Currently, our district has six probationary teachers, and twenty-two 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) at the end of the year.

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, including tornado and fire drills.

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 for students.

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 again this year by Ms. Kiniston. She brought 10 years of experience with her to Big Sandy Schools. The rest of the crew was comprised of Mrs. Nehl, Mrs. Billmire, and Mrs. Molner.

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

Facilities- Main projects this year included re-roofing the school and buildings as well as crack sealing and restriping the parking lots. The large storage shed was also repaired after the vandalism that took place.

#### 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 2022-2023 calendar
- Provided information to our community

President \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

#### Recommended Charges for 2022-2023

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