

Big Sandy November Accountability Minutes

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023

- I. Charley called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
- II. Board/School Reports
 - a. Board-Board elections were held at the beginning of November. Hank Smith, Judy Book, and Curtis Stanko were elected. The election will be certified soon. Mr. Wilson thanked Tika for serving on the board and working so hard with CASB. Her service was much appreciated. II passed in the election, so the preschool will be getting more money. A para was just hired to help with a couple of students. We interviewed five people for position. Admin recently worked on and completed the UIP. Target areas included 3rd grade math and ELA, 6th math, and 7th grade math. Some changes were made to help improve in these areas. One diesel bus and two gas electric buses should arrive before Christmas. The governor called and informed us that our elementary and junior high received the “Bright Spot” award for scoring high in science. Our schools ranked in the top sixteen in the state. Each school will receive \$50,000 to spend in designated areas.
 - b. Elementary-The first quarter attendance rate in the elementary was 95.52%. This is much better than what we have had in the last few years. Attendance awards will be passed out on Friday. October was read aloud month and over 90 students participated. Parent/teacher conferences went well with many parents participating. Most teachers had 100% of parents attend. STEAM night was held at the end of October and over 200 students/family members attended. Students participated in various STEAM activities and were able to view the solar system through a telescope, fly a drone, and learn about ham radios. It was a great night. Many businesses/community members and parents passed out candy at our annual Trunk or Treat. This event gets bigger and bigger every year. Halloween parties went well. The Simla fire dept. came and taught our students about fire safety through an interactive presentation. We appreciate them taking the time to do this. Mrs. Montague did an excellent job, once again, with the book fair. Students certainly enjoy visiting and buying books. Veteran’s Day was celebrated today, and elementary students participated by making various crafts for the veterans. The Christmas program will be on Dec. 13, and the FBLA will be serving a chili dinner for students and their families beforehand. Santa will also be coming to visit right before break.
 - c. Secondary-Five students took a True Sport training, and Mrs. Montague and Mrs. Swennes also went to a training on a Monday. The training focused on mental health and how to deal with it. The Veteran’s Ceremony went well. Thank you to Mr. Tucker, Mrs. Townley, Mrs. Creel, and Mrs. Hamacher for a great opportunity for students. In October, JH had an incentive breakfast with 60ish students qualifying. The next incentive will be an out of school event. Wrestling had their weight certifications today with 13 students participating. High school girl’s

basketball will start next week. Boys will begin after state football is done. The high school will be attending a theater performance in December. Students who have no behavioral issues are welcome to attend.

III. Kid's Korner/Key Communicators

- a. Kid's Korner-Football beat Merino last week. This week, we will play Haxtun. This is the first time that we have hosted a semifinal game in 30 years. The state championship will be after that. FBLA had their induction dinner a couple of weeks ago. There are a lot of members this year. Members are working on their events and tests. Districts will be in January. Winter dance officially begins today. A guy is coming in to teach choreography. Volleyball played in the championship game. It was a great experience. Seven girls began practicing for basketball yesterday. It's going to be a great year. We had a great student section at state volleyball.
- b. Key Communicators-CR had a great turn out for Fall Fest. This past weekend, they sponsored a Dare to Share Live event, and several teens in the area came. Weekly studies and events are going well with 60-70 kids attending.

IV. Title I/Preschool/Vocational

- a. Title 1-nothing new to report
- b. Preschool-We don't have anything new going on beyond II being passed. More money for preschool.
- c. Vocational-There is a possibility that our vocational programs may receive \$100,000 grant.

V. Nutritional Committee-Nothing to report

VI. Teacher/Principal/Para Performance Evaluations-The evaluation rubrics were emailed to members. There were no questions or discussion. Mr. Thieman made the motion to accept the rubrics as presented. Mrs. Montague seconded. Motion passed. Mrs. Swennes stated that she will have head coaching rubrics at the next meeting in January.

VII. Facilities- We are still working on the crack seal. The big cracks have to wait until the spring to be filled. The art department ordered Simla flags to be displayed down the front driveway.

VIII. School Safety- Our water was tested, but we had some faucets' ratings came back higher than desired. More testing was done. They were still rated as high, so signs will be posted on these faucets to indicate that the water is only to be used for handwashing and not drinking.

IX. Charley adjourned the meeting at 3:33 pm.

Charges for 2023-2024

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 10, 2024.