

Big Sandy Accountability Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2023

I. Ryann called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

II. Board/School Reports

a) Board-Scott Lutz was appointed to fill the vacancy on the School Board. Thank you to Chris and Lane for the beautiful Christmas decorations. We have had good academics for the first semester as well as successful extra-curricular activities. Our enrollment is currently 361 which is an all-time high for our district. During the first semester, we have missed 3.5 days for school cancellations due to sporting events or inclement weather. There has been a lot of sickness during the first semester, but our attendance rates were still good. The audit was finished, and everything was clean and looks good. Our fund balance is 2.3 million. The Mill levy was set about a month ago. Legislative session began this week. We hired a new transportation director, and he is shadowing Mr. Dole right now. His name is Mr. Mike Hoops, and he will take over beginning next year. Mr. Wilson shared his goals for the year.

b) Elementary-The first semester has drawn to a close, and report cards will go home tomorrow. Elementary attendance rate for the second quarter was 95.55% and 94.3% for the first semester. The elementary Christmas program was held on Dec. 7th. It was well attended by parents, friends, and family members. The whole evening was festive as students sang and performed as “bugs” and 1800’s characters. FBLA served a chili dinner before and made about \$500. I appreciate them offering this service for our families. As an incentive for good attendance, grades, and behavior, the whole elementary attended a Broadway production of “Rudolf” at the Buell theater on Dec. 16. It was an incredible experience for all! Santa came to visit on Dec. 19th courtesy of our NHS. The setting was changed to the stage, and the event flowed seamlessly. Thank you, NHS members and Mrs. Bauer. Since Christmas break began a day early, parties were held on Wednesday, Dec. 21st, and True Sport games were postponed to the end of January. Christmas break was great! Many teachers expressed that they really enjoyed the week off after New Year’s. Teachers had a work day on Monday, Jan. 9th, and school is back in full swing for the second semester. Since Monday, we have had four new students begin school this week: one sixth grader, one third, one first grader, and one in preschool. Cub’s Den groups will meet this Friday, and our theme for the month is “Honesty.” Last night, we held a preschool parent informational meeting regarding the state’s new Universal Preschool Program. We had about 30 parents attend. This program was basically instituted to provide more funding to schools, and some minimal changes will be made beginning next year. I will let Mrs. Toscano explain the changes in her report.

c) Secondary-Before Christmas break, high school students participated in a “finals” schedule. Junior high incentive went well, and there was a large percentage of students who qualified. JH BFL tournament will be next week. There will be a higher seed game for both boys and girls on Tuesday in Simla. District high school bball tourney will be

held at James Irwin in Colorado Springs on February 24-25. Championship games will be held on Saturday. FBLA is getting ready for their district competitions.

- III. Kid's Korner/Key Communicators
 - a. Kid's Korner-FBLA districts will be in a couple of weeks. Everyone is doing a great job. Band is going well. Each student gets to pick 4 songs, and they will perform solos at the concert. The Santa visit went really well. High school drama will be performing "Into the Woods" soon. JV high school girls' team is undefeated. Matchwits is going well. The last tournament is on the 23rd of this month. At the Simla Holiday Hoops, Simla teams took three of the four championships. STUCO sponsored a Christmas holidays spirit week, but it was cut short due to inclement weather.
- IV. Title I/Preschool/Vocational
 - a. Title 1-nothing new
 - b. Preschool-Some changes of UPK is a difference in registration, additional hours for 4-year-olds as well as an additional day, and an increase in class size from 15 to 16 students. Room size needs to be verified.
 - c. Vocational-There is an 85-million-dollar grant is available, and our BOCES is going to apply for that.
- V. Safety Committee-Fire inspectors were here today to inspect. We will be having a fire drill soon.
- VI. Nutritional Update-nothing
- VII. Facilities-Shades were installed in the gym and the cafeteria. Both are operated with a remote control.
- VIII. Ryann adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

The next accountability meeting will be held on February 15, 2023.

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